

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. Jackson at Higdon & Hale 6310 Lamar Ave #110, Overland Park, KS.

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Dan Leap, Secretary

John Martin, CPA
Steve Roth, Engineer
Rebecca Heatwole, Reporting Secretary
Guest: Jason Silvers

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve February 3, 2025 minutes as amended by removing bullet #5 which was left over from the previous meeting; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth spoke with Catch-It regarding pricing for 2025 which is \$600.00 to set the traps and \$100/animal caught. After a general discussion, Mr. Leap made a motion to move forward with setting traps; seconded by Mr. Jackson; passed.
 - Mr. Roth will make sure the Public Works Director for the City of Merriam is made aware of the traps.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that the COE has continued to get updates on design cost estimates and hopes to have it completed by May. Value Engineering study is complete, and the COE is looking at their alternatives that were proposed. The COE is currently working on a report to go back to D.C. for additional funding. Mr. Roth informed the board that this will need to go before Congress for final approval; the design team is looking at options if they don't receive the additional funding.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that HNTB is now under contract to look the plan to raise the bridges as a part of the COE Upper Turkey Creek Project.
- Mr. Roth has not been able to walk the channel with Max Rieke due to the weather. A meeting has been planned for this coming Wednesday.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr, not in attendance.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that the 1st quarter deposits came in and he should have 1st Quarter financials for the board at the April meeting. He mentioned that he has not seen any new legislation regarding tax updates go into effect.

4) Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the March bills as presented; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

5) Mr. Jackson informed the board that Mr. Esau Maldonado, EZ Lawn Service, would like to continue to mow for MDD for the upcoming year, but he would like to increase his rate to \$55/hour for the mowing. During a general discussion, Mr. Leap suggested MDD should keep better tabs on the mowing and request a schedule of the mowing. After the discussion a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to continue with EZ Lawn Service for 2025 mowing season at the rate of \$55/hour; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary