

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Directors of the Merriam Drainage District met on August 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. to sit as a hearing board on the proposed 2026 budget. The following people attended the meeting that was held at Higdon & Hale at 6310 Lamar Ave #110, Overland Park, KS 66202.

Present were:

Eric Jackson, Chairman  
Dan Leap, Secretary  
Jeff Weisbender, Treasurer  
Jim Orr, Attorney  
Steve Roth, Alfred Benesch  
John Martin, CPA  
Guest: Billy Croan

Mr. Jackson made a motion to open the budget hearing; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved. Mr. Martin informed the board that the published rate for MDD 2026 budget was 1.271, which was under the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 1.273. The published rate would give MDD \$229,065.00 in Ad Valorem with the max budget authority of \$680,320.00 for the 2026 Budget.

Mr. Martin informed the board that there was enough money in the proposed budget to take care of the repairs to the channel with a reserve of \$450,000.00 for Capital Improvements. Mr. Jackson asked if there were any public comments to be made; Mr. Croan thanked the board for being a good example for again not exceeding the RNR.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the budget as published and to certify it to the county clerk; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

There being no more comments, Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:09pm; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.