

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 6, 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

Jim Orr, Attorney

Rebecca Heatwole, Reporting Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve the meeting minutes of September 2, 2025 as written; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth shared updated Capital Improvements with work invoiced by Max Rieke for payment today.
- Mr. Roth presented quote in the amount of \$65,905 from Max Rieke for the removal of material from the channel under the railroad bridge as well as clearing East of the Church and South of Johnson Drive and the area behind KC Strings. There was a general discussion during which Mr. Leap mentioned that Midland Wrecking decided not to provide a quote for the work because they didn't want to have to work with the railroad. Mr. Jackson questioned what the quote might be if the rock was not placed along the bank. Mr. Roth mentioned that the rock helps to keep the wall from eroding. Mr. Roth will contact City Parks and Recreation department when Max Rieke is ready to begin scheduling the work, which will probably be late November. Mr. Roth will ask Max Rieke to do the wall repair at the same time as the work on this new quote. Mr. Martin informed the board that if there was a contract for this work by the end of the year, MDD will be able to encumber 2025 for the work. After the general discussion, Mr. Leap made a motion to approve the Max Rieke quote presented; seconded by Mr. Jackson; passed.
- Mr. Roth will provide a KDOT contact to Max Rieke for the tree clearing East of the Railroad bridge. Mr. Jackson questioned if MDD went ahead with the tree clearing E of the RR bridge if I-35 would continue to have water over it during weather events. Mr. Roth said this section would still have issues even after the clearing.
- Mr. Roth was unable to attend the last COE meeting, but he assumes it was the same as the last meeting. He will be attending the upcoming meeting and will provide the Board with an update at the next meeting.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that he was contacted by Mr. Croan after the September meeting to obtain the photos that were shown during the meeting. The photos shown were from Mr. Leap, Mr. Roth will respond to Mr. Croan copying Mr. Leap who will share the requested photos.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr informed the board that Black and Veach clean up stayed on along the bank of the creek, Mr. Leap confirmed as he saw them cleaning. Mr. Orr has not followed up with them, but it seems like the project went well.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that we have received most of 2025 budget funds and MDD is in good shape for the 2025 budget.

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

- 5) Miss Heatwole informed the Board that First Interstate Bank has been purchased by Enterprise Bank and Trust and the bank change will take place on October 10, 2025. After a general discussion, Miss Heatwole will purchase new checks through Compuchecks with the new account and routing number for Enterprise Bank.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:352 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; passed.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary