MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Mr. Jackson at Higdon & Hale 6310 Lamar Ave #110, Overland Park, KS.

Eric Jackson, Chairman Dan Leap, Secretary

James Orr, Attorney John Martin, CPA Steve Roth, Engineer

A motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2024, with the correction that Mr. Weisbender did not abstain from the approval of the minutes of August 5, 2024, board meeting and budget hearing by Mr. Leap; seconded by Mr. Jackson; approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that Max Reike was directed to begin the work approved at the last board meeting. In addition, Mr. Roth walked the channel North of Shawnee Mission Parkway to Merriam Lane and requested Max Reike to provide a quote for brush/tree removal for the whole section. Mr. Roth presented Max Reike's quote in the amount of \$62,260.00. There was a general discussion, wherein Mr. Leap questioned the amount of the quote based on the total of the previous quote being much lower. Mr. Roth informed that this section was double the amount of work normally given and will take 2-3 weeks to complete. Mr. Martin informed the board that from a budget standpoint it would be okay to go ahead with the work in 2024. After the general discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion to move forward with the tree removal based on the Reike quote; seconded by Mr. Leap; approved.
- Mr. Roth informed the board he would be attending the COE Turkey Creek status meeting tomorrow. COE still plans to have the design plan finished by the end of the year and released by January 3, 2025. The plan should be available to share with the board at their January 2025 meeting. Mr. Roth said that the current proposal has the Shawnee Mission Parkway Bridge and Merriam Drive Bridge being raised 2ft. In addition, to the bridges being raised the railroad tracks will also need to be raised.
- 2) Attorney Report:
 - Nothing to report.
- 3) Accountant Report:
 - Mr. Martin informed the board that the final Ad Valorem payment for 2024 budget was received in October. At this time MDD is still well below their budget authority with the \$62K quote from Max Reike and other expenditures. He mentioned if Max Reike's invoice is not received by the end of the year, the board will need to look at encumbering the 2024 funds for
- 4) Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the bills as presented; seconded by Mr. Leap; approved.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Heatwole **Recording Secretary**