

MARYS RIVER ESTATES ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING FY25-26

June 4, 2025

Zoom meeting Hosted by Debbie

Meeting will be recorded for the purpose of note taking by secretary. Recording will be kept for one year on personal computer and approved written minutes will be kept on website indefinitely.

Attendees: Joe Chambers, (President) absent, Debbie Jackson Budget Officer (Treasurer), Sandy Chapman (Secretary), Budget Members: Rick Veronen, TR Gregg (absent), Kevin Cornelius; community member: Justin McLeod

Call to order: 7:08 PM by Debbie

Review of minutes/approval: not done

Debbie as Budget Officer opens the meeting with explanation that we are to reach a budget decision at least with place-holders and to make a recommendation to the MRERD Commissioners on June 12, 2025 and to file our budget with the Benton County by July 15, 2025.

Debbie screenshares and explains the budget spreadsheet as some at the meeting have not seen it before. Debbie explains if we do not get our Daisy Drive projects started or done by June 30, we will need to budget this in our FY25-26. Rick gives his cost of projects estimate information on what he has for ditch restoration on Iris (\$14,000.00), culvert replacement on Columbine not including asphalt replacement (\$5,000.00) along with culvert cleaning throughout the MRERD (\$4,000.00). We are in need of manual labor for cleaning out the ends of culverts. Suggestion was that a landscape company would be what is needed. Contact info for one Justin used will be given to Rick. Committee has no concerns with the numbers brought forth for input into the budget. Sandy updates costs on snow plowing. Saying she did hear back from PFITS LLC snow plow services and he has given us a proposal for \$1,300.00 per snow event with 3-inch snow fall trigger point. He will put us on a scheduled route for this and he also has deicer that can be applied for ice events. Rick asks for clarification on single source contracting cost ceiling without having to put out RFP's and that amount is \$25,000.00. Also suggests that we set up an agreement with a contractor with a NTE amount before jobs are needing to be done so that the contractor can get the jobs done in a timely manner taking in concerns of weather and other jobs being done. Discussion on grade and gravel upkeep on Iris with an increase to \$14,000.00 into the budget.

Debbie gives a summary of what we have budgeted is \$60,000.00 so far across materials and services including the contingency. Which leave us approximately \$70,000.00 when we get our taxes in November. We have the money now to pay for Daisy Drive projects, but if they do not get done, this money will be entered as carry in to FY25-26. We have money for sweeping and striping, mowing and Daisy Drive projects with approx. \$30,000.00 until we get taxes, this gives us the money to do ditch repair and culvert cleaning before the rains come. We have left (not budgeted) \$73,806.00 new taxes coming in. If we were to asses the full taxes, we would want to put a place holder somewhere for other projects needing to be done. We need shoulder repairs to get done and can use this as a place holder project for that and additional projects yet to be defined. Budget pencils out for 70% for major projects, 27% material and services and 3% contingency. What happens if we budget high and we are charged for insurance through SDAO on that high budget. It is determined that the threshold last year was \$234,000.00 budget last year so it should not be affected. Suggestion to reduce tax rate to 2.75% . Discussion on tax rate: we have a couple of spendy projects that we have talked about at the last meeting concerning a Tansy emergency access (though to Garret Lane). Rick adds that he spoke with Brian Whipple and he has been working with Barb Hartz on some things and he may be able to assist in the trying to get Barb on board with a turn around on Tansy. And if we need to purchase any access through Mosier's for an emergency

access it would be bad if we did not have that extra dollars to do so. Debbie is inclined to keep the rate as it is as even now it gets tight at the end of the year. We have not set up anything if we need to borrow money against our tax receipts. Any loan would cost us interest and makes us go in the whole more. Kevin likes the tax rate as it is to do the long-term jobs that we need to save up many years to do them. Sandy: Any loan would cost us interest and makes us go in the whole more. We are at the highest rate around, but we are not scaping by and we have the money to get things done. The roads are not always going to stay "nice", they will need constant repairs and/or repaving. Rick is strongly indifferent, but agrees that we should not be short money if we can get an emergency exit.

Kevin makes a motion to approve the tax rate at current rate (2.94...%) Debbie: All in favor? All Budget members present: Debbie, Sandy, Kevin and Rick approve the motion. None apposed. Motion passes.

We have a Budget to propose to the MRERD Commissioners at the meeting next week. Debbie will send the budget to people present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15