

MARYS RIVER ESTATES ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING FY25-26

April 16, 2025

Zoom meeting Hosted by Joe

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), Debbie Jackson (Treasurer), Sandy Chapman (Secretary), Budget Members: Rick Veronen, TR Gregg (joined at 7:24) Kevin Cornelius (not present),

Call to order: 7:17 PM by Joe

Sandy makes a motion to nominate Debbie Jackson as Budget Officer for FY2025-2026 budget meetings. Joe seconds the motion. Debbie accepts. Sandy: All in favor then? All Budget members present agree: Joe, Debbie, Sandy & Rick.

Debbie did previous work on spreadsheet before meeting and updated the 6-year budget plan for the FY24-25. She added column for FY25-26. Budget for FY24-25 year was \$234,380.00. We have spent \$117,297.00 to date. Projects added to see the committed projects for the rest of 2025 which are Daisy Drive Slope and Pavement repair for: \$68,615.00 including contingency, the Engineer cost associated with that: \$22,067.00; Sweeping and Striping for: \$2,400.00; and Mowing: \$1,724.00. We will not have as much carry-in for this upcoming budget year. We still need to add projects needed to the budget and costs associated. Such as snow removal and culvert repairs to start. Plan is to have the Daisy Drive projects done before the start of FY25-26. If not, we will have those dollars as more carry-in for that budget year. Rick asks for verification on yearly Iris grade and gravel budget line.

Additions for projects by TR: Shoulder work around the Estates related to fiber optic installation machines and truck traffic. Asked if NorthStar is responsible for those repairs. Sandy updates on the ride around with Brian Richardson with Pioneer and the remediation that was asked for including ditches, shoulder work and Iris being redone. Waiting for a reply. TR suggests to hold a place for in the budget for remediation costs for things that do not get done. Shoulder Repair line added to budget. **Action Item: Debbie to investigate projected taxes for 2024-2025 to see that the houses on Tansy Drive are paying taxes now.** Question asked if we are assuming the tax rate as 2.94...? answer is: We are in an accumulation time after this years' projects are done, but we do not know the tax rate yet, as we do not have all our needs identified. We are going to be going in to this FY25-26 with a low carry-in of approx. \$30,000.00 and we need to accumulate for the next years, unidentified as yet, projects. But we make the tax rate decision at the end of the budget meetings once we know our projects. Known projects with unknown costs are gravel, snow plowing culverts. Questions asked who can do the work to give us these costs? More information needed to see what we can do and who is available. **Action Item: Sandy to ask companies about snow plowing. Rick to ask about costs for grading and graveling Iris and shoulders needing repair.** **Projects to consider:** Joe has concerns about the chain being up on the undeveloped part of Iris because it can be an emergency exit in the case of evacuation needs. He is interested in **developing the rest of the road for that purpose.**

Discussion: are we wanting to meet the fire department incline requirements or take the foot print and make it a functional escape route? Second way to address the issue is to **have an agreement with an adjacent property owner (outside of MRERD) to have an exit for emergencies only.** Right now, there is a roadway off of the paved part of Tansy, but it has a gravel berm across it and cannot be accessed. Another project is to **have more turnouts on the stretch of Columbine that is virtually one way** where we already put one turnout. We have to consider the fiber placement now with any more added turnouts. Previously mention projects: **culvert repair on Columbine, shoulder work on all roads, and grade and gravel Iris.** **Discussion continues:** Is there an impedence to make the (undeveloped Tansy) into a functional road? Answer there would have to be switch-backs and there may not be enough easement to make it a normal road. TR suggests **Action item: Need a side committee to develop what the requirements/regulations are for the MRERD in special areas, such as the undeveloped Tansy Drive.** Two issues with Tansy: 1) is the undeveloped part for strictly

emergency and 2) there is not a realistic functional (turnaround) access. Republic Garbage will not go up Tansy because there is not a turnaround that can be used. Garbage cans have to be brought down a mile to the junction of Iris for the three families that now live up there and there are more lots to be sold. Discussion on this: MRERD can ask for assistance from the main property owner Barbara Hartz, selling the lots and link up two driveways for a circle turn around or work on **putting in a functional Tansy turnaround in the next few years**. We have an ordinance that states we can ask the property owner for cost sharing in driveway access if it benefits the Road District. Debbie has added the turnaround project to the budget sheet and we will work on achieving this goal. Timing will be determined by budget. **Culvert Repairs**: There is Culvert inventory sheet that has been done in the past and we need to look for it. **Action Item: Debbie will look on thumb drive to see if she can find it in the archive records and TR to talk with Val to see if she can find it. We need to go back and start looking at the culverts and adding to the culvert inventory.** Ditch repair/cleanout is an unknown amount for budget entry. We need to see what will be remediated by Pioneer and what is left to be done. Budget estimate numbers still need for Engineering, snow removal, ditches, culverts. Question asked: what/how are we going to determine what the cost is for ditches? Do we go look at them or have a contractor give us a bid? Suggestion was that **Action Item: we line up possible contractors first for each of the projects now and in the future for paving, chip seal, culvert repair and cleaning and other projects and then ask who is willing to give us ball park bids.** Then make our proposal documents. **Action Item: Rick will get with James to get some ballpark figures to fill in for the budget. Debbie to send out the working budget to all Budget Committee members.**

Review of Action Items:

Debbie: find culvert inventory sheet. And find out tax information status. Debbie to send out the working budget to all Budget Committee members.

TR: ask Val if she has the culvert inventory sheet.

Sandy: ask for snow removal estimates.

Rick: get budgetary pricing on road work for ditches in the district and Iris Circle. And start on long term on other things in regards to Tansy.

Joe: get the Benton County contractor list and send to Rick.

NOT assigned:

- 1) we line up possible contractors first for each of the projects now and in the future for paving, chip seal, culvert repair and cleaning and other projects and then ask who is willing to give us ball park bids.
- 2) Need a side committee to develop what the requirements/regulations are for the MRERD in special areas, such as the undeveloped Tansy Drive.
- 3) Culvert inspections

Projects to consider:

- 1) Developing the rest of the Tansy Drive for emergency purpose.
- 2) Have an agreement with an adjacent property owner (outside of MRERD) to have an exit for emergencies only.
- 3) Turnouts on the stretch of Columbine that is virtually one way.
- 4) Culvert removal and installation at end of Columbine.
- 5) Shoulder work on all roads.
- 6) Grade and gravel Iris.
- 7) Starting the process for putting in a functional Tansy turnaround.
- 8) Culvert cleanouts
- 9) Ditch repair/cleanout

Meeting adjourned: 8:30