

Mary's River Estates Road District Meeting

Date: June 11, 2026 via ZOOM

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: Rick Veronen (President), Sandy Chapman (Secretary), (Debbie Jackson (Treasurer), Community members: James Roush, Janet Cornelius

Call to order: 7:02 by Rick

Additions/Deletions to agenda: clearing out culverts and turnaround

Review of minutes/approval: Monthly Meeting May 14, 2026, Budget meetings #2, April 13, 2026 and #3, May 18, 2026. Debbie and Rick: no changes to the May 14th meeting. *Debbie makes a motion to accept the minutes from May 14th as proposed. Rick seconds. Rick: All in favor? Rick, Debbie and Sandy agree.* Debbie: no changes to Budget Meeting #2. *Debbie makes a motion to accept the minutes from April 13th budget meeting. Rick seconds. Rick: All in favor? Rick, Debbie and Sandy agree, minutes passed.* Debbie and Rick: no changes to Budget meeting #3. *Rick makes a motion to accept the minutes from May 18th. Debbie seconds. Rick: All in favor? Rick, Debbie and Sandy agree minutes passed.*

Financial Report and Mail:

Mail: Debbie received a notice for renewal of PO BOX for \$188.00 through June of 2027. Requests for budget documents from SDAO. Request from Benton Co. Records office for current and past two years of budget documents. This can be done electronically now. Zoom account coming up for renewal August 1, for \$169.90.

Debbie screenshares the financials for YTD 07/01/2025 to 06/08/2026 and transactions for 05/12/2026 to 06/08/2026. More taxes and interest were received. Tree cutting was paid for. A hard drive was bought with Debbie's personal debit and she is reimbursed with a check. The CPI bill was debited. See detailed information on YTD and Transaction reports. Clarification asked about income received, no other questions asked. *Debbie makes a motion that these be accepted as displayed through June 8th. Rick seconds. Rick: All in favor? All Commissioners Rick, Sandy and Debbie approve the financials.*

Review of Action items:

Present 2026/2027 Budget for Review and Approval:

Debbie: Screenshares proposed budget and reviews budget information. Starts w/ revenue side what the RD would be receiving in taxes if we reduced the tax rate some. Looked at what we would need to be doing this year for projects. We need a chip seal vendor for all of the roads which were chip sealed 2015 & 2016, minus MRE Rd. (in 2023). Certain projects needed to be done: Culvert repair (on Columbine), repair area that is cracking from a spring (on Columbine), shoulder repairs, Tansy turnaround, dust seal on Iris, pothole repair for Queen Anne estimated at \$186,00.00 if we can get someone to do chip seal at a \$140,000.00. We then looked at what else we need to do: grade and gravel, more tree work, culvert cleaning snow removal, sweeping and striping, road planning by engineer: subtotal of \$70,000.00 in Materials and Services and operating contingency of \$6,000.00. So, then we looked at what we will get in revenue. We have \$154,000.00 approx. carry-in which we will have at July 1, 2026 (the new budget year). We reviewed lowering the tax rate. History was looked for the past fifteen years for taxes received with a 3% increase each year. 96% of that is usually received. We asked what we need to do all the work if we got the vendors. A projected tax rate was worked to see what we needed. Top assessment is 2.9414/\$1000. We are bringing in more

money and we do not need to assess the full rate. The projected tax rate is .002500/\$1000. At the beginning of 2015 the districts' assessed value was \$32,295,000.00. In 2025 it was \$48,549,000.00. Debbie screenshares the LB-50 2026-2027 to inform the County what we want to assess for taxes. We are asking for 2.25/\$1000 assessed value. That would raise our adopted budget to \$262,505.00. Rick adds this (assessed value) is over a decrease of 23%. Questions asked for. Sandy adds with the tax money coming in and we are not going to spend all we have this summer there will be a good amount to go into next year and possibly be able to do the chip seal projects that are needed. Debbie adds: unless we have underestimated the cost of supplies and we don't have a way to calculate that until we actually get to the projects. **Debbie makes a motion that we accept the budget as proposed. Sandy seconds that. Rick: all in favor? All Commissioners Rick, Debbie and Sandy agree. Budget is passed. Debbie will take one more review of the figures.**

Dust Treatment: no update on schedule. Janet pipes in and said that she saw the road looked dark and the dust abatement was done.

Mowing: to be done Monday June 15.

Tree work: Sandy: Bigs Tree Service got everything done except some on Tansy and nothing on the gravel portion of Iris. There is a short section on Tansy that has some oaks coming over the road, but she did not go see what all was done. They may need a half a day to finish. Debbie would like to have them come before the end of this fiscal year. **Debbie moves that we approve a NTE \$2,500.00 to finish tree work. Sandy seconds. Rick: All in favor? All Commissioners Rick, Debbie and Sandy agree. Action item: Sandy to contact Bigs Tree Service to finish the rest of the tree trimming on Tansy and Iris.** Sandy gives example of a problem with one area during the tree trimming that was on a blind corner with trees that were planted about five feet from the road edge. They have grown into tall wide fir and pine trees that have obscured the corner and it was dangerous to go around. Two vehicles could not go side by side safely. She almost got hit by a box truck (several years ago). The trees were cut back and it is now a much safer corner to drive, although still blind because the trees are so big. **Action Item: Rick will start on a document for tree trimming with the help of the other Commissioners to let the RD know what to expect with tree trimming.**

Culvert replacement on Columbine near Queen Anne tabled to be considered for work with asphalt dig out repairs: **Action item: Rick to get with James for a proposal for the work.**

Evaluation of potential asphalt repair and chip seal contractor: Rick: no progress

Culvert cleaning: Sandy: Several areas at the ends of the culverts that cross under MRERD roads have such obscured ingress and egress due to blackberry and bush growth that we cannot get to them to assess how they are flowing or in need of repair. She saw Chris Martin who lives down at the bottom of MRE Rd. and he has a landscape business. He said we would be interested to clear them out and needed a map of the culverts. He is a licensed herbicide sprayer also and it would be a good idea to spray around the ends of the culverts after they are cut to keep them from growing back. This is a thought that Sandy would like to talk about to see if it is agreeable with the other Commissioners. Rick does not agree with spraying herbicides. As we would hear about it. Sandy says it is in the ROW and it is maintaining our culverts. Rick says we would get into the situation of how far it transmits. Clearing it is one thing and spraying is another. People are sensitive about it. Sandy: these are culverts that cross our roads, and MRERD is responsible for them. She is not concerned about driveway culverts. Rick: would be apprehensive and would not like to see us spraying at this point. If we start spraying it would be difficult to address and control. Debbie says to have Sandy talk

to Chris and see what can be done to clear them out. Sandy: **Action item: still needs to make up a make of the culverts in MRERD.** Robyn recommends that we check the CCB reports for the contractor. **Action Item: Sandy to check on the CCB report for the contractor.**

Turnaround: Sandy got a call from Barb Hartz on Monday June 8th. She reiterates that something can be worked out about the turnaround project on Tansy. She would like to involve Brian Whipple in the conversation to make sure he knows what is going on as he lives. **Action Item: Sandy to call Barb Hartz sometime after July 4th to discuss the issue further.** On April 21, 2026 Sandy got ahold of Republic Services and talked with Cole Ballenger about the construct of the turnaround. They are in agreement that whatever the PFD needs in design of size and length is fine with them. Coles words were "being good enough for the PFD, it should be good enough for us". She sent a confirmation email to them on April 22. Robyn adds that the turnaround is very needed. She had a conversation with another resident and the cans are not getting put back off the road in a timely fashion by the people that have put the cans there to be emptied. The cans are becoming a hazard to the traffic and other residents are getting them out of the way.

Shoulder repairs: Sandy: Asks James about sending an RFP to him for the shoulder work needing to be done. He agrees. **Action Item: Sandy to send James an RFP with the scope of work needed for the shoulder repairs on some roads.**

New business: None

Open Forum:

Long Term Projects: Update as applicable:

Culvert Log Book

Shoulder and ditch repairs on other roads in MRERD continued

Emergency exit from Tansy to Garret Lane

Ice Alert signs for MRE corner Tabled

Developing relationship with new contractors for asphalt and chip seal

8:02 Motion to close the meeting approved by all Commissioners, meeting closed