

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. virtually by Chairman Eric Jackson with the following persons attending the electronic conference via the Blue Jeans Meeting:

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Gerald Becker, Secretary
Sam Matier, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Alfred Benesch
Rebecca Heatwole
Visitors: Unknown

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 as written by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously passed.

1) Engineering Report:

- a. Mr. Roth mentioned that the Board approved the 2020 CIP in September 2019; remaining projects will require rock to complete. Reike has found a new quarry located between Lawrence and McClouth, KS. Since this is a new source for rock, Mr. Roth will go out to the quarry to look at the rock.
- b. Mr. Becker sent photographs of the stockpile area to the board members before the meeting. Mr. Becker spoke with Mr. Bell, who owns the property next to the stockpile, and found that Mr. Bell has been discarding debris there. Mr. Bell believed he was dumping on his own property. Mr. Becker suggests posting a no dumping sign and putting up a fence or staking around where MDD property line is. After a general discussion it was decided that Mr. Roth would obtain a quote for a 4ft chain link fence and a "No Trespassing" sign would be posted.
- c. Mr. Roth informed the board that the school bus company's proposed paving of their driveway will not be much different than their current compacted gravel. In addition, since they are less than 500ft away from the channel, they will not be required to add a water detention facility. Mr. Roth believes it will be a slight improvement, but negligible impact overall.

2) Attorney Report:

- a. Mr. Orr was informed by Mr. DeMasters that cost litigation would be in addition to our \$1M liability policy.
- b. Mr. Orr informed the board that virtual meetings could continue regardless of the lifting of stay-at-home order. They can decide when the meetings are in person and where they will meet; June meeting will still be virtual.

3) After a general discussion, it was decided that the MDD website would be tabled for now and would be revisited later.

4) Bills were approved as presented for payment: Mr. Matier made a motion to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Becker to adjourn at 7:42 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary