

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 7, 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: Jason Silvers
Juliana Garcia
Anonymous Guests x 2

Mr. Jackson requested the following updates:

1. Paragraph underneath the names sentence should be changed to: *He informed there was a link on the amended budget hearing that was published.*
2. Section 2 fourth bullet: change facility to facilitate
3. Section 6 second line: should change pass to past.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 as amended by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 as amended by adding Mr. Orr to the attendee list; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- An email was received regarding work that had been done by AT&T at 5842 Merriam Drive which damaged the concrete flume. Mr. Roth provided two options to the board: calling AT&T and asking them to take care of the damage or contacting Max Rieke to get them to make the needed repair. He estimates that the cost for Max Rieke to repair would be around \$600.00. There was a general discussion wherein the board decided it would be more cost effective to have Max Reike fix the damage and for a demand letter to be sent to AT&T for restitution. After the discussion, a motion was made to have Max Rieke repair the damage done by AT&T; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.
- Survey was completed last week on Mr. Bell's property. Mr. Roth went out to take photos this past Friday, he will email them to the board members. The surveyor drove stake markers with orange flags and put pins in the ground on Mr. Bell's property line; documents will be provided to the board. Mr. Roth will put together a letter with survey documents for Mr. Orr to provide to Mr. Bell. Now that the property has been staked, Mr. Roth will order the sign and have it placed.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that he was meeting with Max Rieke tomorrow in the afternoon to speak with them about the concrete work on 2020 CIP Item C.
- To move forward on Item F, a survey will need to be completed before designing that wall construction. Once survey and design are completed, he will speak with Max Rieke about getting a quote for their work on Item F. Mr. Roth will present quotes to the board for their final approval. Mr. Roth mentioned concrete rocks will be purchased from a direct manufacturer and delivered to the construction site, this will avoid the mark up by Max Rieke.
- Mr. Roth provided an update on the work that Reike has completed.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr supplied Mr. John Martin's resume to the board but did not receive his fee schedule. Mr. Orr suggests that one of the board members reach out to interview Mr. Martin and discuss fees; Mr. Becker will contact him. Mr. Martin would assist Miss Heatwole to get financials together for an audit as well as work to put together our yearly budget and potentially a 5 – 10-year plan for MDD.
- 3) Insurance Renewal:
 - Mr. Orr suggests that MDD put something in their calendar to be vigilant about the insurance renewal to receive the information in a timely fashion. There was a general discussion wherein Mr. Jackson explained the KS Surplus Rider Tax, 6% tax payable by the broker to the KS Insurance Commissioner.
 - 4) At the suggestion of Mr. Orr, an Additional Rider was added to our new policy for Terrorism at an additional cost of \$250.00.
 - 5) Mr. Matier was working with Google Voice to activate an MDD contact number. He has had some issues with this but will continue trying. He is still working on a solution and should have one by next meeting.
 - 6) Mr. Matier informed the board that he received all the content he needs to begin building the website. Mr. Matier sent previous agenda, board meeting minutes, photos, and map to our website designer. At this time, he has not contacted Miss Heatwole regarding payment. Mr. Matier hopes that the website is up and running at the next meeting.
 - 7) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Matier to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary