

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 5, 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 3

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2020 as amended by Mr. Becker; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that he is gathering the packet of information regarding the survey of the land between MDD and Mr. Bell's property. Mr. Roth will provide the information to Mr. Orr.
- Mr. Roth visited the remaining sites with a Max Reike representative. Work has been scheduled to begin and should be finished before the next meeting in November:
 - Wall Undermining Project C (2020 CIP) \$13,720.00, which is under the amount Benesch estimated.
 - Hole repair on east side of Turkey Creek under the bridge
 - Large Cottonwood tree just north of KC Strings – hole \$840.00
 - Concrete flume repair located behind KC Strings (damaged by AT&T) - \$1,045
 - Hole in the wall – section of the block that has popped out - \$750.00
 - No trespassing sign on the lot at 9672 West 64th - \$644.00
- Concrete block retaining wall, encompasses a couple of projects from the 2019 CIP. Mr. Roth informed they have been working with the block manufacturer to create the design. The manufacturer has requested geotechnical information for the wall to verify the soil composition and sturdiness of the bedrock to assist in determining the foundation needs of the wall; Mr. Roth estimates \$8,000.00 for the geotechnical information, which is in addition to the \$3,000.00 survey.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr is working with Mr. Roth and will get the packet of information to Mr. Bell.

3) Mr. Becker spoke with Mr. Martin and discussed the needs of MDD. Mr. Martin can provide valuable advice on the annual budget process, carrying over monies from one year to the next and working with the engineers so we are fiscally prepared for the long term. Mr. Martin charges \$140/hour for his work and believes they will need to bring in some additional help at a lower rate to get our non-digitized records prepared for an audit. Mr. Martin did not send the proposed fee schedule; this will be tabled until next meeting.

4) Mr. Matier looked at two phone alternatives:

- Mr. Matier created a Google Voice phone number, 913-303-7395, it is free and has a computer application that allows for voicemail. Calls can also be forwarded to a particular cell phone; however, when you decline the call on your cell phone it goes to your personal voicemail. There is an option to return calls via the computer as well.

- Purchase a cell phone and a plan – Mr. Matier went to Wal-Mart and found they have Tracphones reasonably priced \$40 - \$60. The Tracphone plan is economical as well, with the following prices:
 - \$20 – 60 minutes of talk or 90 days whichever comes first.
 - \$30 – 90 minutes of talk or 90 days whichever comes first.
 - \$20 per month – unlimited talk and text
 - \$100 per year – 400 minutes of talk

After a general discussion, a motion was made to pursue Google Voice for Merriam Drainage District's contact number by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

- 5) There was a general discussion about the website, at this time the website will house agendas, meeting minutes and CIP information. Mr. Matier presented two domain names, merriam-drainage-district.org or merriamdrainagedistrict.us. A motion was made to use merriamdrainagedistrict.us as the website domain name by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Matier to approve the website with the changes that have been made this evening; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.
- 6) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary