

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
November 2, 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  
John Martin, CPA  
Visitors: Jason Silvers  
Juliana Garcia

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2020 by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth provided the Board with a spreadsheet for 2020 Capital Improvement Plan as well as the unplanned improvements or expenses; these items were not included in CIP but were found later by either Mr. Roth, board members, or others. Mr. Roth led a general discussion regarding the projects on the sheet.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that work will begin on unplanned projects 4 – 8 (hole repairs, the “no trespassing” sign, and the concrete flume) will begin with the concrete flume repair tomorrow. The remaining items should be repaired by the end of the year.
- Mr. Roth gave an update on the concrete block wall with an estimated quote of \$175,000.00 for construction including materials and labor. Mr. Roth informed that Benesch has provided all information requested and is awaiting design from the manufacturer. This project includes a portion of the 2019 CIP and all of project F on the 2020 CIP. Mr. Roth informed the bulk of the cost would be Max Reike’s labor, materials, hauling salvaged stone, and disposal of pieces not salvageable. Mr. Roth informed the concrete stone will be delivered as needed and shouldn’t have to be stored by MDD.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr received the survey and photographs from Mr. Roth and sent them to Mr. Bell. He believes that this matter has been taken care of.
- Mr. Orr spoke with Tom DeMasters to confirm that we have the proper agreements with regard to Max Reike. The board has been named as an insured on Mas Rieke’s policy but Mr. Orr would like to make sure that their limits of coverage satisfy the underwriter. Mr. Orr will stay on top of this and continue to contact Mr. DeMasters.

3) Mr. Martin would like to look at the financials for the first 10 months of the year and would like to take a look at what monies will be needed for the rest of this year and how this rolls into the 2021 budget process to determine what monies can be encumbered.

4) Mr. Matier looked at two phone alternatives:

- Mr. Matier sent the Google Voice information to Miss Heatwole, but she wasn’t able to log into the account. Mr. Matier recommends getting a phone and a plan instead of going the Google Voice route. After a general discussion a motion was made to purchase a cell phone and plan by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

5) Mr. Matier informed the Board that we weren’t able to get the web domain discussed last time as it was taken when they went back Mr. Matier made a motion to ratify the new domain, merriamdrainagedistrict.info; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

- 6) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Becker to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved.
- 7) Mr. Matier would like to have a cash flow record each month, Mr. Martin will work on this and provide it each month.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to adjourn at 7:43 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Recording Secretary