

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
February 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Irene B French Community Center by Chairman Eric Jackson with the following persons in attendance:

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

James Orr, Attorney  
Steve Roth, Alfred Benesch  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Visitor: Juliana Garcia, Shawnee Mission Post

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

1) Engineering Report:

- a. Channel Stabilization Project Update: Mr. Roth sent a couple of emails to the Corps, but has not heard anything. He will update once he receives a response.
- b. Max Reike Work Update: Mr. Roth spoke with Jeff and found that two jobs still need to be completed:
  - i. Recut a ditch on the North side of the trail; they are hoping not to close the trail while the work is being done. Reike will inform Mr. Roth when they are going to begin the work so that Parks and Rec and the City of Merriam can be notified of the work.
  - ii. Place rock on the South side of the wall. A quarry has been located, but they must wait until Spring to get the rock.
  - iii. Mr. Roth will follow up with them to make sure the rock pile area is cleaned up.

2) Attorney Report:

- a. Mr. Orr informed the board that he heard from Mr. DeMasters and the underwriter was appeased by the email written by Mr. Orr.

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

4) Mr. Jackson spoke with Julie Pinnick and was informed that there would be no room for MDD files to be stored, but they would provide members of the board with a key fob to access the community training area of City Hall. He was also informed that City Hall might be a temporary location for MDD meetings until the new community center is ready. There was a general discussion wherein Mr. Matier expressed concern with holding MDD meetings at City Hall, in his opinion they were difficult to deal with when we had asked them to add MDD as an additional insured for the sidewalks they have on MDD property. Mr. Matier suggested two locations Enterprise Holdings, which closes at 5pm, and building owned by Dan Leap, Guitar Lamp. Mr. Leap would have space for the MDD filing cabinets but would charge a fee to use his space; the fee has yet to be determined. Mr. Becker would prefer using City Hall and finding a solution for filing storage. The new location conversation was tabled until next meeting.

5) Mr. Matier requested Miss Heatwole give him the new password to log in to see the Emergency Fund online.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Heatwole  
Recording Secretary

cc: Board and staff