

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 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
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole
Visitors: Anonymous

Mr. Becker and Mr. Jackson requested the November 2, 2020 meeting minutes be amended as follows:

1. Under Engineering Report – Remove comma in the last sentence of bullet 3.
2. Update Mass Rieke to Max Reike.

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

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth provided the Board with an update on the spreadsheet for 2020 Capital Improvement Plan to include the most recent completed work of Max Reike: Hole repair at 5740 Merriam Drive, hole repair at 5820 Merriam Drive, concrete flume work 5842 Merriam Drive, and wall repair at 6234 Merriam Drive. The only remaining approved repairs is the “No Trespassing” at 9674 W 61st Street; he is working with the Community Development Director, Mr. Dyer, to see what the requirements are before the sign is placed. Mr. Roth has not been able to go out to take the after photos but will try to get out there soon.
- Mr. Roth informed the board the Geotech firm has been booked up and has not been able to get out to do the necessary borings; they won’t get out to the site until just before or after the upcoming holidays. After receiving their results, it will take a week or two to complete the design work. Mr. Roth believes he will be able to give an updated cost at the February meeting.
- Max Rieke anticipates having a lot of the broken slab rock that will end up as rip rap. MDD doesn’t have a great place to store this so Mr. Roth reached out to the Public Works Director of Merriam, Mr. McDonald to see if the city would be interested in the rip rap. Mr. McDonald indicated that they would take the rock and are currently having discussions on the timing and the volume of the rock.
 - Mr. Jackson pointed out that on the 2021 CIP there is an item for rip rap next to 67th street right after the bridge next to Storage Mart; he questioned if we could use some of this rock in that location. Mr. Roth believes there might be an issue with getting to that location but will verify his notes and get back with the board at the next meeting.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr discussed the resolution establishing the meeting times and locations for 2021 meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Matier to accept the resolution establishing the meeting times as provided by Mr. Orr; seconded by Mr. Becker: unanimously approved.
- Mr. Orr has been in contact with Mr. DeMasters our insurance agent and he has forwarded Mr. Orr’s concerns regarding additional information needed to the Underwriter.

- 3) Mr. Martin worked with Miss Heatwole on some items. Through the end of November, the total expenditures were \$142K below the budget. Once we get the December expenditures in at January meeting, we will look at the availability to encumber funds. He spoke with Mr. Roth regarding projects that are under design now and recommends that we encumber funds for these projects.
 - Mr. Matier asked Mr. Martin for the rules of encumbering. Mr. Martin informed that you have an identifiable expense that you would want to reserve a portion of your current available budget to pay for; this is part of the State Budget Law.
- 4) Mr. Jackson questioned the difference in the invoice total vs. the financial summary provided in the meeting email and wanted to make sure the checks were for the correct amount. Miss Heatwole believes the email contained typos and check amounts were correct. In addition, Mr. Orr's invoice was a late addition and was sent to the remainder of the Board by Miss Heatwole. After the general discussion, bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Matier to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.
- 5) Emergency Funds – Mr. Matier questioned the different locations that are holding our funds. Mr. Matier noticed that some of our money is placed with the Bank of China, and he wanted to know if we can place our funds with American Banks.
 - Mr. Orr informed that our money is split between multiple banks to stay under the FDIC limit. He believes it must be an American Bank that would fall under this.
 - Mr. Martin will investigate this; he is not sure about foreign banks holding money in sweep accounts.
- 6) Mr. Becker questioned the MDD phone and the number to be used. Mr. Jackson pointed him to the resolution for the number which is 913-329-4489.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Matier to adjourn at 7:27 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary