

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 5, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:10 P.M. virtually by Chairman Eric Jackson with the following persons attending the electronic conference via the Blue Jeans Meeting:

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Sam Matier, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole
Visitors: Jason Silvers
Rick Katamandu

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 as presented by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth began by informing the board that the Geotech Company does have a local office in Kansas City.
- Johnson Drive Rock Update: Mr. Roth was able to speak with Flint Hills Stone if MDD purchases 600-900 tons of stone they would reduce the price to \$85/ton. Mr. Roth believes this project will require 280tons depending on how much rock they are able to salvage during the repair. Total quote including the rock would be \$135,250.00 which is under the \$200K quote to use manufactured concrete blocks. There was a general discussion regarding storage and use of additional rock purchased, Mr. Roth believes we would have the use and storage space for it. After the general discussion, Mr. Jackson requested that the decision be tabled until May when Mr. Becker is in attendance.
- Mr. Roth has not been able to walk the channel with Max Reike to look at other areas that may need attention, but he hopes that will take place this week.

2) Attorney Report:

- DeMasters sent refund check in the amount of \$2,852.90 to Mr. Jackson; the check was deposited and should hit the account within the week.
- Mr. Orr informed the board that he submitted the application for the sexual abuse coverage. The underwriter wanted to confirm that we weren't aware of a claim coming. If we intend to go forward with the coverage MDD will need to have an abuse policy/procedure in place. Mr. Orr informed that it would be best for an employment attorney to create the policy; he can provide MDD with a recommendation. This discussion was tabled until May when Gerald is in attendance.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board there was nothing unusual for 1st Qtr and not really anything in March. It looks like we are on track with the budget.

4) Creek Cleanup Update: Mr. Jackson drove out to look at the area and it seems clearer than before. Mr. Matier was also able to make it out to look at the area and noticed that it was the south side of the bridge where the debris has piled up. Mr. Jackson informed that he was in contact with Merriam Public Works and they are willing to assist the board with anything within their realm. MDD encompasses the tributary along Shawnee Mission Parkway west of Mastin and South of Shawnee Mission Parkway heading toward the Goodwill, but only the tributary heading to Shawnee Mission Parkway. It looks like a lot of this trash is coming from behind QuikTrip.

Mr. Roth believes the City of Shawnee owes that area. Mr. Jackson would like the trash behind Enterprise Rental car to be cleared out and requested that Mr. Roth and Max Rieke look for other areas to be cleaned when they walk the channel. Mr. Roth informed that Max Rieke would be able to have their men walk through and clear trash out of the channel at a cost between \$2000 - \$3000. After a general discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion to have Max Reike walk the channel and pick up trash; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

- 5) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Matier to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved

There being no new business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary