

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 2, 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 Microsoft Teams:

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

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole

The request was made for the last sentence of the Accountant Report to be updated; the word increase should be changed to decrease. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, as amended by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Matier; Mr. Becker abstained.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth spoke with Max Reike and they are ready to begin the repair S. of Johnson Drive E side of Turkey Creek, Capital Improvement Projects I, J, & F. Reike also informed the original quote of \$95,825 is still good. Mr. Roth informed the board that the price of diesel fuel has gone up 10% over the last few weeks and anticipates the cost of the rock will reflect this. Mr. Roth would like to increase the total cost to \$125,000 to give a buffer for the rock increase and if the price increases before we are able to pay the invoice, he would like Mr. Jackson to be able to exercise his \$10K approval authority to ensure we are able to purchase rock. Mr. Becker suggested that the board go ahead and approve the \$135,000 so there is no issue with the pricing. After a general discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve CIP 2019 I & J; CIP 2020 F not to exceed \$135K; Mr. Matier seconded; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Roth is updating the projects and putting all remaining work in a prioritized list which he will send to Miss Heatwole to update the website.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr reminded the board that as they begin moving toward having in-person meetings again, a notice should be published in Olathe Daily News to inform the public. No action needs to be taken at this time. MDD will need to publish something at the end of the year whether the meetings are still virtual or move to in-person.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board the MDD was on track with the 2021 budget, he doesn't see anything at this time that would cause any issues.

4) Website Updates – Miss Heatwole informed the board that items discussed previously have been updated. Mr. Roth just sent pictures of projects and water level link just before the meeting, Miss Heatwole will share them with HPG Enterprises to update the website.

5) In-person Board Meetings – There was a general discussion regarding returning to in-person meetings during which Mr. Orr informed there was not legal issue prohibiting the board from continuing to have virtual meetings until the news begins to reverse on the Covid situation.

- 6) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.
- 7) Mr. Jackson informed the board that he contacted Representative Sharice Davids office based on the proposal from upcoming bill she wanted to include the COE projects. Mr. Jackson also made MDD available to her office to answer questions.

There being no new business, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary