

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2021

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 Microsoft Teams:

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

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
Rebecca Heatwole

The request was made to make the following corrections:

1. Change the date on the minutes from August 2, 2021 to September 7, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021, as amended by Mr. Matier; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that Max Reike will begin on 200ft limestone rock wall replacement at the end of October beginning of November. Mr. Roth informed that the limestone will not be delivered by Keith Scott and Company until the project begins. Keith Scott will deposit MDD's check once the rock has been purchased, which should be soon.
- Mr. Roth discussed the email received from Mr. Wiens:

Dear sirs,

I am a Merriam resident with a home close to a stormwater drainage area. Nine feet to be exact on one corner of home. I have attached a sketch with a proposal to add a 18 inch landscape block wall along a portion of the area. This is an effort to make the grade less steep at the corner of the house. I would like an engineer to review this and certify that this project would not place any undo pressure on the existing wall. I certainly do not want a wall collapse threatening the foundation of my home. If there would need to be a set back off the wall, a description of how many feet would be required would be helpful.

Again, I am looking for a letter in writing from a certified engineer describing what would be acceptable. Of course, myself and the neighbors would have no problem with a covered drainage pipe to be installed. Just a slightly more expensive option.

Thank you,

*Craig Wiens
5715 Farley Street
Merriam, KS 66203
913-850-1251*

Mr. Roth informed that Mr. Wiens proposed work does not affect MDD Property. Mr. Roth contacted the City of Merriam but has not been able to speak with anyone. He also left a message for Mr. Wiens informing that he would continue to help.

- Mr. Roth informed the board that he was aware that Max Rieke's invoice to remove the trees & spray N. of Farmer's Market was more than the original quote of \$18,000.00. He will follow up with Max Rieke to determine the cause.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr informed the board that he received a request from Mary Buhl, City of Merriam Attorney requesting any changes in boundaries or election laws for Merriam Drainage District. Mr. Orr will be drafting a letter informing there have been no changes other than the City's update on election timing.
- 3) Accountant Report:
 - None
 - 4) Website Updates – Miss Heatwole shared with the board the mockup for completed and upcoming projects on the website. After a general discussion, it was decided to keep the completed projects link but to hold all upcoming project information on the interactive map. A blurb will need to be written informing the public that the map is interactive and will hold all of the upcoming projects. Mr. Matier requested that Miss Heatwole have HPG Enterprises run Google Analytics on the site to see how much traffic the site is getting before determining how much time/money MDD wants to allocate to website updates.
 - 5) In-person Board Meetings – There was a general discussion which resulted in the board tabling this topic again for November meeting.
 - 6) Mr. Jackson informed that he contacted StorageMart as the invoice has increased. He found that they had increased our bill \$14 for insurance coverage. He requested that Miss Heatwole send StorageMart a copy of our insurance declaration page to have this charge removed. 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. Matier discussed Merriam City Council's Storm Water Best Management Practices document that was shared with the board. Mr. Roth and Mr. Orr agree with the Human Development Committee that storm water should be sampled and tested, but this is not the responsibility of MDD. It is the responsibility of the City of Merriam.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary