

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Johnson County Library, Shawnee Branch by Chairman Eric Jackson with the following persons attending the meeting:

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

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, Accountant
Rebecca Heatwole
Jason Silvers, City of Merriam Councilmember
Jennifer Silvers

The request was made to make the following corrections:

1. Mary Buhl is the Johnson County Attorney not the City of Merriam Attorney.

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

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that the stone has been ordered for the project East side of Turkey Creek and South of Johnson Drive; 80 sections approximately 1/3 of what is needed has been received. Mr. Roth did inspect the stone and found that it was good quality. Rieke estimates it will take 4 weeks to complete the job. Mr. Roth informed City of Merriam Public Works Director, Mr. Jim McDonald of the project and made introduction to Max Rieke so he can follow up with them with questions. The current plan for the removed rock is to store the good pieces and to use the broken pieces as rip rap for projects M & O on CIP 2021.
- Mr. Roth also informed that the “No Trespassing/Dumping Sign” would be going up soon.
- Mr. Roth provided a list of priority projects to the Board. Priority #1 has an updated price of \$155K, which is estimated based on current project. Mr. Roth informed that his project could be broken up into small projects to fit within the budge. CIP has been updated with completed work and payments to Max Rieke as well.
- There seems to be concrete piles at Kimball Park, which may mean someone is dumping in that site. Mr. Jackson would like to make sure the site is kept clean.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr is working on the insurance renewal application as the policy expires January 2022. Mr. Orr would like the board to approve eric to bind coverage once all quotes come in. After a general discussion, Mr. Matier made a motion to authorize the Chairman to bind coverage up to 150% increase of premium over last year’s premium; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.
- A new board member, Mr. Dan Leap, will join the MDD Board of Directors in January 2022. Mr. Orr will provide Mr. Jackson with language to swear him in.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that the reconciled cash balance is \$197K. After November and December invoices and projects M & O he believes there will be a carryover of \$35K but recommends that the board wait until the January meeting to encumber the funds.

- 4) Website Google Analytics – There was a general discussion regarding the Google Analytics provided by HPG Enterprises. It seems the site is not getting much traffic. Mr. Matier requested that Miss Heatwole reach out to HPG Enterprises to see if he could provide an interpretation of the information he sent.
- 5) Bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Becker; unanimously approved.
- 6) As a result of The City of Merriam no longer honors the Memorandum of Understanding established to allow MDD of JoCo no cost meeting space in their Community Center. The next meeting will again be held at Shawnee Branch of the Johnson County Library. It is the best location for now as the Antioch Branch of the library is unavailable as the Central Branch office staff has been moved into their space until the updates are made at Central Branch. City Hall is not staffed at night, and we would have to assume the liability. The City of Merriam no longer honors the Memorandum of Understanding established to allow MDD of JoCo no cost meeting space in their Community Center.

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

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary