

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2022

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
Dan Leap, Secretary
Sam Matier, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, Accountant
Rebecca Heatwole (Virtual)
Jason Silvers (Virtual)

The request was made to make the following corrections:

1. Accountant Report – change \$53K carryover to \$35K.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, as amended by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Matier; approved by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Matier.

- 1) The new board member, Mr. Dan Leap, was sworn in by Mr. Eric Jackson. After which there was a general discussion regarding positions on the board. Mr. Jackson would like to continue as the Chairman. After the discussion the following motions were made:

Mr. Matier made a motion for Mr. Jackson to be the Chairman of the Board; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved

Mr. Jackson made a motion for Mr. Matier to be the Treasurer of the Board; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

Mr. Jackson made a motion for Mr. Leap to be the Secretary of the Board; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

- 2) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth provided the board with documents including the unfinished projects along with updated pictures of CIP 2019 project I & J and CIP 2020 Project F. Priority #1 from CIP 2020 is project I. Mr. Roth has asked Max Rieke for a quote. Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Roth put Project I out for bid to make sure Max Rieke is the best price. Mr. Roth informed this would increase the engineering cost between \$6 - \$8K due to putting together the bid packet, pre-bid meeting, and opening bid. Mr. Roth informed there would be enough time to get everything together for the bid. After the discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion for Benesch to put Project I out for competitive bid; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Roth informed that he spoke with the quarry, and they still have two loads of rock to deliver; however, Mr. Roth does not believe the extra loads will be needed. After a general discussion determining there was space to store the rock off 61st street, the board decided to accept the remaining rock.

- 3) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr discussed the General liability policy which increased to \$6,611.22 which is up a bit from last year. Mr. Orr attributes the increase to inflation, supply chain and material issues, and catastrophic events.

4) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board he believes once everything has cleared, there will still be a \$35K carryover. He suggests the board consider encumbering \$25K at the February meeting.

5) There was a general discussion regarding Resolution 2022-01, which moved the board meetings back to virtual while the number of cases of Covid have spiked. Mr. Leap requested that the resolution be amended to move the board meeting back to the 1st Monday of every month instead of 1st Thursday and if the Monday falls on a holiday to hold the meeting the following Tuesday. After the general discussion, Mr. Leap made a motion to approve resolution 2022-01 as amended; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved. Mr. Leap also suggested the use of his meeting space once meetings return to in-person.

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

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Matier; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary