

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
February 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. virtually using the Microsoft Teams App:

Eric Jackson, Chairman

Dan Leap, Secretary

James Orr, Attorney

Steve Roth, Engineer

John Martin, Accountant

Rebecca Heatwole

Jason Silvers

Whitney Yadrich

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2022, as written, by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the Board that the Johnson Drive Wall repair was completed, and total cost came in under the initial bid. Mr. Roth will be going out to look at the repairs.
- Mr. Roth informed the Board since Max Rieke came under bid for the Johnson Drive Wall, he asked them to begin filling the large holes along the North side of Turkey Creek near Merriam Drive. Mr. Roth informed of a muskrat problem; they have dug out behind the wall at least 2 rocks deep. Mr. Roth is going to contact Johnson County to see if there is anything that can be done to get rid of the muskrats. Three holes were repaired with the remaining funds from previous bid, but Mr. Roth received a quote from Max Rieke for \$15,000.00 to complete the repairs. Mr. Roth mentioned this work will be extensive because they will have to remove the rock and back fill. After a general discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve filling of holes notated on the interactive map not to exceed \$15K; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- There was a general discussion regarding when the Board would like to receive an updated CIP and prioritized list; the board would like to receive updated information every time a project is completed.
- Mr. Jackson requested update on the parking lot expansion of the car lot along Merriam Drive. Mr. Roth mentioned that expanding the parking lot will increase the run off, but the city has a policy allowing additional run off when the property is close to Turkey Creek so there should be not issue.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr presented a quote for an Umbrella Policy from our insurance carrier. Mr. Orr explained that with the Umbrella Policy it would extend our current liability coverage from \$1M to \$2M at the cost of \$1,060/year. Merriam Drainage District currently have \$1M in Errors and Omissions and \$1M in general liability. After a general discussion, Mr. Jackson requested time to think about the policy and it was tabled until next meeting.
- Mr. Leap requested clarification on Mr. Orr's bill; he noticed a charge for an email from him but didn't remember sending an email. Mr. Orr explained it was an email that he sent on 1/3/2022 regarding meeting virtually.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed there is \$37,424.59 remaining from 2021 budget. He recommends the board encumber no more than \$30K and allow the remaining balance to stay in the general fund. After a general discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to encumber

\$30K of 2021 budget to be used for 2022 budget expenses; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

- Mr. Martin informed the board that the 1<sup>st</sup> tax distribution was received in and it looks in line with the 2022 budget.

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

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Recording Secretary