

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
March 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
Guests: Jason Silvers and Whitney Yadrich

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022, as written, by Mr. Leap; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth that Max Rieke has completed the wall repair and are currently work the filling the voids as requested by Mr. Roth. Once the invoice is received Mr. Roth will go out to inspect the project.
- Mr. Roth informed he is wrapping up scope of work for the bid project. He anticipates the bid opening at the end of the month and will provide bid recommendation for the board at the April meeting.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr informed the board that since MDD is a public entity they are only liable for \$500K or up to the amount insured. Mr. Orr informed that he will need to check with Jolene to determine if the policy covers legal fees. Mr. Orr believes that the fees come out of the primary policy. After a general discussion, the board decided not to pursue an umbrella policy at this time.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that financials are in great shape and there is nothing to bring to the board's attention at this time.

4) Miss Heatwole discussed signing up for automatic renewal for the Tracfone to avoid loss of service. The board requested to go ahead and pay for 1-year of service and to look into the cost and benefit for automatic renewal and potentially start that next year. After this discussion, bills were approved as presented for payment a motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve bills; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

5) Mr. Jackson mentioned the death of Merriam Drainage District Treasurer, Mr. Sam Matier. Mr. Matier had served the community with his newsletter and advocacy for many years and he will be missed. There was a general discussion regarding the process to fill the open position, Mr. Jackson would like to begin with a short list of names between he and Mr. Leap before posting the position on the website. This was tabled until the next meeting.

6) There was a general discussion regarding moving the board meetings back to in-person. Mr. Orr will create a resolution to move to in-person meetings and it will be available for the board to ratify at the April meeting make May 2022 an in-person meeting.

- 7) Mr. Jackson will take over working with Mr. Esau Maldonado regarding mowing needs. Mr. Roth generated a map for Mr. Becker with mowing locations; he will share this with Mr. Jackson.

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

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary