

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. Jackson at GuitarLamp 5848 Merriam Drive Merriam, KS 66203.

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Dan Leap, Secretary
Jeff Weisbender, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole
Guest: Jason Silvers

Mr. Jackson informed Miss Heatwole of a couple grammatical errors to be fixed. After which, a motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of the February 6, 2023, as amended by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth mentioned at the previous meeting the board had approved Mr. Jackson to authorize Max Rieke's work make hole repairs and other maintenance up to \$10K. Mr. Jackson walked the creek bed and found additional hole repairs needed prior to Mr. Roth's conversation with Max Rieke. Mr. Roth provided Rieke with the additional hole repairs needed at 57th and Merriam Drive and both side of the creek behind Farmer's Market. Mr. Roth provided Max Rieke's quote to the board:

- \$25,292.00 to repair the wholes along the creek provided by Mr. Roth.
- \$15,200.00 to remove trees along the West side of creek from walk bridge at Farmer's Market to Johnson Drive.
- \$1480.00 for 2 "No Dumping" signs post provided and installation.

Mr. Roth explained to the board the hole repair process would involve Rieke to put one of their machines in the creek and remove stone immediately at location depending on the damage, they may need to go up or down stream further or take another layer or rock. Then they fill with aggregate rock and mesh and replace stones. Mr. Jackson requested additional hole repairs be located to be repaired while Rieke's machine is in the creek. After a general discussion, A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve Max Rieke's quote in the amount of \$25,292 to repair the holes along the creek; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved. Another motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve the quote in the amount of \$15,200 for tree removal; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved. Mr. Jackson requested that Reike remove the second "No Dumping" sign as MDD had only ordered one.

- It was also noted that bank/rock has been washing out under the drainage pipe near the church. Mr. Weisbender questioned if this might have been caused by rodents and if so, could MDD contact pest control to have the rodents captured and displaced. Mr. Jackson would like to know what portion of this wash out is erosion vs. rodent damage. Mr. Roth will look into the issue.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr informed the board that the insurance was finally concluded after confirming with the underwriter that MDD is added as an additional insured on Max Reike's insurance and we do received an updated copy of their certificate of insurance every year.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed he had nothing to provide this evening, but will provide the board with 1st Quarter financials at the next meeting.

- 4) Miss Heatwole mentioned the need to renew MDD's Tracfone service. Mr. Jackson made a motion to renew the service with the bare minimum amount; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved. A motion was made to approve the remaining bills as presented by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- 5) Mr. Leap informed the board that he would no longer be able to host MDD Board Meeting as his location. After a general discussion, Mr. Martin informed the board that the conference room at Higdon & Hale would be available. A motion was made by Mr. Leap to move the board meeting to Higdon & Hale located at 6310 Lamar Ste 110 Overland Park, KS 66202; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved. Mr. Orr will put together a resolution to move the meeting that will need to be published in The Legal Record.

There being no further 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