

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) sitting as the Board of Directors of The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict (APS) was called to order at 12:42 p.m. by Beth G. Whelley, President, with Mark G. Rentschler, Vice President and William E. Lukens, member, present. The meeting was held at MCD headquarters.

Members of the staff in attendance: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager; James B. Casper, Manager, Operations and Maintenance; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager, Water Resources Monitoring and Analysis; Daniel K. Foley, Great Miami Riverway Director; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager, Watershed Partnerships; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration (serving as acting Secretary at this meeting); and Barry M. Puskas, Chief of Technical and Engineering Services.

Legal counsel in attendance: W. Chip Herin III, Coolidge Wall Co., LPA.

Guests in attendance: Suzie Howell, interested citizen.

**COMPLIANCE WITH
SUNSHINE LAW AND BYLAWS**

The meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law and MCD and Subdistrict Bylaws. The meeting information was posted on MCD's website. Miami Valley news media and individuals requesting such notification were notified of the meeting by electronic mail dated June 1, 2022.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors March 10, 2022, meeting were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2022-144

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously approved the Minutes for March 10, 2022.

Next, Mr. Moyer requested approval of the assessment rate for the 2023 assessment collection.

ASSESSMENT RATE FOR 2023 COLLECTION

Section 6101.53 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Board of Directors of a conservancy district, on or before the thirtieth of September of each year, may levy an assessment upon each tract or parcel of land and upon each political corporation for the purpose of maintaining, operating, and preserving the works of the district. Such assessment is to be known as a conservancy maintenance assessment. Said assessment shall not exceed one percent of the benefits without prior authorization of the Conservancy Court.

The following rate was recommended for the 2023 assessments collection.

Levy No.	Purpose	Rate*
27	The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict	.00371

*The rate is the same as the 2022 assessment collection.

M 2022-145

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens unanimously adopted the following resolution.

R 2022-38

Resolved that in accordance with Section 6101.53 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Directors approves the recommended rate for the 2023 collection of assessments for The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict and directs the Secretary to prepare the necessary assessment duplicates.

Next, Mr. Ekberg presented status reports for the following projects and a Test Your Well event.

Hoffman Wetlands Restoration

MCD is supporting a wetlands restoration project on Indian Creek in Butler County near Reily Township, Ohio. The goals of the project are:

- Stabilize and restore 600 linear feet of Indian Creek along the left bank using natural channel design techniques.
- Improve approximately 12 acres of riparian/wetland habitat to achieve nutrient reduction through hydrologic connection to Indian Creek along the right bank.
- Provide approximately one acre of riparian buffer along the left bank of Indian Creek.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$350,000 and it will be funded through an H2Ohio grant. Three Valley Conservation Trust will hold the necessary conservation easements for the project.

The role of MCD is to provide measurements of flow into the project area through the installation of a stream gage on Indian Creek Road about 1,300 feet upstream of the project area. MCD staff has already installed manual and recording gages at the site. The gages have been surveyed and staff is now focused on making flow measurements to develop a rating curve for the gage.

9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy for Beaver Creek and Little Beaver Creek Watersheds

MCD is providing technical assistance to the Little Miami River Watershed Network (LMRWN) with the development of a 9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy for the Beaver Creek and Little Beaver Creek watersheds. Both watersheds drain into the Little Miami River however portions of the headwaters to these watersheds lie within the Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict.

A 9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy is a living strategic planning document that summarizes causes and sources of impairment, establishes critical areas, identifies quantifiable objectives to address causes and sources of impairment, and describes

projects designed to meet those objectives. An approved 9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy is a requirement for seeking Ohio Environmental Agency (Ohio EPA) Section 319 grants. LMRWN was awarded a \$15,000 grant from Ohio EPA in January of 2022 for assistance with plan development. LMRWN hired Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. as a consultant for writing the strategy and plan.

Preble County—Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework for the Prices Creek Watershed

MCD provided \$5,600 in funds to the Preble County Soil and Water Conservation District (Preble SWCD) for the development of the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework for Prices Creek Watershed in Preble County. The Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework is a tool that combines high-resolution terrain, drainage, soils, land use, and cropland data to determine potential locations for best management practices at the field scale and helps to engage farming communities in watershed conservation efforts. The framework was completed in May and can be used by Preble SWCD to implement the recommendations from their recently developed 9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy.

Test Your Well

MCD supported a test your well event targeting private water system owners in Greene County. The event took place on March 8. MCD worked with the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District, Greene County Public Health, Greene County Career Center, OSU Extension Greene County, and Pace Analytical to host the event. MCD provided test strips for field screening of water samples and \$500 in funding for laboratory analysis. Greene County residents brought in a total of 70 water samples for analysis. The samples were screened on-site for nitrite, nitrate, and iron. Pace Analytical staff collected and preserved a fraction of each water sample for laboratory analysis of arsenic, copper, and lead.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

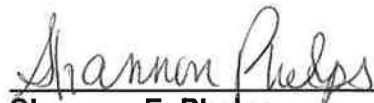
The Board members set Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District sitting as the Board of Directors of The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict.

ADJOURN

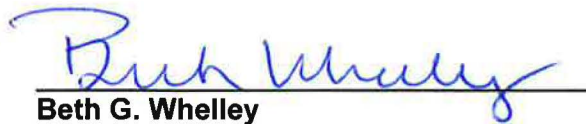
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Shannon E. Phelps
Acting Secretary



Beth G. Whelley
President