

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) sitting as the Board of Directors of The River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict (RCIS) was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Beth G. Whelley, President, with Mark G. Rentschler, Vice President present. William E. Lukens, member, attended via teleconference.

Members of the staff in attendance were: Janet M. Bly, General Manager; and Rhonda K. Snyder, Secretary.

Members of the staff in attendance via teleconference: Raymond M. Burton, Project Crew Supervisor; James B. Casper, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager, Water Resources Monitoring and Analysis; Brenda Z. Gibson, Manager, Public Relations and Education; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager, Watershed Partnerships; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief of Construction and Planning; Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration; Barry M. Puskas, Chief of Technical and Engineering Services; and Kurt A. Rinehart, Chief of Operations/Chief Engineer.

Legal counsel in attendance via teleconference: W. Chip Herin III, Coolidge Wall Co., LPA and Stephen M. McHugh, Coolidge Wall Co., LPA.

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 first-class and/or electronic mail dated March 17, 2020.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors December 18, 2019, meeting were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2020-180

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously approved the Minutes for December 18, 2019.

Next, Ms. Bly requested that the Board of Directors accept the following staff reports regarding RCIS activities.

M 2020-181

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously accepted the following staff reports. The reports were provided to the Board of Directors for review prior to the meeting.

GMRRT Asphalt Repair – Franklin

The asphalt repair and crack sealing project on the Great Miami River Recreation Trail in Franklin was completed in late December 2019.

Maintenance

Staff cleared brush and honeysuckle around trees along the Stillwater River Recreation Trail.

Staff removed fallen and leaning trees adjacent to the Great Miami River Recreation Trail upstream (north) of East River Landing in Moraine to reduce the risk of falling trees and branches. Staff removed an old concrete stairway at the pond downstream (south) of East River Landing. Staff graded the slope and placed topsoil to enhance maintenance of the area.

Staff removed four large evergreen trees that were adjacent to the Great Miami River Recreation Trail near Hydraulic Road in West Carrollton. The trees were blocking the view of oncoming traffic for trail users.

Great Miami Riverway

The Riverway's yearlong passport program, Tour de Way, ended on March 1. The yearlong contest attracted more than 800 new web users on the Riverway website.

Ohio Magazine announced the Great Miami River Bike Trail was voted "Best Bike Trail in Ohio" by Ohio Magazine readers. The Riverway purchased an advertisement in the January issue to promote the award.

Advertisement space was purchased in the printed guides for 2020 of the Butler Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Miami Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Downtown Dayton Partnership, Destination Dayton magazine, Ohio Magazine and the Adventure for All publications.

An agreement was executed with AMP Brand Studios to manage the social media channels of the Riverway, and provide social media training and expertise to Riverway partners.

The Great Miami Riverway Director met with many government and business leaders to discuss economic and community development needs and opportunities within the Great Miami Riverway communities. Staff has retained an advisor at Aileron, and plans to engage local leaders in the development of a strategic plan for the Great Miami Riverway with an emphasis on supporting economic development.

Next, Dr. Hall presented a request for ratification of the following grant.

GRANT FUNDING RATIFICATION

In December 2019, the Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing staff to submit grant funding applications for various purposes. Staff has submitted the following grant request:

Project Title: *Paddling Enhancement Grant*

Description: To construct a new paved parking area near the former Tait Station low dam for better access to the Great Miami River.

Total Project Cost: \$ 80,000

Grant Amount Requested: \$ 75,000

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Parks and Watercraft

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$5,000 (River Corridor Improvement Fund 200)

Other Participants: N/A

Status: Application was submitted on March 1, 2020.

M 2020-182

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Lukens and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously ratified staff action regarding the *Paddling Enhancement* grant funding request.

Next, Ms. Bly requested that the Board of Directors accept the following staff report regarding Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) grant funding requests.

M 2020-183

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Lukens and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously accepted the following staff report regarding MVRPC grant funding requests. The report was provided to the Board of Directors for review prior to the meeting.

GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

The following is a status update regarding grant applications previously approved by the Board of Directors:

Project Title: *Mad River Recreation Trail Mill and Resurfacing - Dayton*

Description: Milling and resurfacing of 2.8 miles of the Mad River Recreation Trail from Eastwood MetroPark to the Great Miami River Recreation Trail.

Total Project Cost: \$429,805

Grant Amount Requested: \$314,394

Source: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through MVRPC. Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$83,573 (River Corridor Improvement Fund 200). In addition, MCD will fund 100% of engineering costs estimated at \$31,838.

Other Participants: None

Status: Application was submitted on October 9, 2019. The MVRPC Board of Directors approved the requested grant funding amount for this project.

Project Title: *Great Miami River Recreation Trail Sycamore Creek Bridge Replacement*

Description: Removal and replacement of the Great Miami River Recreation Trail Sycamore Creek Bridge. Improvements include replacing the piers, abutments, beams, bridge surface and safety fence.

Total Project Cost: \$360,587

Grant Amount Requested: \$208,764

Source: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through MVRPC. Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$69,588 (River Corridor Improvement Fund 200). In addition, MCD will fund 100% of engineering costs estimated at \$82,235.

Other Participants: None

Status: Application was submitted on October 9, 2019. The MVRPC Board of Directors did not award the requested grant funding for this project.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING


The Board members set Thursday, May 21, 2020, for the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District sitting as the Board of Directors of The River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict.

ADJOURN


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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Rhonda K. Snyder
Secretary



Beth G. Whelley
President