

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 12:25 p.m. by Beth G. Whelley, President, with Mark G. Rentschler, Vice President and William E. Lukens, member, present. The meeting was held at the Marriott located at 1414 South Patterson Blvd. in Dayton.

Members of the staff in attendance at the regular meeting: Janet M. Bly, General Manager; Rhonda K. Snyder, Secretary; James B. Casper, Manager, Operations and Maintenance; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager, Water Resources Monitoring and Analysis; Daniel K. Foley, Great Miami Riverway Director (teleconference); Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager, Watershed Partnerships; Angela J. Manuszak, Special Projects Coordinator (teleconference); Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; and Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration.

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

Guests in attendance: None

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 December 8, 2021.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors September 30, 2021, meeting were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

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The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously approved the Minutes for September 30, 2021.

Next, Mr. Casper reported on maintenance activities, Ms. Bly on a PDAC funding request, and Mr. Foley on the Great Miami Riverway.

Maintenance

Staff patched holes in the driveway at Miami Bend Park that was washed out by high water.

Staff repaired damage to the concrete at the RiversEdge amphitheater in Dayton. The concrete damage was caused by skateboarders.

Funding Request

Each year, the Dayton Region Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) establishes a list of regional priorities for potential funding opportunities. MCD and the Great Miami Riverway submitted the following request:

"Great Miami River Corridor Improvement between Stewart Street/OnMain and I-75 Interchange."

The goal of the proposed project is to create a more active, welcoming place to attract visitors and businesses for economic growth along the Great Miami River, downstream of the Stewart Street Bridge in Dayton. MCD owns and maintains the recreation trail on both sides of the river, and manages the restored riverbank (from the Tait Station Dam removal) in this area.

Great Miami Riverway

The Great Miami Riverway Coalition met on November 18 to discuss progress toward the goals and provide input on Riverway activities.

On October 4, the Great Miami Riverway hosted a Riverway Conversations meeting with keynote speaker Chief Economist David Berson of Nationwide Insurance speaking on the state of housing in southwest Ohio and across the United States. Additionally, Eric Farrell, Executive Director, Home Builders Association of Dayton, and Jonathan Westendorf, City Manager, City of Franklin spoke about economic and housing growth plans for the City of Franklin.

On November 30, the Great Miami Riverway hosted a Riverway Conversations meeting via video conferencing software with the Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association, the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks, and Thrive Companies on how a former quarry near the Scioto River has been redeveloped with residential, recreation, and commercial uses. The speakers included Eric Wagenbrenner of Thrive Companies, and Tim Moloney, Executive Director of Metro Parks who spoke on their partnership to build 700 housing units, office/retail, three mountain bike trails, and kayak/paddling opportunities on 600 acres that had been an active gravel mining site.

In October, the Great Miami Riverway was awarded a Recognizing Uncommon Brilliance (RUBY) Innovation in Travel Marketing Award for the Riverway's new mobile app, and a Certificate of Excellence for its blog, "10 Things to do Along the Great Miami Riverway." The Ohio Travel Association's RUBY Awards recognize excellence in Ohio's hospitality and tourism industry for efforts in advertising, marketing, and public relations.

The 2022 Riverway Summit is scheduled for April 1 at Carillon Park in Dayton.

GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Mr. O'Connor reported on the status of the following grant application previously approved by the Board of Directors:

Project Title: *Old North Dayton Trail, Segment 2*

Description: Constructing a new 1.17-mile-long extension to the Great Miami River Recreation Trail along the left bank levee of the Great Miami River from Keowee Street to Heid Avenue.

Total Project Cost: \$1,067,353

Grant Amount Requested: \$711,569

Source: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$177,892 (River Corridor Improvement Fund 200). In addition, MCD will fund 100% of engineering costs estimated at \$177,892.

Other Participants: None

Status: Application was submitted on October 8, 2020. MVRPC forwarded the project to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee where it competed against projects from around the state. MVRPC notified MCD on November 29, 2021, that the grant funding request was approved.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

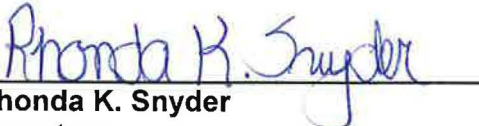
The Board members set Thursday, March 10, 2022, for the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District sitting as the Board of Directors of The River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict.

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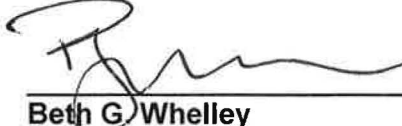
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Rhonda K. Snyder
Secretary



Beth G. Whelley
President