

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 9:30 a.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. Ms. Whelley was in attendance by teleconference.

Members of the staff in attendance: 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; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager, Watershed Partnerships; Angela J. Manuszak, Special Projects Coordinator; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration; 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: 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 March 2, 2022.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors December 16, 2021, meeting were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2022-200

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously approved the Minutes for December 16, 2021.

Ms. Whelley was not present for the remainder of the meeting. A quorum is met with two Board members present. The meeting continued with a quorum.

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

ASSESSMENT RATES 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.

M 2022-201

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Lukens and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously postponed approval of the assessment rates for the 2023 collection until the June 2022 Board meeting.

Old North Dayton Levee and Alternative Transportation

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded MCD a \$1,105,016 disaster recovery grant to help pay for levee improvements and a new section of paved trail along the left bank of the Great Miami River in Dayton. MCD hired Woolpert Inc. from Dayton to perform survey and detailed design work. Woolpert has submitted preliminary design plans for MCD staff to review. The trail work includes constructing a brand new multi-use trail along the DAYGML3 levee from Helena Street to Keowee Street. Construction is on schedule to begin in 2022.

Webster Station Ramp Connector

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) awarded MCD a \$183,308 federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant to construct a multi-use trail in Dayton's Webster Station neighborhood connecting the Mad River Recreation Trail to Webster Street. MCD staff performed survey work and is currently working on the detailed design. Stage 1 plans have been submitted to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 7, the City of Dayton, and CityWide Development Corporation for review. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

South River Walk Improvements

MVRPC awarded MCD a \$348,893 federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant to improve access, the trail surface, drainage, lighting, and amenities for the South River Walk in Dayton between Main Street and Monument Avenue. MCD staff performed a detailed survey and will begin detailed design this spring. MCD is working with the Downtown Dayton Partnership on a public involvement effort. Construction is scheduled for 2024.

Sycamore Bridge Replacement

MVRPC awarded MCD a \$186,363 federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant to replace the existing Great Miami River Recreation Trail bridge over Sycamore Creek in Miamisburg. After coordinating with ODOT District 7, MCD staff has decided to hire a consultant to perform a feasibility study to determine the best way to get the trail over Sycamore Creek. The consultant will also be asked to perform an ecological survey to meet environmental requirements. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2025.

Mad River Recreation Trail Resurfacing

Construction was completed by ODOT's contractor in the fall of 2021. However, after a high water event in January 2022, MCD staff noticed two of the new flexible delineator posts along the trail were missing. Upon further inspection, staff found that the posts were not installed correctly. ODOT is working with their contractor to reinstall all of the posts properly in the spring. The posts, located at the edge of the trail near Keowee Street, alert users of a steep drop-off.

Maintenance

Staff preemptively removed dead and dying trees in West Carrollton before they could fall and block the bikeway.

Great Miami Riverway

The Winter Challenge, a two-month-long passport program, ended on January 31. Over 100 people participated in the Winter Challenge.

The Great Miami Riverway Coalition's February meeting was canceled due to weather.

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

Next, Dr. Hall and Mr. Foley requested approval for renewal of the Great Miami Riverway program.

GREAT MIAMI RIVERWAY PROGRAM RENEWAL

At the March 2017 meeting, the Board authorized the general manager to enter into agreements for MCD to facilitate the Great Miami Riverway Coalition and coordinate marketing, planning, and programming for the Great Miami Riverway. Several cities, counties, and park districts executed agreements with MCD to form the Great Miami Riverway Coalition and to provide funding for marketing, planning, and programming.

At the request of the community partners who participated in funding the Great Miami Riverway from 2017–2022, MCD drafted a description and budget for Riverway activities for the years 2022–2027. The organizations that are currently Coalition members and sponsors were sent new agreements to review and were asked to submit letters of their intent to continue their participation. The proposed 5-year budget is \$846,250. In order to continue the program, MCD sought commitments totaling at least \$700,000.

As of March 10, staff had received eighteen letters of intent from organizations committed to enter into new five-year agreements, totaling more than \$700,000. With these commitments, staff recommended that MCD's facilitation of the Great Miami Riverway program continue for an additional 5 years beginning June 1, 2022.

M 2022-202

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. Lukens, unanimously authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements for The Miami Conservancy District to facilitate the Great Miami Riverway Coalition and coordinate marketing, planning, and programming for the Great Miami Riverway.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

The Board members set Thursday, June 9, 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.

ADJOURN


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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Rhonda K. Snyder
Secretary



Beth G. Whelley
President