

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 12:42 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 2022-203

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 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.

The following rate was recommended for the 2023 assessments collection.

Levy No.	Purpose	Rate*
22	River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict	.0040

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

M 2022-204

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

R 2022-72

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 River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict and directs the Secretary to prepare the necessary assessment duplicates.

Next Mr. O'Connor presented updates for the Webster Station Ramp Connector, Sycamore Bridge replacement and maintenance activities. Dr. Hall reported on the safe recreation plan.

Webster Station Ramp Connector

Staff addressed Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 7 comments from the previously submitted Stage 1 plans and submitted Stage 2 plans to ODOT District 7, the City of Dayton, and CityWide Development Corporation for review. MCD has hired Woolpert, Inc. to create right-of-way plans to meet ODOT requirements. Construction is scheduled for 2023.

Sycamore Bridge Replacement

MCD hired Woolpert, Inc. to perform a feasibility study to determine the best way to get the trail over Sycamore Creek and to perform an ecological survey to meet environmental requirements. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2025.

Maintenance

Based on conversations with Great Miami River Recreation Trail users, staff cleared brush to improve site distance where the trail crosses Farmersville-West Carrollton Road in West Carrollton.

Safe Recreation Plan

Staff has developed a Safe Recreation Plan which provides details on how and where MCD provides safety information on and about MCD low dams and other river corridor amenities. MCD utilizes navigational aides, portage routes, publications, social media platforms, and safe boating resources of other partners such as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Five Rivers MetroParks to provide the safety information.

Next, Mr. Foley reported on Great Miami Riverway activities.

Great Miami Riverway

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 submitted letters of intent to continue their participation.

At the March 2022 meeting, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into agreements to continue MCD's facilitation of the Great Miami Riverway program for an additional five years beginning June 1, 2022. As of June 2, 16 organizations have committed a total of \$609,750. Staff has pending commitments from Miami and Montgomery counties totaling \$170,000.

More than 175 community members attended the 2022 Great Miami Riverway Summit on Friday, April 1 in the Eichelberger Pavilion at the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton. The event focused on how Riverway communities can better position themselves to attract new economic investment. Riverway Coalition Chair, Duane Gaier of Sidney, and Director Dan Foley highlighted the Riverway's recent achievements and special new programs in development.

The Great Miami Riverway Coalition met on April 28.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING

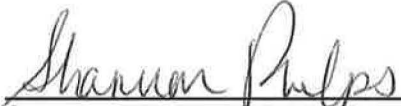
The Board members set Thursday, September 22, 2022, for the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District sitting as the Board of Directors of The River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict.

ADJOURN


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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Shannon E. Phelps
Acting Secretary



Beth G. Whelley
President