

The following meetings (work session and regular meeting) were held in compliance with the Sunshine Law and The Miami Conservancy District (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 meetings by electronic mail dated December 9, 2025. The meetings were held at MCD headquarters located at 38 East Monument Avenue in Dayton, Ohio.

WORK SESSION

The work session of the Board of Directors of MCD was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Michael H. van Haaren, President, with Beth G. Whelley, Vice President, and Mark G. Rentschler, member, present.

Members of the staff in attendance at the start of the work session: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary; James B. Casper, Manager of Operations and Maintenance; Ginger Clark, Manager of the Great Miami Riverway; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager of Monitoring and Analysis; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager of Communications, Outreach, and Stewardship; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Christina M. Pfeiffer, Executive Assistant; Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration; and Barry M. Puskas, Chief of Technical and Engineering Services.

Legal counsel in attendance at the work session: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP.

Guests in attendance at the work session: Lori Kershner, LMK Advocacy, arrived at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Moyer began the work session with a detailed review of the 2026 Proposed Budget, including 5-year projections of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for flood protection, river corridor improvement, and aquifer preservation.

Next, Ms. Lodor updated the Board of Directors on property tax relief efforts in the Ohio Statehouse Legislature. A multi-bill property tax package was sent to Governor DeWine for signature before the Thanksgiving recess, including inflationary caps, allowances for renewal of certain levies, and powers to reduce levy rates.

Ms. Lodor related a summary of her meeting with the Miami County Auditor regarding the Miami County Budget Commission's actions to pause collection of levies for conservancy purposes. Mr. Slone stated that this is an issue between Miami County, Troy, and Piqua, and does not directly involve MCD. MCD will continue to monitor this situation and evaluate options if any changes to unit assessments are supported by the Seventh Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits.

Finally, proofs for the Board of Directors' business cards were distributed and discussed. The business cards will be printed and distributed after the first of the new year.

M 2025-6791

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously adjourned the work session at 5:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of MCD was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Michael H. van Haaren, President, with Beth G. Whelley, Vice President, and Mark G. Rentschler, member, present.

Members of the staff in attendance at the regular meeting: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary; James B. Casper, Manager of Operations and Maintenance; Ginger Clark, Manager of the Great Miami Riverway; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager of Monitoring and Analysis; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager of Communications, Outreach, and Stewardship; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Christina M. Pfeiffer, Executive Assistant; Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration; and Barry M. Puskas, Chief of Technical and Engineering Services.

Legal counsel in attendance at the regular meeting: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP.

Guests in attendance at the regular meeting: Lori Kershner, LMK Advocacy.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of September 16, 2025, and special meetings of October 29, 2025, and November 7, 2025, were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2025-6792

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 16, 2025, October 29, 2025, and November 7, 2025.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the 2025 revised estimate of receipts to the Board of Directors.

2025 REVISED ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

The Board is requested to approve the 2026 estimate of receipts as presented.

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	CURRENT ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS	REVISED ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS
100	Flood Protection	\$11,004,141	\$10,668,487
200	River Corridor Improvement	1,231,306	1,348,577
250	Aquifer Preservation	1,192,250	1,108,830
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	1,177,819	-0-
275	Water Conservation	-0-	-0-
300	Debt Service	286,132	286,132

400	Dam Safety Initiative	150,000	241,900
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-	-0-
410	MCD Capital	2,850,000	2,850,000
450	Capital Improvements	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL	\$17,891,648	\$16,503,926

M 2025-6793

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the revised estimate of receipts for 2025.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the 2025 revised appropriations.

2025 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS

The Board is requested to approve the revised total fund appropriations and the revised personnel appropriations for 2025.

Total Fund Appropriations:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	CURRENT APPROPRIATION	REVISED APPROPRIATION
100	Flood Protection	\$10,931,023	\$10,119,684
200	River Corridor Improvement	1,588,967	1,120,096
250	Aquifer Preservation	1,332,765	1,302,422
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	1,177,819	-0-
275	Water Conservation	-0-	-0-
300	Dam Safety Debt Service	286,132	286,132
400	Dam Safety Initiative	4,659,562	1,872,591
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-	-0-
410	MCD Capital	1,625,900	137,000
450	Capital Improvements	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL	\$21,602,168	\$14,837,925

Included within the operating funds (Funds 100, 200, 250, and 275) appropriation totals are chargeback expenses from MCD's internal service funds. As requested by the Auditor of State, the internal service funds are not included in the approved budgeted amounts since the chargebacks are already accounted for in the operating funds. However, the amounts are provided for the information of the Board.

Internal Service Funds – Chargeback Expenses:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	CURRENT "BUDGET"	PROJECTED 2025 EXPENSES
600	Administration & Technology	\$1,988,894	\$1,960,694
650	Education & Outreach	397,675	425,400

Additionally, the Auditor of State requires that the Board of Directors approve personnel appropriations specifically budgeted within each fund (Funds 100, 200, 250, and 410). The amounts are already included in the total fund appropriation request.

Personnel Appropriations:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	CURRENT PERSONNEL APPROPRIATION	REVISED PERSONNEL APPROPRIATION
100	Flood Protection	\$4,364,287	\$3,958,000
200	River Corridor Improvement	249,258	219,700
250	Aquifer Preservation	502,911	511,000
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	-0-	-0-
275	Water Conservation	-0-	-0-
300	Dam Safety Debt Service	-0-	-0-
400	Dam Safety Initiative	-0-	-0-
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-	-0-
410	MCD Capital	300,000	45,000
450	Capital Improvements	-0-	-0-
	TOTAL	\$5,416,456	\$4,733,700

Amounts estimated to be spent in MCD's internal service funds for personnel expenses are included in the chargeback amounts assigned to each operating fund. The total estimated personnel expenses in the internal service funds are provided for the information of the Board.

Internal Service Funds – Personnel Expenses:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	CURRENT PERSONNEL "BUDGET"	ESTIMATED PERSONNEL EXPENSES
600	Administration & Technology	\$940,544	\$940,544
650	Education & Outreach	230,375	258,100

M 2025-6794

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously approved the revised total fund appropriations for 2025.

M 2025-6795

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously approved the 2025 revised personnel appropriations.

Next, Mr. Moyer provided the MCD Interim Budget Report for the period ending November 30, 2025, for review and acceptance.

INTERIM BUDGET REPORT

M 2025-6796

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously accepted the Interim Budget Report as of November 30, 2025. In addition, the Board of Directors ordered that a copy of the report be kept on file.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the MCD Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2025.

INVESTMENT REPORT

MCD has funds invested in STAR Ohio and JPMorgan Money Market fund. The interest rates as of November 30, 2025, were:

- STAR Ohio account – 4.23%.
- Money Market account with JPMorgan Bank – 4.23% (1-year historical performance as of 11/30/2025) which is consistent with a typical Government Money Market Fund Yield.
- Checking and savings accounts – 0.01%.

MCD's goal is to continue to provide the highest investment return with maximum security while meeting all liquidity and operating demands. The primary objectives of investment activities, in order of priority, will continue to be safety, liquidity, and yield.

Amounts in each of MCD's investment accounts are shown in Exhibit C of the Interim Budget Report.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the 2026 proposed estimate of receipts.

2026 ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

The Board is requested to approve the 2026 estimate of receipts as presented.

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
100	Flood Protection	\$10,407,181
200	River Corridor Improvement	803,250
250	Aquifer Preservation	1,115,000
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	1,177,819
275	Water Conservation	-0-
300	Dam Safety Debt Service	286,132
400	Dam Safety Initiative	75,000
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-
410	MCD Capital	2,875,000
450	Capital Improvements	-0-
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS		\$16,739,382

M 2025-6797

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously approved the 2026 estimate of receipts as presented.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the proposed 2026 appropriations.

2026 APPROPRIATIONS

The Board is requested to approve the total fund appropriations and the personnel appropriations for 2026, as presented.

Total Fund Appropriations:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS
100	Flood Protection	\$10,261,012
200	River Corridor Improvement	2,015,027
250	Aquifer Preservation	1,299,169
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	1,177,819
275	Water Conservation	-0-
300	Dam Safety Debt Service	286,132
400	Dam Safety Initiative	2,968,158
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-
410	MCD Capital	4,559,379
450	Capital Improvements	300,000
	TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS	\$22,866,696

Included within the operating funds (Funds 100, 200, and 250) appropriation totals are chargeback expenses made from MCD's internal service funds. Internal service funds are not included in the table since the chargebacks are already accounted for in the operating funds. However, the amounts are provided for the information of the Board.

Internal Service Funds – Chargeback Expenses:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES
600	Administration & Technology	\$1,884,220
650	Education & Outreach	450,711

Additionally, the Auditor of State requires that the Board of Directors approve personnel appropriations specifically budgeted within each fund. The following amounts are already included in the total fund appropriation request.

Personnel Appropriations:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	PERSONNEL BUDGET
100	Flood Protection	\$4,518,927
200	River Corridor Improvement	286,269
250	Aquifer Preservation	544,028
255	FEMA Assistance	-0-
260	ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery	-0-
275	Water Conservation	-0-
300	Dam Safety Debt Service	-0-
400	Dam Safety Initiative	-0-
401	FEMA Capital Projects	-0-
410	MCD Capital	200,000

450	Capital Improvements	-0-
	TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS	\$5,549,224

Amounts estimated to be spent in MCD's internal service funds for personnel expenses are included in the chargeback amounts assigned to each operating fund. The total personnel expenses estimated in the internal service funds are provided for the information of the Board.

Internal Service Funds – Personnel Expenses:

FUND NO.	FUND NAME	ESTIMATED PERSONNEL EXPENSES
600	Administration & Technology	\$1,004,280
650	Education & Outreach	257,411

M 2025-6798

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the proposed 2026 total fund appropriations and authorize the General Manager to enter into any necessary obligations, agreements or contracts for the purposes provided for within these appropriations.

M 2025-6799

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously approved the proposed 2026 personnel appropriations as budgeted, including a compensation adjustment effective pay date January 22, 2026. Additionally, the Board authorizes the General Manager to consider a mid-year increase not to exceed the budgeted appropriations.

Next, Mr. Moyer informed the Board of Directors of an upcoming due date for a loan payment.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – OWDA LOAN DEBT SERVICE

FUND	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
100	Flood Protection	Transfer Out	\$286,132
300	Debt Service	Transfer In	\$286,132

This transfer is necessary to cover the debt service payments due during 2026 for the total amount of \$286,132. The debt service payments are related to a loan obtained from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) in 2023 for the Lockington Left Wall Phase 1 project. This transfer will ensure the fund balance in Debt Service (Fund 300) does not fall below zero during 2026. This transfer will not be effective until January 1, 2026, as the first payment in 2026 on the OWDA Loan is due January 1, 2026.

M 2025-6800

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the requested transfer of funds from Flood Protection (Fund 100) to Debt Service (Fund 300) for the amount of \$286,132.

Next Mr. Moyer presented contributions and donations received since the September 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS

The following donors have contributed sponsorship dollars to the 2026 Great Miami Riverway Summit and MCD – Flood Protection for the Germantown Dam Tour since the September 2025 Board meeting. The list below includes contributions/donations that have been received by MCD as of December 1st. Should additional contributions be received, they will be reported at the next Board meeting.

<u>2026 Great Miami Riverway Summit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Choice One Engineering	\$ 500
<u>MCD Flood Protection - Germantown Dam Tour</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Montgomery County	\$ 1,000

M 2025-6801

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously accepts receipt of \$1,500 collected through December 1, 2025, from the above sponsors for the 2026 Great Miami Riverway Summit and the Germantown Dam Tour.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented information regarding the Seventh Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits.

7TH READJUSTMENT OF THE APPRAISAL OF BENEFITS

The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) completed Phases 1a and 1b of the Benefit Assessment Study (BAS) in August 2025, making progress to establish an updated method for benefit appraisal of approximately 600,000 parcels across nine counties. The Board of Directors adopted a stormwater contribution approach and directed appraisal of benefits beyond the current flood protection boundary for the full district boundary. The Board of Appraisers passed a motion to proceed with the stormwater contribution approach; a draft resolution was developed and reviewed. Contracts with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) and Jack Faucett Analytics were executed in November to begin Phase 2 implementation in accordance with the Board's October resolution. The contracts will culminate in a Certified Appraisal Record (CAR) for public notice by November 2026. Outreach efforts are underway to inform stakeholders about the updated benefits appraisal methodology and timeline.

- **Phase 1a (Jan 2025):**
 - Evaluated MCD's current benefit method and benchmarked other conservancy district methods of benefit appraisal.
 - Identified direct and indirect flood protection benefits in pilot areas (Dayton and Hamilton).
 - Developed four alternative methodologies to the historical approach.
- **Phase 1b (Feb–Aug 2025):**
 - Refined alternatives and added a Miami County pilot area.
 - Convened a 20-member Advisory Committee for four meetings to provide insight.

- Public input gathered through a survey of 1,200 property owners and interviews with 40 community leaders.
- **Board Actions (May–June 2025):**
 - Recognized benefits beyond the current flood protection boundary.
 - Adopted a stormwater contribution approach for properties within the Great Miami River Watershed (nine-county MCD boundary).

Preferred Method Highlights:

- Direct benefits are anticipated for approximately 40,000 assessed parcels in five counties and indirect benefits are forecasted for approximately 560,000 parcels across all nine counties.
- Direct and indirect benefits are being derived with a detailed economic analysis using updated industry standard methods and assessments will be calculated using impervious surface measures, adjusted by land use.
- The appraisal method will be modernized to align with industry standards and practices of other Ohio conservancy districts and is not based on property values.

Third-Party Review & Contracts:

- Independent reviews completed; recommendations adopted.
- Phase 2 Contracts executed with Stantec (technical analysis) and Jack Faucett Analytics (economic analysis) in November.

Phase 2 – Implementation (Nov 2025–Nov 2026)

Goal: Complete Certified Appraisal Record (CAR) for public notice by November 2026; exception hearings begin Jan 2027.

Key Tasks:

1. Economic analysis for revised boundary (December 2025–March 2026)
2. Calculate ERUs per parcel (September 2025–March 2026)
3. Draft CAR (March–May 2026)
4. Draft assessment rates/values (April–July 2026)
5. Public Notice (November 2026)
6. Exception hearings (January–March 2027)
7. Magistrate report (March–July 2027)
8. Conservancy Court (August 2027)
9. Certified Appraisal Record (September 2027)
10. 7th Readjustment Collections (January 2028)

Challenges: The new method requires the collection and analysis of several more parcels than the current method. The software system requires modification, and a scope of work is in development with Tyler Technologies to integrate new county auditor data, manage parcel changes, and ensure QA/QC through expert reviews.

Communications: A campaign launched under the theme: “Fix the System – Fix the Infrastructure, Fix the Funding Formula to Protect Jobs, Families, and the Miami Valley.”

Recent outreach includes presentations to regional councils, civic groups, chambers, and elected officials. Additional updates planned for Spring 2026. Advisory Committee follow-up scheduled for April 2026.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented information regarding a potential funding source for the flood protection district.

WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ACT FEASIBILITY STUDY/ GENERAL INVESTIGATION UPDATE

The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) was authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 under Section 125 in December 2024, a vital milestone for the Great Miami River and the communities we serve. The *WRDA (125) Great Miami River, Ohio* project authorizes a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) feasibility study to be performed to unlock a public-private partnership for reinvestment of the flood protection system, ecosystem restoration, and recreation enhancement.

The Miami Conservancy District has had preliminary discussions with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Congressman Turner's Office, and nonfederal sponsors to learn more about the process and options for executing the authorized feasibility study. Given that MCD's flood protection system is mostly locally owned and does not require future USACE approvals, we have two options for a General Investigation: a USACE-led study or a Sponsor-led study, where MCD is the sponsor. There are advantages and disadvantages of both. For example, a USACE-led feasibility study would result in additional regulatory oversight and restrictions on future changes by the USACE. Staff are considering and evaluating different options and scenarios. The timing according to USACE is such that the study typically takes about 3-5 years to complete which could then result in a request for a "new start" construction project. At this time, staff will explore options in 2026. If a USACE-led study is desired, it requires appropriation to the House Energy and Water appropriations Committee. Based on discussions with the USACE, they are currently projecting potential appropriations for FY 2028. Alternatively, if MCD proceeds with a Sponsor-led study/Section 203 public private partnership, there are no federal appropriations provided to perform the study and upon the approval of the feasibility study to the Secretary of Army and Congress, 50% of the study costs could be credited towards construction.

According to sources familiar with Section 203, a sponsor-led study offers maximum local control, faster initiation, flexibility to tailor solutions, potentially lower overall cost, limited creation of future federal oversight or obligations, and retention of eligibility for federal authorization and cost-sharing.

For these reasons, a Section 203 sponsor-led feasibility study may be a strategically preferred option for the MCD, but the upfront costs for the study would need to be budgeted to contract with a consulting firm to assist in the development and completion of the study. The authorization secured in WRDA 2024 provides MCD with the necessary authorization to complete the General Investigation under Section 203 for review and submittal to the USACE and may be less costly than a traditional USACE-led study. Initial scoping and continued coordination with USACE are anticipated to begin in 2026 to determine the cost benefit analysis of proceeding with a MCD-led study as opposed to committing \$2.5M to a USACE led effort.

This FYI outlines the strategic considerations associated with pursuing a Section 203 sponsor-led feasibility study or of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)-led General Investigation (GI), with particular focus on MCD's unique position as the owner of a 100% locally controlled flood protection system, except for Holes Creek.

Background

Federal authorization for future flood risk reduction improvements can be pursued through two primary pathways:

1. USACE-led General Investigation (GI): A federally cost-shared feasibility study managed and executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
2. Section 203 Sponsor-Led Study (WRDA 1986): A feasibility study conducted by the non-federal sponsor and submitted directly to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works for policy review and potential Congressional authorization.

Both pathways require the study to meet federal feasibility, engineering, economic, and environmental standards.

Key Consideration: Our System is mostly 100% Locally Owned

Our flood protection system is not federally constructed, certified, or operated, and we do not need USACE Section 408 approvals for modifications or improvements, except for Holes Creek. This factor significantly alters the cost–benefit balance when choosing between a sponsor-led and a USACE-led feasibility study.

Implications of Local Ownership (except for Holes Creek)

1. No Future USACE Approvals Are Required

Because much of our system is not part of a federally authorized project, except for Holes Creek:

- We do not require Section 408 permissions for structural changes.
- We are not subject to federal O&M manuals, standards, or inspection protocols.
- Modifications, expansions, and improvements can be implemented entirely under local authority.

2. Section 203 Provides Greater Control and Flexibility

A sponsor-led study allows us to:

- Begin work without waiting for federal new-start approval through appropriations process.
- Directly manage the budget, scope, schedule, technical methods, environmental approach, and community engagement.
- Use our own consultants at local government rates, without USACE overhead costs or schedule.
- Tailor the study to our specific system and community needs.

Because our system does not rely on federal facilities, avoiding unnecessary federal involvement preserves local control.

If a USACE-led feasibility study is selected, the study requires allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. With appropriation, a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) would need to be executed for the study. It is our understanding that Section 1001 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2014, as amended by Section 1103 of WRDA 2024, targets study completion within four years at a cost of up to \$5M, with a 50/50 federal/local cost share. The final study cost and duration would be determined by the specific study scope with a Project Management Plan after execution. With recent USACE 25% reduction in work force and realignment of federal priorities, the direction from the USACE Headquarters is to utilize more public private partnerships and Section 203 over traditional USACE-led studies.

3. Potential for Lower Total Cost

While both study paths must meet federal policy standards:

- A Section 203 study avoids significant portions of USACE overhead, staffing constraints, and federal process duration.
- Because our system is mostly locally built and maintained, work can be completed more efficiently by locally retained consultants.
- Upfront costs may be higher as the sponsor-led study, but eligible costs may be credited toward the non-federal share of construction if Congress authorizes the project.

4. Reduced Long-Term Risk

Engaging USACE as the lead agency can create de facto federal expectations for standardized designs, federal modeling approaches, higher documentation burdens, and potential future reliance on federal approvals.

A Section 203 path avoids voluntarily placing our district under federal expectations for a system that is currently fully local and independent.

Next, Mr. Puskas presented the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECTS 2024 MONTGOMERY COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

In 2024, the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency updated the Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. MCD staff participated in the plan update by completing surveys and attending meetings.

The goals of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan are as follows:

- Goal 1: Educating the public on problem areas, encouraging communities to recognize the identified hazards for future planning.
- Goal 2: Encouraging both public and private groups to mitigate prior to disasters and encouraging mitigation after disasters to prevent recurrence.
- Goal 3: Identifying practical mitigation solutions for identified hazards.
- Goal 4: Identifying possible prevention and reduction projects.

- Goal 5: Requesting project ideas from the communities as well as plans which address mitigation issues.

For MCD to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding, the Board must adopt the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

M 2025-6802

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the following Resolution to adopt the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

R 2025-1945

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
2024 MONTGOMERY COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) recognizes the vulnerability of community resources, property, and operations to the impacts of disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors also recognizes the role of MCD in the communities along the Great Miami River and its importance to the welfare of the people and institutions in the communities; and

WHEREAS, through its countywide coordinated program, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management has developed the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that includes all hazards to which Montgomery County, and its municipalities are susceptible as per Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors endorses the goals, strategies, and objectives of the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and acknowledges that it can support the Plan in the achievement of certain goals in appropriate ways.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the 2024 Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and supports MCD's participation in its efforts, to the extent feasible and in a manner consistent with MCD's needs, resources, and responsibilities, to lessen the vulnerability of communities in Montgomery County to the impacts of disasters.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented a resolution regarding grant funding applications.

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION—GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The following resolution has been prepared for consideration of the Board. It authorizes the General Manager, on behalf of The Miami Conservancy District and its Subdistricts, to make application for grant funding during the year of 2026 from a variety of sources, including state and federal agencies and private foundations. A resolution of authorization from the Board of Directors is required for most grant applications.

Pre-approval of this resolution from the Board of Directors often streamlines the grant writing process and allows staff to work more efficiently on grant applications.

M 2025-6803

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously adopted the following Resolution of Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding.

R 2025-1946

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, The Miami Conservancy District and its Subdistricts are working throughout the Miami Valley to reduce the risk of flooding; improve water quality; enhance stream and river corridors; and build recreational amenities and trails; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies including, but not limited to, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), administer financial assistance for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, state agencies including, but not limited to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) administer financial assistance for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, regional agencies including, but not limited to, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) administer financial assistance for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, community foundations administer financial assistance for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Miami Conservancy District and its Subdistricts desire financial assistance awarded by these agencies.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by The Miami Conservancy District and its Subdistricts as follows:

1. That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to make applications for and enter into any commitments necessary to obtain grant funds from agencies and organizations including, but not limited to, EDA, USEPA, FEMA, USACE, ODOT, ODNR, Ohio EPA, OEMA, MPOs, and community foundations.
2. That The Miami Conservancy District and its Subdistricts agree to provide local match funds for projects and will obligate funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project(s) and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the funding agency.
3. That the grants applied for under this resolution are subject to Board of Directors ratification.

4. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open and public meeting of this Board and deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest date allowable by law and shall remain in full force and effect throughout all of calendar year 2026.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented a summary of the entries filed with the Conservancy Court in 2025.

CONSERVANCY COURT ENTRIES

The following is a summary of the Conservancy Court entries filed in 2025:

In Case No. 36847 The Miami Conservancy District

March 4, 2025

Entry and Order setting a meeting of the Conservancy Court for August 29, 2025.

August 21, 2025

Notice of Filing of the 2024 Annual Report.

August 21, 2025

Notice of Filing of the 2023 Audit Report.

September 4, 2025

Entry and Order accepting the appointment of Brian C. Driscoll as the duly appointed judge, replacing Judge Thomas J. Capper, to serve on the Conservancy Court representing Clark County, Ohio.

September 4, 2025

Entry and Order accepting the appointment of Timothy S. Sell as the duly appointed judge, replacing Judge James F. Stevenson, to serve on the Conservancy Court representing Shelby County, Ohio.

September 4, 2025

Entry and Order accepting the appointment of Martin P. Votel as the duly appointed judge, replacing Judge Stephen R. Bruns, to serve on the Conservancy Court representing Preble County, Ohio.

September 4, 2025

Entry and Order reappointing and recognizing Michael H. van Haaren to The Miami Conservancy District Board of Directors for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2025.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry accepting and approving the Board of Directors Annual Report for fiscal year 2024.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry accepting and approving the 2023 Audit Report.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry increasing the compensation for the members of the Board of Directors to \$367.04 each per month, with said compensation to be adjusted, as necessary, and each member of the Board of Directors be allowed their necessary expenses while performing their official duties.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry recognizing the Honorable Stephen R. Bruns, Preble County, for his many years of service to the Conservancy Court.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry recognizing the Honorable Thomas J. Capper, Clark County, for his many years of service to the Conservancy Court.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry recognizing the Honorable James F. Stevenson, Shelby County, for his many years of service to the Conservancy Court.

November 17, 2025

Transcript filed of the Conservancy Court meeting held on August 29, 2025.

In Case No.105912

The Water Conservation Subdistrict of The Miami Conservancy District

August 21, 2025

Notice of Filing of the 2024 Annual Report.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry accepting and approving the Board of Directors Annual Report for fiscal year 2024.

In Case No. 94 4414

The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict of The Miami Conservancy District

August 21, 2025

Notice of Filing of the 2024 Annual Report.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry accepting and approving the Board of Directors Annual Report for fiscal year 2024.

In Case No. 99 2243

The River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict of The Miami Conservancy District

August 21, 2025

Notice of Filing of the 2024 Annual Report.

September 4, 2025

Judgment Entry accepting and approving the Board of Directors Annual Report for fiscal year 2024.

Next, Ms. Lodor informed the Board of Directors of the recent election of Sarah Hippensteel Hall as President of the Water Management Association of Ohio and included the following Dayton Daily News article.

SARAH HIPPENSTEEL HALL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF OHIO

Sarah Hippensteel Hall, PhD, Manager of Communications, Outreach, and Stewardship, has been elected President of the Water Management Association of Ohio (WMAO), the state's leading organization for water resource professionals.

WMAO is Ohio's oldest and largest network dedicated to floodplain management, water quality, watershed stewardship, and collaborative water policy. As president, Hippensteel Hall will guide statewide initiatives that support resilient communities, protect water resources, and strengthen Ohio's capacity to address emerging challenges such as aging infrastructure, climate-driven precipitation changes, and water contamination.

"Sarah's passion for water and her deep commitment to community-centered stewardship make her an exceptional leader for WMAO," said MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager of the Miami Conservancy District. "Her work at MCD reflects the very best of public service, and we're proud to see her expertise recognized at the state level."

Hippensteel Hall has spent her career advancing water protection, public education, and regional collaboration. At MCD, she leads efforts to engage communities with their rivers, expand recreational opportunities, and promote the importance of water for community health and economic vitality. She has previously been honored with WMAO's Distinguished Service Award and delivered a TEDxDayton talk on the importance of water in community resilience. "I'm honored to serve as WMAO's President during a time when water issues are increasingly visible and important to every Ohio community," said Hippensteel Hall. "This role is an opportunity to expand collaboration, share expertise, and champion the work needed to ensure safe, healthy, and thriving waterways across the state."

Hippensteel Hall's term as president began November 13, 2025.

Next, Ms. Lodor informed the Board of Directors of Alex Hackney's recent award from the Water Management Association of Ohio.

ALEX HACKNEY NAMED WATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF OHIO TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) is proud to announce that Alex Hackney has been named the 2025 Technician of the Year by the Water Management Association of Ohio

(WMAO)—a statewide honor recognizing excellence and professionalism in technical water management.

Alex has been an employee of MCD for more than 17 years. Alex is highly skilled in streamflow measurement, water sampling, electronic instrumentation, and data collection. He is known for taking on difficult tasks, supporting his team, and contributing directly to MCD's flood protection, water stewardship, and recreation missions. His positive attitude, reliability, and kindness make him a strong mentor to new staff and a trusted representative at cross-training sessions and public-facing events.

His colleagues describe him as technically proficient, encouraging, welcoming, and consistently willing to help—from troubleshooting IT issues to assisting with conservation-focused fieldwork. Alex's professionalism, teamwork, and dedication reflect the spirit of the Technician of the Year Award and make him a valued asset to MCD and the broader water-management community.

Congratulations Alex on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his continued service to MCD and the communities we protect.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board members set the following dates for the 2026 regular meetings of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Thursday, December 17, 2026

M 2024-6804

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler, unanimously agreed to adjourn to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors commenced Executive Session, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Van Haaren, for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. van Haaren, aye; Ms. Whelley, aye; and Mr. Rentschler, aye. The Executive Session began at 6:20 p.m.

Staff members present at the Executive Session were: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary.

Legal Counsel present at the Executive Session: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP.

A motion to exit the Executive Session was made and moved by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:25 p.m.

M 2024-6805

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved an agreement with McMahon DeGulis, LLP, with Lee Slone as primary counsel, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 6101.12, and authorized the President of the Board of Directors to execute the agreement.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. Rentschler at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



MaryLynn Lodor
General Manager/Board Secretary



Michael H. van Haaren
President