

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) sitting as the Board of Directors of The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict (APS) 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. The meeting was held at MCD headquarters located at 38 East Monument Avenue in Dayton.

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.

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 meetings by electronic mail dated December 9, 2025.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting of September 16, 2025, were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

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The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the meeting minutes for September 16, 2025.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented information related to erosion at Dicks Creek and efforts to close the gap in the Great Miami River in Monroe.

DICKS CREEK SEVERE EROSION ON MCD PROPERTY ALONG GREAT MIAMI RIVER AND RECREATIONAL TRAIL GAP

A critical gap in the Great Miami River Recreational Trail (GMRRT) remains between Hamilton and Middletown. Part of this gap lies on MCD property along Dicks Creek, where severe streambank erosion is occurring. This erosion is contributing to sedimentation, channel instability, and long-term risk to adjacent land and infrastructure.

The City of Monroe has requested MCD address approximately 830 feet of eroded streambank within the trail gap. Stabilizing this area is essential to protect property and reduce

sedimentation impacts, restore channel stability and improve environmental conditions, and enable completion of the GMRRT for regional connectivity and recreation.

MCD is developing a concept plan for erosion control and streambank restoration to support funding applications, including the Clean Ohio Grant Program and other sources. These improvements are necessary to close the trail gap and ensure long-term resilience of the river corridor.

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

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



MaryLynn Lodor
General Manager/Board Secretary



Michael H. van Haaren
President