

A special meeting (work session) of the Board of Directors was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law and The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) 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 May 17, 2024. The meeting was held at Miamisburg Civic Center, 10 N. First Street, Miamisburg, Ohio.

### **WORK SESSION**

The work session of the Board of Directors of MCD was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Mark G. Rentschler, President, with Beth G. Whelley, Vice President, and Michael H. van Haaren, member, present.

Members of the staff in attendance at the work session: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Interim Board Secretary; James B. Casper, Manager, Operations and Maintenance; Ginger Clark, Manager of the Great Miami Riverway; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager, Water Resources Monitoring and Analysis; Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager of Communications, Outreach, and Stewardship; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer; 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: John M. Hoopingarner, McMahan DeGulis LLP, and Lee A. Slone, McMahan DeGulis LLP.

Guests in attendance at the work session: Bob Harris, private citizen of Hamilton, Ohio; Joel Lauer, Hamilton City Council; David Stark, ArtSpace Hamilton Lofts; Arnita Gunn, private citizen of Hamilton, Ohio; and Mallory Greenham, City of Hamilton.

The work session was held to consider operational and capital needs given the pause in the readjustment, preview the Chief Engineer's priorities from the 2023 Annual Report, and discuss potential changes to the capital assessment.

Ms. Lodor began by restating the mission of Miami Conservancy District and discussed the drivers and issues of the pause in the readjustment. A short discussion of the exceptions received by MCD ensued.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented the plan to hire an independent consultant to review current methodology, legality, policy, definitions of benefits, revenues, and costs/forecasts in addition to evaluating alternatives. She then reviewed the current maintenance and capital assessment rates.

Mr. Moyer then presented information regarding the maintenance fund, revenue requirements, and the effects of the pause in the readjustment on revenue.

Next, Mr. O'Connor presented priorities in capital projects, including dam underseepage, levee seepage and stability, floodgate and outfall pipe failure, dam concrete wall stability, bank and levee erosion, and channel capacity reduction. He and Mr. Puskas discussed examples of each of these priorities and how a delay in completing work in each category would affect cost and safety to the individuals and communities benefiting from the flood protection system.

Next, Ms. Lodor discussed grant opportunities and current state and federal funding possibilities. She also reviewed a grant partnership with the City of Dayton as an example of project funding.

Ms. Lodor then led a discussion regarding the 2025 Capital Assessment.

Next, the meeting was opened to public comment. The following attendees chose to speak:

1. Mallory Greenham, City of Hamilton, 345 High Street, Hamilton, OH
2. Hamilton City Councilman W. Joel Lauer, 1430 Alexander Drive, Hamilton, OH
3. David Stark, 222 High Street, Hamilton, OH
4. Bob Harris, 429 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hamilton, OH

### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

At the December 13, 2023 meeting, the Board members set the following dates for future 2024 regular meetings of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District: September 18 and December 18, 2024.

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley at 3:45 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

  
MaryLynn Lodor  
General Manager/Interim Board Secretary

  
Mark G. Rentschler  
President