

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 10:17 a.m. by Mark G. Rentschler, President, with Beth G. Whelley, Vice President and Michael H. van Haaren, member, present. The meeting was held at Miamisburg Civic Center, 10 N. First Street, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Members of the staff in attendance at the regular meeting: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager; James B. Casper, Manager, Operations and Maintenance; 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 regular meeting: John M. Hoopingarner, McMahan DeGulis LLP, and Lee A. Slone, McMahan DeGulis LLP. MCD Lobbyist, Lori Kershner, was also in attendance.

Guests in attendance at the regular meeting: 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 May 28, 2024.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 21, 2024, were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2024-226

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously approved the meeting minutes for March 21, 2024.

Next, Mr. Moyer reported on contributions/donations received since the March 21, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS

The following donors have contributed sponsorship dollars since the March 2024 Board meeting to the Great Miami Riverway for the 2024 Great Miami Riverway Summit that was held on April 19. The list below includes commitments that have been received by MCD as of May 30. Should additional contributions be received, they will be reported at the next Board meeting.

<u>2024 Great Miami Riverway Summit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CenterPoint Energy	\$ 2,500

Harmony Systems	1,000
ASI Roads	1,000
Great Parks of Hamilton County	1,000
Korda Nemeth Engineering	1,000
SOPEC	1,000
University of Dayton Fitz Center	1,000
Miami County Park District	1,000
First Bank of Richmond	1,000
Great Lakes Publishing	500
City of Piqua	500
Five Rivers MetroParks	500
MKSK	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	\$12,500

M 2024-227

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously voted to accept receipt of \$12,500 collected through May 30, 2024, from the above sponsors for the 2024 Great Miami Riverway Summit.

Next, Mr. Moyer gave an update on grant funding that was previously reported to the Board of Directors at their December 13, 2023 meeting.

GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

In December 2022, the Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing staff to submit grant funding applications for various purposes. Staff has submitted the following grant requests:

Project Title: *Navigational Aids*

Description: To obtain replacement warning signs at low head dams in Hamilton and West Carrollton to alert river users to the safety issues of the dam.

Total Project Cost: \$6,680.00

Grant Amount Requested: \$6,680.00

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Watercraft

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$0

Other Participants: N/A

Status: Application was submitted on November 1, 2023. On March 26, 2024, ODNR notified MCD that funds are no longer awarded through this program.

Next, Mr. Moyer requested ratification of two grant funding requests.

GRANT FUNDING RATIFICATION

In December 2023, the Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing staff to submit grant funding applications for various purposes. Staff has submitted the following grant requests:

Project Title: *"Flood History and MCD Flood Protection System Kiosks and Books"*

Description: To install new interpretive kiosks at the five MCD dams and reprint the Flood of Memories book.

Total Project Cost: \$74,905

Grant Amount Requested: \$30,000

Source: Ohio Humanities Program

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$25,000 in-kind staff effort, \$19,905 (650 funds)

Other Participants: N/A

Status: Application was submitted on March 15, 2024. Grants will be awarded June 3, 2024.

M 2024-228

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously voted to ratify staff action regarding the grant funding request.

GRANT FUNDING RATIFICATION

In December 2021, the Board of Directors passed a resolution authorizing staff to submit grant funding applications for various purposes. Staff has submitted the following grant requests:

Project Title: *Great Miami Riverway Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge*

Description: To offset costs associated with running a smallmouth bass fishing tournament along the Great Miami River from June 15- July, including prizes and an awards event.

Total Project Cost: \$1,500

Grant Amount Requested: \$500

Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Step Outside Grant

The Miami Conservancy District Match: \$0

Other Participants: IGFA

Status: Application was submitted on April 30, 2024. We are still awaiting a determination on funding.

M 2024-229

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously voted to ratify staff action regarding the grant funding request.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The Board set July 16, 2024 as a work session in advance of the next regular meetings set for September 18, 2024 and December 18, 2024 for 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 on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Mr. Rentschler at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



MaryLynn Lodor
General Manager/Board Secretary



Mark G. Rentschler
President