

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 March 4, 2025, and amended March 5, 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 9:00 a.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 start of the work session: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Christina M. Pfeiffer, Executive Assistant; and Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer. Sarah Hippensteel Hall, Manager of Communications, Outreach, and Stewardship, joined the work session at 10:05 a.m.

Legal counsel in attendance at the work session: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP. Legal assistant, Margaret E. Saldivar, McMahon DeGulis LLP, was also in attendance.

Guests in attendance at the work session: None

Ms. Lodor began the work session by updating the Board members on the Vandalia Bike Connector project at Taylorsville Dam. Mr. O'Connor reviewed the construction process, materials in place, and status, including the discovery and repair of incidental cracking in the earthen dam during construction, which MCD investigated with the assistance of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and found no compromise to dam stability or function. The project is scheduled for completion in September 2025.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented information about a commercial building that burned down in 2013. The property remains subject to assessments based on the value of the building that was standing, despite a complete loss of the building. Mr. Moyer stated that the owner of the property would attend the regular meeting and make a public comment.

A discussion ensued regarding abatement in the face of catastrophic loss. The Board members agreed that at this point, they do not have rules in place regarding loss abatements.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented information regarding an appeal by a property owner in the Englewood basin. Mr. O'Connor showed slides of the property map and building that is the subject of the permit request. The Board members reviewed the deed restrictions, potential risks, and historic documents.

Next, Ms. Lodor informed the Board members of a potential future request by Mill Creek Conservancy District (MCCD) to become a subdistrict of MCD. MCCD has received a loan from the City of Cincinnati to do a study regarding methodology for future assessments. MCCD's current boundary is essentially Hamilton County; Butler County has not agreed to join the

MCCD. A discussion ensued concerning interest in assuming control of the MCCD. The Board agreed to revisit the issue at a later date.

Next, Ms. Lodor gave an update about the Benefit Assessment Study, specifically the Advisory Committee meeting held on February 20, 2025.

Ms. Lodor also reviewed the in-depth interviews conducted by Burges and Burges Strategists and her recent meetings with legislators. The legislators had questions regarding MCD's reliance on FEMA for funding and the efficiency of the organization. Ms. Lodor informed the legislators that MCD does not rely on FEMA funds to do its work and that MCD is understaffed at this time.

Finally, Dr. Hippensteel Hall presented tables showing engineering projects underway. The tables are summaries of analysis, design, and construction projects showing project status, cost, funding source, and location. The tables will be updated and handed out to the board members periodically.

M 2025-6751

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously adjourned the work session at 10:27 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of MCD was called to order at 10:34 a.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 regular meeting: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary; James B. Casper, Manager, Operations and Maintenance; Michael P. Ekberg, Manager of 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; and Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration.

Legal counsel in attendance at the regular meeting: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP. Legal assistant, Margaret E. Saldivar, McMahon DeGulis LLP, was also in attendance.

Guests in attendance at the regular meeting: Keith Berger and Mike Flora of United Missionary Church. Seyed Allameh of East Third Properties, LLC, arrived at the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meetings of December 18, 2024 (regular meeting), and January 23, 2025 (special meeting), were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

M 2025-6752

The Board of Directors, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously approved the meeting minutes for December 18, 2024, and January 23, 2025.

Mr. Rentschler opened the meeting by inviting Mr. Berger of United Missionary Church to present an appeal of MCD staff's decision to deny their permit request.

**PROPERTY
ENGLEWOOD STORAGE BASIN
APPEAL OF PERMIT REQUEST DECISION**

At the December 18, 2019, Board meeting, MCD staff ("Staff") presented information related to the United Missionary Church, Inc. of Troy who operates a church camp as a retreat and other camping ministries on a 55-acre site.

The camp uses a 20' x 40' building as a dormitory for sleeping quarters on land at approximate elevation 864 to 865. The building line in the Englewood Storage Basin is elevation 871. The building has electricity but not water or sanitary facilities. Because the purpose and regular use of the building is for sleeping quarters, Staff considers it habitable and not compliant with the Storage Basin Rules and Regulations.

At the December 18, 2019, Board meeting, Staff recommended that the Board allow continued use of the structure at Ludlow Falls Camp as a seasonal use dormitory, with a permit, to allow the camp owner time to plan for future needs. The Board of Directors unanimously allowed continued use of the structure at Ludlow Falls Camp (the Camp) as a seasonal use dormitory, with a permit not to exceed a five-year term. The permit prohibited the use of the building for habitation after the end of the permit term. The permit expired March 1, 2025.

The church applied for a permit to continue use of the structures including the dormitory on November 6, 2024. Staff denied the Church's permit application.

The United Missionary Church (the Church) appealed the Staff's denial by requesting it be overturned by the Board of Directors. The Church argues not having use of the dormitory for the larger groups would cause it financial hardship.

M 2025-6753

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously voted to hear the appeal and determine if the appeal should be denied or if the owner will be permitted to continue using the seasonal dormitory in the Englewood Storage Basin below the natural ground elevation of 871. The United Missionary Church was represented by Mr. Keith Berger.

Mr. Berger stated the property has been in use as a seasonal campground since 1899. The Camp uses the dormitory in question for approximately 30 days per year. There are 60 beds in the dormitory, and up to 200 campers use the beds over the season. Campers are 10 – 18 years old.

Mr. Berger stated that those 60 beds represent \$10,000 in annual income, but the group using the dormitory also uses the remainder of the Camp, representing \$40,000 in annual

income. If the permit is denied, the group may decide to camp elsewhere each summer, resulting in a loss of \$40,000 per year.

Mr. Berger stated that it would take 20-30 minutes to evacuate the property in the event of flooding and reiterated that the dormitory is only five feet below the storage elevation line and 9.5 miles north of Englewood Dam, stating that it would take a long time for the water to back up to the Camp property. There are also two counselors in the dormitory overnight. Any campers with disabilities are housed in buildings in the main part of the Camp, which is above 871 elevation.

Mr. Rentschler then asked what the Church would propose to do should the appeal be denied. Mr. Berger responded that there is a location above 876' elevation where a new dormitory could be built. The concern is that a new dormitory would cost upwards of \$250,000, 25 years to recoup that cost based on the \$10,000 in income the current building provides. Mr. Berger stated they could potentially build an elevated walkway from the second story of the dormitory, where the campers sleep, to a spot above 876' elevation so that there would be a safe evacuation route.

Mr. Rentschler then asked if the building was usually empty. Mr. Berger confirmed that it is. Ms. Whelley asked about the origins of the campers. Mr. Berger stated that most campers come from Ohio within 200 miles of the Camp.

Mr. Rentschler thanked Mr. Berger for his comments and stated that he will receive notification of the Board's decision.

Following the departure of Mr. Berger and Mr. Flora, the Board members continued to discuss the permit wherein the Board considered the potential risk to campers from flooding during dry summer months, under what circumstances the dormitory might flood, potential precedent of permitting residential use below spillway elevation, and potential permit limitations for the Church.

Next, Mr. Rentschler opened the meeting to public comment, noting the arrival of Mr. Seyed Allameh, owner of commercial property located at 1201 E. Third Street in Dayton.

Mr. Allameh presented information regarding his property, which suffered a catastrophic fire in 2013. Since that time, he has been paying an assessment based on the value of the property in 2012, before the fire and before the building was demolished. The property is now a vacant lot. Despite the fact that his property's actual value has decreased by 92%, his assessment remains based on a building that no longer exists.

Mr. Rentschler thanked Mr. Allameh for his comments and stated that MCD is in the process of reassessment which would lower the assessment on this property. MCD is working to complete the reassessment as quickly as possible. Thereafter, Mr. Allameh departed the meeting.

After further discussion, including current and potential future MCD policies for reviewing benefit appraisal reduction due to catastrophic loss, the Board determined it would not take action on Mr. Allameh's request at this time and directed Mr. Moyer to contact Mr. Allameh with their decision.

M 2025-6754

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, unanimously approved a use permit for this season, through Labor Day 2025, for occupancy of the seasonal-use dormitory at the sole risk of United Missionary Church. In addition, the permit will state that the Board will not approve further occupancy of this building beyond Labor Day 2025.

Next, Mr. Moyer provided the MCD Interim Budget Report for the period ending January 31, 2025, for review and acceptance.

M 2025-6755

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously accepted the Interim Budget Report as of January 21, 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 January 31, 2025.

INVESTMENT REPORT

MCD has funds invested in STAR Ohio and JPMorgan Money Market fund. The interest rates as of January 31, 2025, were:

- STAR Ohio account – 4.62%.
- Money Market account with JPMorgan Bank – 5.04% (1-year historical performance as of 1/31/2025) 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.

Next, Mr. Moyer presented the proposed assessment rates for 2026.

ASSESSMENT RATES FOR 2026 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 rates are recommended for the 2026 assessments collection.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE – FLOOD CONTROL

Levy No.	Purpose	Rate*
108	Regular Maintenance	.0335
64	Piqua Race Street Pump Station	.0335
55	Owl Creek Addition	.0335
27	Holes Creek Watershed Addition	.0335
18	Miller Ditch	.0095

*All rates are the same as 2025 assessments collection.

SUBDISTRICTS

Levy No.	Purpose	Rate*
30	The Aquifer Preservation Subdistrict	.00371
25	River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict	.0040

*All rates are the same as 2025 assessments collection.

Section 6101.48 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Board of Directors of a conservancy district may levy an assessment upon each tract or parcel of land and upon each political corporation to pay for the cost of the execution of the official plan including superintendence of construction and administration.

The following rate is recommended for the 2026 assessments collection.

CAPITAL ASSESSMENT

Levy No.	Purpose	Rate*
2	Capital Assessment	.0100

*This rate is the same as 2025 assessments collection.

Mr. Rentschler asked whether the assessment rates could be lowered. Mr. Moyer stated that it was possible, but MCD would then have to ask for higher rates in 2028. The recommended rate allows MCD to build its cash reserves a bit, and lowering the rate slightly would not make a noticeable difference to most residents within the flood protection system.

M 2025-6756

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the recommended rates for the 2026 assessments collection and direct the Secretary to prepare the necessary Assessment Duplicates.

Next, Ms. Lodor provided information to the Board of Directors regarding a letter of intent submitted to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

**LETTER OF INTENT SEEKING WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA)
APPROPRIATION FOR A GENERAL INVESTIGATION FOR THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER
RESILIENCE STUDY: SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE**

On February 24, 2025, the General Manager submitted a letter of intent to the USACE to seek appropriation for a General Investigation Study for FY 2027 appropriation bill. The study has already been authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2024.

The study would focus on MCD flood protection and recreational rehabilitation and enhancement. The study would also determine if there is federal interest in recapitalizing the locally funded, 100-year-old infrastructure. The study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new-start study with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process.

If selected, a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with the USACE would be required. The General Investigation Study would take up to four years at a cost of \$5M, 50/50 cost shared and the potential to seek a public private partnership agreement that may reduce the cost and schedule for implementation.

Next, Ms. Lodor gave an update on the Benefit Assessment Study currently underway.

**BENEFIT ASSESSMENT STUDY FOR THE 7TH READJUSTMENT OF THE APPRAISAL OF
BENEFITS – 2025 1ST QUARTER UPDATE**

Stantec presented their Phase 1 findings to the Board of Directors at its January 23, 2025, Special Meeting. A change order has been executed with Stantec that includes a Phase 2 scope of work to assist with ongoing refinement, participation with the Advisory Committee, development of a recommendation and anticipated testimony at the annual meeting of the Conservancy Court.

Public Outreach

In November 2024, MCD contracted with Burges & Burges to conduct a public opinion survey of 1200 property owners within the nine-county region. An in-depth survey was also conducted in January with 42 thought leaders throughout the region.

On February 20, 2025, MCD hosted the first Advisory Committee meeting with almost all committee members attending. The Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from cities, counties, and associations within the nine counties, including two residents. The Advisory Committee is facilitated with the help of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and is intended to provide input and perspectives to the Benefit Assessment Study as an additional sounding board prior to Board selection of an alternative.

At the first Advisory Committee meeting, topics included direct and indirect benefits, boundary of the main district, and facilitated compression planning exercises. Following the first meeting, a survey was conducted and a website set up with presentations, handouts, and activity summaries from the meeting; information provided to the Advisory Committee is attached.

The second Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025. The topic of discussion will be a review of the four alternatives and compression planning exercises related to evaluation criteria. A final Advisory Committee meeting is planned for May 8, 2025.

Phase 2 of the Benefit Assessment Study

In Phase 2 of the Benefit Assessment Study, Stantec will refine the benefit appraisal alternatives for consideration. Stantec will make refinements based on the evaluation criteria, Board and Advisory Committee feedback.

The Phase 2 study will also expand the pilot benefit analysis by conducting a third pilot area within Miami County. Stantec will utilize the same method as Phase 1 for the third pilot area and compare to Phase 1 results and update accordingly.

Phase 2 is anticipated to identify potential additional indirect benefits that could be calculated within the "Revised District Boundary". The Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee provided feedback that Stantec will review to consider in the identification of additional potential indirect benefits that *could be* quantified (tangible) and identify further indirect benefits which *would be difficult or infeasible* to quantify (intangible).

- Stantec will utilize FEMA's Benefit-Cost Analysis Sustainment and Enhancements Standard Economic Value Methodology Report Version 13.0 September 2024 as a starting point to identify other categories of benefits.
- Stantec will perform additional research and review of studies to identify indirect benefits relative to direct benefits for a community. A literature search on the economic impact (note, not the benefit) of other natural disasters will be completed.

Stantec will analyze the alternatives based on a sensitivity analysis. A sensitivity analysis is used to help evaluate options by determining how changes in key assumptions impact the outcomes. This could be valuable in selecting the best flood control or maintenance strategy by analyzing cost variations, climate conditions, or operational risks. Stantec will conduct three different reviews based on feedback and will make a recommendation of an approach to the Board and will offer supporting testimony to the Court.

Phase 2 will also consider implementation considerations of preferred benefit appraisal methodology, such as policies related to periodic review for land use changes or exemption adjustments and exemption categories. Phase 2 will also assist MCD in determining if new systems are needed for new methodology implementation to support tracking, billing, and modeling of the preferred methodology.

Stantec will prepare a draft report prior to the Conservancy Court Meeting, focusing on preferred benefit appraisal methodology and issue the final draft report in September 2025.

Next, Ms. Lodor provided information regarding the ongoing reaffirmation of rights project.

REAFFIRMATION OF RIGHTS UPDATE

The Miami Conservancy District reaffirmation on the 35,000+ acres of land within the five storage basin areas in Miami, Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Preble and Shelby Counties is nearly complete.

The Miami Conservancy District has legal rights on 35,000 acres of land within the five storage basin areas in Miami, Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Preble and Shelby Counties. These rights were obtained when MCD purchased the lands in the 1910's and 1920's. Although the rights on each purchase deed may vary, these rights include flood rights, building restrictions, fill restrictions, or land excavations to ensure adequate storage within the basin.

MCD's current policy is to reaffirm these rights approximately every 30 years by filing an affidavit with the legal descriptions of each parcel in the appropriate county Recorder's Office. The rights were last reaffirmed in the 1990's with the exception of Germantown Basin in Montgomery County and Lockington Basin in Shelby County, which were reaffirmed in 2016. The recorded affidavits ensure that these rights will be found during a title exam on the lands that are below the spillway and on any new parcels created by land splits or re-platting, as the rights run with the land.

MCD's goal is to ensure that the rights on these properties are readily available through a title search for the property owners (or potential buyers). Property owners may see MCD rights in title searches and are advised to contact MCD prior to making any changes to their property that may affect MCD's ability to store waters per the Official Plan.

Approximately 6,000 letters were sent to property owners explaining the MCD deed restrictions and reaffirmation of MCD's rights within the storage basins.

Next, Ms. Lodor provided information to the Board of Directors regarding the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assessment and accreditation progress.

LEEVE SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION STATUS UPDATES

Miami Conservancy District flood protection levees require ongoing maintenance, care, and attention. MCD's levees were built to a higher level of service than most other levees in the country. The MCD levees have performed well for over 100 years, but continuous maintenance, operation, monitoring, and analysis are necessary to reduce the risk of failure and ensure optimal performance to protect the region from flooding.

Levee Screening Assessment:

Updated hydraulic models and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps in Montgomery County are prompting levee accreditation submittals. At the suggestion of MCD's Board of Consultants, MCD engaged with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to obtain technical support to complete a Levee Screening Assessment (LSA) to advance comprehensive levee risk analysis and risk reduction. Our first LSA was conducted in March 2024 and our second is underway on March 10 – 14, 2025. The LSA is a non-regulatory assessment to identify risks to help rank and prioritize levee improvements and repairs.

FEMA Accreditation Update:

In addition to the LSA, MCD is currently working to fulfill FEMA enhanced accreditation requirements. Accreditation is a requirement for flood districts like MCD to conduct routine reaccreditation to ensure levees meet FEMA standards. MCD is intimately familiar with our levees and dams, but these regulatory requirements are standards FEMA uses to determine what properties must obtain FEMA flood insurance for any federally backed mortgages.

MCD has already accredited levees in Butler, Warren and Miami Counties and is currently in the process of conducting technical evaluations in Montgomery County. Accreditation of the Montgomery County levees was anticipated in 2020 to kick off in 2022 and to take four years of technical data collection, analysis and submittal of information to FEMA, demonstrating that our levees will protect from a 100-year event. The work began in 2021, and today, the data collection is mostly complete, with technical analysis and evaluations planned for 2025-2026, involving engineering analysis, reporting, reviews by MCD staff, and the compilation of comprehensive documentation for each levee system.

Over the last year, FEMA made MCD aware that it anticipates issuing MCD a "Provisional Accredited Levee" (PAL) letter for each levee system within Montgomery County. FEMA issues a "PAL" to local entities while field investigations or technical analyses are underway. Once a PAL is signed, the local sponsor (i.e., MCD) would have two years to submit a complete FEMA levee certification package for review. MCD is expecting the next PAL letter in early 2025. Consequently, the final levee accreditation packages should be due in early 2027.

MCD contracted with Michael Baker International, Inc. to conduct geotechnical engineering data collection in 2023 and 2024, with data analysis in 2024 and 2025. Currently, MCD has already spent approximately \$1.2M on Montgomery County levee accreditation. The MCD has a scope drafted for the next phase, totaling \$500K. In late 2024, FEMA indicated that there are a few other levees on the updated floodplain maps that may require additional field investigations and analysis, estimated at an additional \$250K- \$400K. Therefore, in totality, the FEMA accreditation estimate for MCD-owned Montgomery County levees is \$1.96M-\$2.2M.

Last year, MCD reached out to coordinate with other partners who operate, maintain, and inspect interior drainage components to ensure they understand their obligations; this includes the City of Dayton, Huber Heights, West Carrollton, Miamisburg, and Montgomery County. MCD, the City of Dayton (COD), and FEMA held a web meeting to discuss the next steps regarding the MCD-COD levee information.

MCD is closely monitoring the Trump administration changes to FEMA. Such changes could substantially affect the FEMA accreditation program.

MCD staff will continue to evaluate technical data and, utilizing the Levee Screening Assessment (LSA) and other inspection protocols, identify any issues that need attention or repair/improvement to maintain the highest level of service and ensure optimal performance to protect the region from flooding.

Next, Ms. Lodor gave an update on the USACE study of the Mad River Basin and Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION IMPACTING USACE STUDY OF MAD RIVER BASIN AND WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

MCD has been working diligently in recent decades studying the condition and stability of all five of the 101-year-old dams, including Huffman. Some necessary work has been completed such as crest walls and underseepage controls. Future concrete rehabilitation work has been identified but no detailed planning or design is completed. The 2023 cost estimate was \$15M.

Over the last year, MCD has been discussing options with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to obtain technical assistance to conduct a watershed wide study of Mad River/Huffman basin. The study will help inform considerations of flood control optimization based on current conditions and future needs of the watershed, Huffman Dam, and downstream protected areas.

Many changes in the watershed upstream of Huffman Dam have occurred since 1922, when MCD's system was completed. Those land use changes include the creation and growth of Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB).

MCD has worked with the USACE to develop a scope of work to conduct a watershed-based flood protection study under their "Planning Assistance to States" (PAS) authorization. The project was anticipated to start in FY 2025/early 2025. However, because the federal government is operating under a continuing resolution, the PAS project has not been finalized by the USACE. At present, the federal budget's continuing resolution is scheduled to expire on March 14, 2025, and the USACE has informed us that it will not likely be starting any "new start" projects, such as this, before FY 2026.

Concurrently, MCD is also in discussion with WPAFB to submit a Department of Defense (DoD) planning grant called "Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge Grant". MCD will use the scope developed with the USACE PAS. The pre-application is anticipated to be due in June, full proposals in August if invited to submit.

In summary, MCD plans to request a REPI Challenge Grant to evaluate current conditions through the Mad River/Huffman Dam basin, evaluate storage within the basin, identify benefits of any operational changes to C.J. Brown Reservoir or opportunities for additional nature-based solutions upstream of Huffman Dam that may improve flood protection at WPAFB, and consider any modifications to Huffman Dam before any future concrete rehabilitation is designed.

The basin study may recommend conceptual projects to explore further with detailed planning and design, and may include potential scopes of work, schedules, cost estimates, and funding scenarios to improve flood protection within the Huffman basin and other MCD basins. Project types could include property acquisition, environmental remediation, water quality considerations, coordination with existing or new controls, detailed design, and construction.

Next, Mr. Casper presented structural changes in the Maintenance and Operations department set in place on March 10, 2025.

ZONE ORGANIZATION FOR FIELD OPERATIONS

In 2025, MCD is implementing an important change to its field operations teams to enhance safety, efficiency, and collaboration. Starting around March 10, the features of the flood protection system will be organized into five zones. Each zone will be assigned a team. Rather than caretakers working alone at each feature, MCD is transitioning to a team approach to enhance safety— because safety is MCD's top priority.

This new structure will improve how fieldwork is managed and implemented, and it creates five promotional opportunities for the new role of Field Supervising Caretaker. As part of this transition, the Project Crew will report to the Field Operations Manager. This change will further streamline field operations while maintaining strong collaboration with engineering staff.

During this transition, MCD staff will continue to use the current channels of communication to contact field staff. Once the zones, teams, and supervisors are announced, MCD staff will be informed of updated contact information.

Mr. Casper stated that the zones were based on rough mowing acreage and should allow a reduction in the amount of equipment needed by 10 – 15%. This model should particularly reduce the amount of idle time for certain equipment and will equalize the number of staff members working in each zone.

The Board requested an update on this reorganization at the September board meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

During their December 18, 2024, meeting, the Board members set the following dates for the remaining 2025 regular meetings of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District:

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Wednesday, September 16, 2025

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

In addition, the Board members set the following date for a special meeting of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District:

Thursday, May 22, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors adjourned to Executive Session, on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren, for the purpose of considering pending or imminent court action as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Rentschler, aye; Ms. Whelley, aye; and Mr. van Haaren, aye. Executive Session began at 12:31 p.m.

Staff members present at the Executive Session: MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager/Board Secretary, Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; and Donald P. O'Connor, Chief Engineer.

Legal Counsel present at the Executive Session: Lee A. Slone, McMahon DeGulis LLP. Legal assistant, Margaret E. Saldivar, McMahon DeGulis LLP, was also in attendance.

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

The meeting returned to open session at 1:00 p.m.

M 2025-6757

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. Rentschler and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously directed legal counsel to proceed with negotiations toward a settlement in accordance with the details discussed during the executive session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Ms. Whelley and seconded by Mr. van Haaren at 1:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



MaryLynn Lodor
General Manager/Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Mark G. Rentschler
President