

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 12:32 p.m. by Mark G. Rentschler, President, with Beth G. Whelley, Vice President, and Michael H. van Haaren, 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; 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; Kenneth P. Moyer, Treasurer; Christina M. Pfeiffer, Executive Assistant; and Shannon E. Phelps, Manager of Administration.

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

Guests in attendance at the regular meeting: John Menninger, Stantec Consulting, Inc.

### **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 June 18, 2025.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 12, 2025, were provided to members of the Board for review and comment.

#### **M 2025-236**

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the meeting minutes for March 12, 2025.

First, Ms. Lodor provided information regarding a grant for a project along the Great Miami River Trail.

### **RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION MOT- OLD NORTH DAYTON TRAIL, SEG 2**

In March 2021, MCD received notification that a grant had been approved for the Old North Dayton Trail, Segment 2 project. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has agreed to manage the bidding and construction of the project scheduled for construction in 2026.

ODOT notified MCD that the Board of Directors needs to pass a resolution agreeing that MCD will serve as the Local Public Agency partner for the project. The resolution gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the project and agrees that MCD will provide the local cost share of the project. This is the first of two resolutions that ODOT requires for this

project. The second resolution will be requested from the Board of Directors just before the project is advertised for bids.

**M 2025-237**

The Board of Directors, on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley, unanimously approved the following Resolution of Participation with ODOT for the Old North Dayton Trail, Segment 2.

**R 2025-81**

**RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION  
MOT- Old North Dayton Trail, Segment 2  
PID NO. 115170**

The following is a Resolution enacted by The Miami Conservancy District, River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict, of Montgomery County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as The Miami Conservancy District (Local Public Agency – LPA).

**SECTION I – Project Description**

**WHEREAS**, The Miami Conservancy District has determined the need for the described project: Construct a new 1.17-mile-long bike path extension at the left bank of the Great Miami River from Keowee Street to Heid Avenue, in the City of Dayton, Ohio.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by The Miami Conservancy District of Montgomery County, Ohio.

**SECTION II – Consent Statement**

Being in the public interest, The Miami Conservancy District gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above-described project.

**SECTION III – Cooperation Statement**

The Miami Conservancy District shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above-described project as follows:

The Miami Conservancy District agrees to participate in the cost of the project.

The Miami Conservancy District further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by The Miami Conservancy District which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

The Miami Conservancy District further agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required to fulfill the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The State shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to The Miami Conservancy District. The Miami Conservancy District shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.

#### **SECTION IV – Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement**

The Miami Conservancy District agrees to acquire and/or make available to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), in accordance with current State and Federal regulations, all necessary right-of-way required for the described Project. The Miami Conservancy District also understands that right-of-way includes eligible utility costs.

The Miami Conservancy District agrees to be responsible for all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement and agrees that such accommodation, relocations, and reimbursements shall comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

#### **SECTION V – Maintenance**

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, The Miami Conservancy District shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

#### **SECTION VI – Authority to Sign**

That MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager of said The Miami Conservancy District is hereby empowered on behalf of The Miami Conservancy District to enter into contracts with ODOT pre-qualified consultants for the preliminary engineering phase of the Project and to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation which is necessary to complete the above-described project.

Upon request of ODOT, MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager of said The Miami Conservancy District is also empowered to assign all rights, title, and interests of The Miami Conservancy District to ODOT arising from any agreement with its consultant in order to allow ODOT to direct additional or corrective work, recover damages due to errors or omissions, and to exercise all other contractual rights and remedies afforded by law or equity.

The Resolution, R 2025-81 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and to promote highway safety. It shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Next, Ms. Lodor presented information related to the Quarterly Report for the second quarter of 2025.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The quarterly report was provided to the Board. Operational activities were discussed including an update by Mr. Casper on the cleanup coordination of homeless encampments and collaboration in Butler County. Mr. Casper also reported on updates on the new zone management of features.

An update on the success of the 2025 Riverway Summit in Miamisburg was provided by Ms. Clark and Dr. Hippensteel Hall. The outdoor event featured an exciting attraction with Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO)'s *Life Below the Waterline*, a traveling freshwater aquarium that holds 2,200 gallons of water and was freshly stocked with fish from the Great Miami River. More than 2000 visitors came to see the aquarium, provided courtesy of the APS to demonstrate the health of the Great Miami River. Next year's Riverway Summit planning is already underway. It will be held in Hamilton on April 24, 2026.

Mr. Rentschler inquired about rules pertaining to electric bikes and usage on the bike trail. Dr. Hippensteel Hall commented that rules are set by Ohio and enforced locally and more stringent local regulations may apply. On the Great Miami River Recreational Trail, Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are allowed. These e-bikes are equipped with electric motors that assist the rider when pedaling and cease to assist when reaching a speed of 20 miles per hour. Class 3 e-bikes, which can exceed the speed limit, are not permitted on the trail. Enforcement is performed by local jurisdictions. Plans are underway to increase messaging about trail etiquette.

### 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:

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

In addition, the Board members set the following dates for special meetings of the Board of Directors of The Miami Conservancy District:

Monday, July 28, 2025

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. van Haaren and seconded by Ms. Whelley at 2:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
MaryLynn Lodor  
General Manager/Board Secretary

  
Mark G. Rentschler  
President