

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**JUNE 9, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Arnett, Niani Brown, Scott Eardley, Sarah Richard, Kathleen Turner, Brian Williams, Matthew Worsham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Pritchard, Hillery Spearman

STAFF PRESENT: Isabelle Blackwell, Eric Borth, Kena Crist, Mary Faulkner, Paul Fleischman, Darius Hixon, Keith Klein, Chris Lipson, Theresa McGeady, Carolyn Moore, John Musto, Michael Powell, Zak Schultz, Michele Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT: Walt Hibner – CenterPoint Energy  
Sarah Holod – Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County  
John Woodman – Solid Waste District  
Cory Frolik – Dayton Daily News  
Amelia Dockerty – UD Fellow, Sustainability  
Eleanor Yates-McEwen – UD Fellow, Sustainability  
Emmy Gerth – UD Fellow, Sustainability

Chairperson, Katherine Arnett, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and introductions were made. There was a special welcome to Niani Brown, the newest member of the board. The board now has all seats filled.

Citizens' Concerns: An update on the Flight Line Trail from Susan Vincent was read by John Musto. There was a question about local air quality due to the Canadian Fires. The Regional Air Pollution Control (RAPCA) as well as the EPA have daily reports and updates on their websites.

Approval of the April 2023 Minutes: Chairperson Katherine Arnett called for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2023 meeting. Sarah Richard made a motion to accept the minutes. Matt Worsham seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the minutes were accepted.

Staff Items: Source Water: Darius Hixon shared that a new Spill Response Quick Guide will be distributed to businesses throughout the area. Plans are to film an educational video with the Dayton Fire Department to go along with the Guide. A suggestion was made to put the Guide on the City's website. Zak Schultz shared that in-person inspections are continuing and is a core part of the Source Water Area Protection Program. The goal is to perform a little over 200 inspections this year. Storm Water: Theresa McGeady shared that part of our ordinance and plan through MPDS with Ohio EPA is outfall sampling. Staff is planning to dry weather sample this afternoon, looking for illegal discharges that could be entering the river from our storm sewer system. Several from the Sustainability Office will be joining to learn about the sampling process. The Great Miami River Clean Sweep will be happening July 14<sup>th</sup>. The Urban Agriculture Grant Program is continuing. There is a flyer with details. The Adopt a Storm Drain, Doo Good, and DIY River Clean Up Programs are ongoing. All the PFAS strategy projects that were nominated for funding for program year 2024 were included. If agreements are approved, the total loan agreements for 2023 and 2024 would total over \$38 Million. Mr. Robert Jurick has requested a Conservation Easement on the Clark County Well Field, owned by the City of Dayton, to protect the endangered Eastern White Fringed Prairie Orchid. DEM works with the farmer lessee of the property, to ensure the safety of the endangered plant by approving any chemical used. The lessee is dedicated to the preservation of the land and is a good steward.

Sustainability: Michele Simmons asked the UD Fellows to introduce themselves and share what they are doing for the Sustainability Office. Michele shared the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Analysis for review. The application deadline for a \$5 Million grant is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please email Meg Maloney your comments by June 16<sup>th</sup>. A meeting, hosted by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, on the solar co-op for businesses will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Scott Eardley shared that the UD Industrial Assessment Center is offering Energy Assessments for businesses, whether considering solar or not.

Valleycrest: Michele Simmons shared that there was conversation concerning securing funding for the roadway.

Economic Development: No update.

Public Health, Dayton and Montgomery County: No update.

Solid Waste District: John Woodman mentioned that the final phase of the master plan at the transfer station is almost complete. Construction will hopefully start next year. The next Styrofoam Collection event will be on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Business Solutions Center on Cincinnati Street.

Five Rivers MetroParks: No update.

University of Dayton: Sarah Richard shared that the UD move out was a success. She will report how much waste was diverted in the future. They are very close to finalization of UD's Sustainability Goals and will report on those as soon as they are complete.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Katherine Arnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Brian Williams and seconded by Sarah Richard. The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.