

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katherine Arnett, Scott Eardley, Tim Pritchard, Sarah Richard, Hillery Spearman, Kathleen Turner, Brian Williams, Matthew Worsham, Hannah McClure (Assoc. Member), Caroline Turnbull (Assoc. Member)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Eric Borth, Paul Fleischman, Felicia Graham, Julie Height, Darius Hixon, Adam Laugle, Meg Maloney, Carolyn Moore, Michael Powell, Zak Schultz, Michele Simmons

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Holod – Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County  
Tyler Hauck – Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County  
John Woodman – Solid Waste District  
Kiara DiLoreto – UD Student  
Jamie Burenga – UD Student

Chairperson, Katherine Arnett, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns: There were none.

Approval of the December 2022 Minutes: Chairperson Katherine called for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2022 meeting. Brian Williams made a motion to accept the minutes. Tim Pritchard seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the minutes were accepted.

Staff Items: Source Water: Darius Hixon updated the EAB of several projects being funded by the Source Water Protection Fund Board. The grants will enable a Risk Reduction Data Management System to be purchased, resuming the Lunch & Leams, hiring a contractor to work on the risk assessment tool being developed, and purchase KnoxBoxes for buildings in the Source Water Protection Area. Storm Water: Felicia Graham shared that the Children's Water Festival will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a reduced schedule. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dayton Public Schools will be providing transportation. Montgomery County and the City of Centerville are offering rain barrels at a reduced cost for anyone interested. This spring, applications will be available for the Urban Agriculture Grant. DIY cleanups are being offered to those groups interested in hosting.

Sustainability: Meg Maloney shared that they are working on two grants with Public Works. One is to encourage recycling with grant investment choices as incentive for clean ups. Another benefit would be alley sweeping along with door-to-door education. It also includes hiring a marketing consultant to research best education avenues concerning recycling then partner with UD for implementation. The second grant would be for purchasing solid waste infrastructure recycling vehicles with RFID to measure and track recycling contamination. They will be applying for an environment justice grant for installation of solar energy for residents surrounding Behr site with ventilation systems. The Community Action Group will be applying for a grant to test children in the 45404 area code for TCE contamination in the households that don't have ventilation systems. Also being applied for is the Energy Efficiency Block Grant, the use of the grant has not been decided. Valleycrest Update: Solar AC Power is filing their interconnection agreement to put solar on Valleycrest. We are having conversations with AES concerning crediting the residents for the power. In conversations statewide to start a Green Bank, which provides low interest loans for sustainability projects. Meg is also planning an Earth Day calendar, coordinating events entities. The City of Dayton and AES are in rate case negotiations. Solar United Neighbors did a residential bulk purchase of solar co-op. That will be repeated this year for small non-profits and

Sustainability, continued:

other businesses. More information to be released in April or May. Michele Simmons shared that an exciting art exhibit will be coming to the Ed Dixon Gallery from March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. The name of the exhibit is “Trash Talks”, which will raise money for local organizations. She also proposed a concept of “Adopt a Block”, like “Adopt a Storm Drain” program.

Economic Development: No update.

Public Health, Dayton and Montgomery County: Sarah Holod shared that their annual report was presented to the Source Water Protection Fund Board on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and through the Source Water Waste Disposal Program was able to address and properly dispose of two legacy sites. One hundred and twenty barrels were successfully disposed.

Solid Waste District: John Woodman updated the board on the Styrofoam Recycling Program, which is continuing quarterly. The last one in January collected over 9000 lbs. of Styrofoam. The next one will be held in Huber Heights on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rose Music Center. They are in the meeting stages of updating their Five-Year Solid Waste Plan with the Ohio EPA. The transfer station is undergoing a large capital project by adding a new public entrance off Cardington Road. Construction will start next year, with completion in two years. A change was made to the schedule of Household Hazardous Waste Program. John is sharing refrigerator magnets with the new schedule (1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays only).

Five Rivers MetroParks: Tim Pritchard shared that the Second Street Market has a confirmed donor for their solar project. It will go out for RFP by mid-spring. Second Street Market has also been partnering with Drive Electric Dayton for a program called “Cars and Coffee” promoting electric car use, starting last month. The next event will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nine locations were approved for EV chargers through the BRPC Community Grant. They should be installed in 2024. The Climate Change Mitigation Strategy was approved and is now integrated into the strategic goals. One of the first implementations is an agency-wide carbon sequestration study. This will be a valuable tool to establishing a net negative carbon agency.

University of Dayton: Sarah Richard brought two student leaders to the meeting today. There are now twenty-one sustainability student leaders on campus. The first draft of the campus-wide sustainability goals has gone through. The public announcement should be made this summer. The Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker is Doctor Catherine Wilkinson. Plans are being made for an energy assessment boot camp later this month at the university to equip students with skills that are needed for energy assessments. She is working on the Move-Out Plan for diverting waste at end of school year.

Old Business: Annual Retreat was held last month, with the letter writing to elected officials being a major highlight. Katherine Arnett and Tim Pritchard were re-elected to their positions. Would like to see someone in environmental law apply for the remaining open board position and engage with more people to be familiar with what the board does for possible future board members. Action items: have a presence on the C.O.D. website, succession planning, continue letter writing, re-form Water Committee, and consistent community engagement.

New Business: Hillery Spearman mentioned she would like to have grant application information disseminated to Dayton Public Schools for their participation. Meg Maloney will investigate how to share grant information more broadly. She suggested investigating Power Clean Future Ohio’s website that lists grants as they become available with free webinars.

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 Tim Pritchard. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.