

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Security Commission Meeting
April 9th, 2024

1. **Members Present:** Jim Maulden, Cathie Brown, Brian Clancy, Steve Burke, Harry Sherman, Tom Quill, and Jo Ann Hamilton
2. **Members Absent:** None
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
 - b. 6 freeholders in attendance (Dave Jarrett, Nancy Quill, Matt Murtha, Mike Walters, Greg Vavul & Carrie Vavul)
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. Mr. Clancy requested to add under line item 8. Commission Member concerns some concerns that he wanted to discuss at that time. Mr. Maulden requested to add under line item 8. Commission Member Concerns information about boat patrol, such as uniforms and back up.
6. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. There Commission reviewed the February Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Clancy motioned to approve the February 9th, 2024, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Maulden. Mr. Quill abstained from the vote. Motion passed 6-0.
7. **Introduction of new commission member.**
 - a. Mr. Clancy introduced Tom Quill and asked him to tell a little bit about himself. Mr. Quill noted that he had been at the lakes since 2001 and originally was on Sweetwater Drive in a cove between Hummingbird and Jay Drive; he and his wife later purchased a property on Owl and built a home. Mr. Quill noted that he and his wife have two daughters and moved to the lakes full-time in 2020.
8. **Freeholder Concerns:**
 - a. Mike Walter (WS 129) thanked everyone who helped and put on the event at the beach for the eclipse. Mr. Walter requested that the security commission look at personal buoys on the lake and take action. Mr. Walter noted he had no problem with them when they are being used, but when they are not in use, they should be pulled into the docks, like the

rule states. Mr. Walter mentioned the buoy they had in the middle of the cove he lives on and that it was there for 3 years. Mr. Walter noted that he was thankful there was action taken on that buoy last year and was thankful that letters were sent to freeholders with personal buoys reminding them to pull their buoys in when not in use. Mr. Walter noted that he was bringing this concern up because he did not want to see personal buoys becoming a problem again. Mr. Maulden noted that he believed the buoys are put out to deter boats when people are swimming. Mr. Walter noted that he believed that is fine but when they are not in use, they should be pulled in. There was discussion amongst the commission to send out a buoy letter to freeholders again this year.

- b. Nancy Quill (WS98) discussed the determination of lengths of boats. Mrs. Quill noted that at the last Board meeting it was discussed to go by length of boats listed on jdpower or the manufacturer site and she believed that would allow larger boats on the lakes. Mr. Maulden noted that if the Board did decide to determine boat length this way it would do away with having staff measuring boats, because if jdpower says the length is a length greater than maximum length allowed, it would be too long to allow on the lakes. Mr. Maulden noted that determining length this way did not pass at the last meeting but determining boat weight by using jdpower or the manufacturers site did. Mr. Sherman spoke about ski platforms and propellers and how the ski platform is for safety.

9. Old Business:

a. Updating Security Rules

1. Mr. Maulden discussed updating the 20-year-old rulebook and adding the Resolutions from 2004 until now. Mr. Maulden noted that Shena Wheeler and Sonia Leerkamp had volunteered their time to combine and update the rules and make them available online so that it would include the most up-to-date resolutions. Mr. Maulden noted that they would not be changing any rules at this time, this is just to update and organize the rule book with the resolutions that have been passed since 2004. Mr. Maulden noted that he was going to review resolutions from 2004-2009 and Mr. Quill had already been reviewing the resolutions from 2010-2024. Mr. Maulden noted that there was a lot of overlap in ecology and security rules and Sheena and Sonia offered to help combine those areas.
2. Mr. Quill gave an example of what would be updated by showing the fishing rules in the green rule book and how number 4 of the fishing rules in the green book had been amended by two different resolutions one from 2015 and one from 2018.
3. Mr. Clancy noted last year the commission had gone over some of the verbiage in the green rule book and how the commission wanted to modify that. Mrs. Brown noted that she would ask Ted Adolay for the notes on the verbiage updates that the

commission went over last year. Mr. Clancy discussed the possibility of an app for the rule book with hyperlinks to resolutions. Matt Murtha asked if this was being done to make the rules all available in one document or to clarify the rules if the commission finds conflicting rules. Mr. Maulden noted that currently you must look through all the resolutions to find the up-to-date rules because they are not in the green rule book. Mr. Clancy noted that if there are conflicting rules then they need reviewed.

10. New Business:

a. Dash Cameras

1. Mr. Clancy discussed dash cameras for boat patrol. Mr. Clancy noted that this would help boat patrol, the dash camera would come on and start recording when boat patrol turns on their lights. Mr. Clancy noted this would also help the security commission and the Board if a freeholder wanted to appeal a ticket because they would have video of the violation. Mr. Burke noted that he liked the idea of cameras being 360 because then if something is happening at the back of the boat, boat patrol would have the recording as well. There was discussion about cost and functionality of the cameras. It was decided that Mr. Clancy, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Sherman would look into cameras and pricing.

b. Wake Foiling

1. Mr. Maulden spoke about wake foiling. It was discussed that this is a small, motorized board that could lift out of the water. Mr. Maulden noted he believed the rule regarding personal watercraft would prevent from allowing this on the lakes. Greg Vavul mentioned that there are some of these devices that do not have a motor on them and are pulled behind a boat. Dave Jarret noted that he had an air chair; he noted there is a difference between the two; Mr. Jarrett noted that his air chair is pulled behind a boat around 20 mph while foil surfing is done at a speed around 10 mph similar to wake surfing. Mr. Maulden noted he believed wake surfing and foil surfing would be handled in a similar way.

c. Kayak Launch

1. Mr. Maulden discussed that a freeholder had brought a concern of the only place to put in nonmotorized watercraft is at the boat ramp and that can be rough on a busy day, even in the idle zone. Mr. Maulden noted that he had looked around Sweetwater to see if there were any places where nonmotorized boats could easily launch and have a place to park and found the picnic area on Nuthatch has both parking and a good place to launch. Mr. Sherman asked if there was a dock there and suggested adding one to next year's budget. It was discussed if there was a similar area like this on Cordry Lake for freeholders to launch their nonmotorized watercraft. Mr. Maulden asked Mrs. Brown to look for an area like this on Cordry Lake. Matt

Murtha asked if this is something that the security commission should bounce off the ecology commission, since they look at parks and rec.

11. Commission Member Concerns:

- a. Mr. Quill asked how the commission wants to move forward with updating the rule book with the resolutions. Mr. Sherman asked if the updates the commission made last year would be integrated into this. Mr. Quill noted that he would attach the resolutions to where they belong in the rule book if the security commission was ok with that. Mr. Maulden noted that this would just be updating the rule book to include what the Board has already made a rule.
- b. Mr. Burke noted that he has been seeing deputies very frequently in the district. Mr. Burke asked if the district could give perks such as beach passes or something to the deputies. Mrs. Bay noted that the deputies do get beach passes.
- c. Mr. Sherman noted that he thought that when the lake light is red that nonmotorized watercraft should be allowed out on the lake to float around, since they do not create a wake. Mr. Maulden agreed that since they do not make a wake that this would be a good idea. Mr. Maulden asked the rest of the commission if this was something they would want him to present to the Board. The commission was in agreement that it was.
- d. Mr. Maulden asked about procedures for Boat Patrol if they pulled someone over, what type of back up would they have. Mrs. Brown noted that if it was an emergency or they needed help they would call 911 and a deputy would be dispatched. Mrs. Bay noted that deputies have been picking up a good amount of part time shifts in the district lately. Mr. Maulden asked if the Boat Patrol had uniforms that distinguish them. Mrs. Bay noted that Boat Patrol gets new patrol shirts every year. Mr. Maulden asked who scheduled deputies for the larger events like the haunted trail. Mrs. Bay explained that currently the part time deputies pick up shifts through homebase. Mrs. Bay noted that if there is an event that warrants extra deputies to be in the lake, for example like the eclipse this past Monday, she reaches out to the deputies to see if they have the availability to have more than one deputy on for the district, and when having multiple deputies on she normally contacts the Board Chairman like what was done for the extra coverage needed with the eclipse.
- e. Mrs. Brown noted that she took the safety course and had a copy of it, and her ID, along with the same things for anyone who would be allowed to drive their boat, and asked if the Board approved of everyone driving a boat on the lake be required to take the course. Mr. Maulden noted that only the freeholder had to take the course to get their 2024-2026 season decals.
- f. Mr. Clancy asked about the siren on the rhib boat; Mrs. Bay noted that the new siren had been ordered for it and will be installed soon. Mr. Clancy asked if the tickets/violations issued by Boat Patrol were posted on the website and then asked for them to be published with the minutes. Mr. Clancy discussed a freeholder bringing up an ev charging station and noted that he did not think this would be a good idea to have people

outside of the district coming in to charge their vehicles at night. Mr. Clancy discussed the flock cameras, and noted he would get with his contact and see why he was having trouble accessing them. Mr. Clancy asked for the CSCD vimeo page to be cleaned up so it did not have the meeting test clips on there that would make it easier for freeholders to find the meeting recordings to view. Mr. Clancy quickly reviewed what the commission members would be doing before the next meeting; Mr. Maulden and Mr. Quill updating the rulebook by adding in the resolutions, Mrs. Brown would contact Ted Adolay for the updates the commission made last year with the rule book and look around Cordry lake for a place to launch nonmotorized watercraft, and Mr. Clancy, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Burke would look into dash cameras for the patrol boats.

12. Adjourn (7:52 PM)

MOTION: Mr. Clancy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mrs. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.