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**MINUTES**  
**ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**  
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
**6 DEC, 2018**

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 6 December, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards ( Board ), Brenda Maulden, & Jim Donnellis (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Ty Cooper, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Randy Brumfield
- D. Others in Attendance: 2 Guests
- E. *Brenda Maulden moved to approve the Minutes of the 1 November, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Josh Edwards seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None
- G. OLD BUSINESS :

1. ( 6:15 P.M. ) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** ( *Rick N. reports No significant changes from last month* ): Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: Trail 5 Extension work progress; a planned sediment pond to catch silt before it enters the lake on Sweetwater Lake; plans for coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive; updates on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly/Elk Drives; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam. The initial design phase of the Sweetwater Dam repair is now complete. The project is expected to go out to bid in December or January.

2. ( 6:15 P.M. ) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE** ( *Brenda* ): No significant activity update

3. ( 6:20 P.M. ) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE** ( *Rick* ): The Commission reviewed the status of the ongoing Community Hunt Access Program ( CHAP ) hunt in the CSCD. No safety violations have occurred, and 64 deer have been harvested to date. The last hunt date for the year will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A "Report of the Hunt" will be prepared at that time and available for the Commission, Board, and all freeholders to view. Unofficially, it was reported that the most hunters hunting in a day was 17 and the fewest was 0, with an average of 7 to 8 hunters hunting each day of the hunt so far. Planning for the second-year CHAP hunt will commence immediately after this year's hunt ends, using the "Report of the Hunt," as a starting point for lessons learned.

In addition, it was reported that our CHAP coordinator, Rusty Fields, and Jason Sneed have trapped and removed over 50 muskrats from our lakes so far, with trapping continuing throughout the winter months.

H. NEW BUSINESS : ( 6:45 P.M. )

1. Brenda Maulden suggested offering a "reduced rate" for CSLOA members who sign up for garden plots next year as a potential incentive for freeholders to join CSLOA. After reviewing the relationship of the Garden Club to the ECOLOGY Commission, it was pointed out that the fee to use a garden plot was based on water usage by the gardeners. Brenda was asked to consult with Josh Hawley and the CSCD Water Clerk, Judy Surface, to determine if the current fee structure supports this proposal and to report back her findings to the Commission.

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2. **WALKING/JOGGING TRAIL INITIATIVE** ( *Jim* ): Jim Donnellis was asked by the Commission to clarify the location of “Phase 1” of the proposed walking/jogging trail that ECOLOGY is trying to get approved. He pointed out that the proposed first phase, if approved by the CSCD Board, would install a six (6) foot, paved path from the Nature Trail access road to the cell tower access road, extending 800 meters long, and located parallel to, and 6’ east of, Sunset Drive.
- I. There is no ECOLOGY meeting in January. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 7 February, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.
- J. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Rick Normington moved to adjourn the December meeting of the Ecology Commission. Brenda Maulden seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:  
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