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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
JUNE 3RD, 2021

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on June 3rd, 2021, in the CSCD Office.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Brenda Maulden, Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield, & Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA)
- C. Members Absent: Jim Donnell
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 15 guests
- E. *Josh Edwards moved to approve the Minutes of the 4 March, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS**:
1. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ON ZEBRA MUSSEL PROPOSAL**: Mr. Brumfield read and detailed the Zebra Mussel Prevention Proposal that was recommended from the Zebra Mussel Prevention Committee (ZMPC). Mr. Normington then allowed each individual Freeholder present to comment and ask questions. Each Freeholder in attendance spoke and had their questions discussed. Mr. Normington asked the Ecology Commission if they recommended any changes to the proposal as written; no changes were recommended.
A roll-call vote was taken with unanimous APPROVAL to recommend the ZMPC Proposal AS-WRITTEN to the CSCD Board at the June 15th, Board meeting.
 2. Mr. Normington announced that Conservancy Manager, Josh Hawley, will be leaving his position with the District to pursue a new opportunity. Freeholders and members of the Commission thanked Mr. Hawley for all of his work and wished him the best in his new opportunity.
 3. **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Josh H.)**: Mr. Hawley updated the commission of the new engineer's report that recommends classifying Cordry Dam as a High-Hazard dam as opposed to the historical Significant Hazard classification. After careful analysis of changes downstream, the engineers feel that reclassifying the dam now while doing design work for the spillway replacement could save major money in the future if DNR were to reclassify the dam themselves as the authority. Mr. Hawley has authorized the engineers to begin capacity analysis work on the spillway and thus begin the design stage for different options the District has in regard to replacing the current structure.

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H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **DREDGING APPLICATIONS:** After discussion, *the Commission voted unanimously to approve dredging application D21-04.*
2. Discussion about dredging during fish spawning season. Mr. Brumfield voiced concerns about deeper water spawning and not being able to see the spawning areas. The commission voiced concerns over dredging during this ecologically-sensitive time.

Mr. Brumfield motioned to restrict dredging to a window of June 15th-December 15th and not allowed Fridays-Sundays and/or holidays. Seconded by Mr. Edwards, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Edwards will present this recommendation to the Board at the June Board meeting.

3. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** Mr. Normington stated that Jim Ray spoke with Brown County Recycling and at this time they are not able to hold a toxic recycling event at CSCD.
4. **BUDGET PLANNING:** Mr. Hawley led the Strategic Budgeting Session with discussions on what recommendations from previously submitted worksheets from commission members would require funds in 2022. Mr. Hawley asked commission members to classify each recommendation as an 'A' or 'B' priority or 'Not a Priority.' Mr. Hawley will submit these responses to Jim Donnell in order to move forward in the process.
5. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **JULY 1st, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Sunny Leerkamp moved to adjourn the June meeting of the Ecology Commission. Josh Edwards seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

JOSH HAWLEY
CSCD Manager