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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
3 December, 2020

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 3 December, 2020, by means of a ZOOM video conference, in light of the current social-distancing guidance due to the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Randy Brumfield , Ty Cooper, & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), & Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 3 guests
- E. *Randy Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 November, 2020, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. (6:05 P.M.) FREEHOLDER CONCERNS :

Freeholder Steven **BAINAKA** of 6792 Eagle Drive appeared before the commission (by Zoom), along with Jeremy Rollins, to request an extension of a previously-approved (Oct 2020) dredging permit into the Spring of 2021, once the road weight restrictions are lifted on March 15th. The reason for the extension request is that not all desired/permitted debris was removed in the original dredging procedure. They didn't discover the shortfall until the muddy water cleared. They desire to finish the job in Mar/Apr 2021.

Randy Brumfield moved to permit Mr. BAINAKA's request to have J. Rollins finish the dredging job (approximately 2 more cubic yards) in Mar/Apr 2021 as requested, without having to submit another permit application. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS :

1. (6:15 P.M.) **FOLLOWUP QUESTION FROM NOV. MEETING:** Jim Donnell asked what were the findings in Josh Hawley's visit to the GILSON property (6277 Grouse Drive) after Mr. Gilson's request for CSCD intervention in solving a reported erosion problem on his property due to spillway overflows from a neighbor's pond. Josh H. reported that when he visited the property in November, there was no evidence of erosion or an overflowing spillway as the water levels in all ponds/lakes is quite low at this time of year. Josh intends to revisit the issue in the Spring, when water levels in the referenced pond are expected to be higher.
2. (6:20 P.M.) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT(*Josh H.*):** Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY. His annual report, published in January, will summarize the ECOLOGY accomplishments in 2020 and outline ECOLOGY goals for 2021.
3. (6:25 P.M.) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE (*Rick*):** Rick Normington updated the Commission on the status of this year's Deer Reduction Hunt. To date this season, 25 deer have been harvested within the CSCD. Rusty Fields, under contract with CSCD for animal control, has begun his annual trapping of muskrats and beavers in our lakes. In addition, it is his goal to trap and remove up to 10 coyotes this winter to address freeholder concerns voiced over the last few months.

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H. **NEW BUSINESS** (6:25 P.M.) :

1. **FREEHOLDER DREDGING APPLICATIONS:** NONE

2. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS** (6:25 P.M.):

- a. Josh Hawley reported that there will be a CSCD newsletter forthcoming due to the upcoming Election for CSCD Board of Directors positions, and in that newsletter, he will be emphasizing the need for active freeholder involvement in the prevention of a Zebra Mussel infestation in our CSCD lakes.
- b. Randy Brumfield expressed concern over trashed tires being dumped in the dredging spoils area near the Sweetwater boat trailer parking area. Josh Hawley will investigate and address this concern.

There will be NO January 2021 meeting of the ECOLOGY Commission. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **4 FEBRUARY, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Randy Brumfield moved to adjourn the December meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned
at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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