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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
5 August, 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 5 August, 2021, in the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Ty Cooper, & Jim Donnellis (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Randy Brumfield, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), & Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: New Conservancy Manager, **Brian Miller**, plus 2 guests
- E. *Jim Donnellis moved to approve the Minutes of the 1 July meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Rick Normington seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS**: None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:10 P.M.) **CSCD CONSERVANCY MANAGER’S REPORT**: The new Conservancy Manager, Brian Miller, introduced himself and provided a few CSCD updates
 - **CORDRY DAM SPILLWAY UPDATE**: It is believed that the next phase in this issue will occur in 2022 when engineers will visit the Cordry dam spillway to design the corrective action needed and secure permits for the work. Rough cost estimates for this design and permitting work come in at around \$ 330,000. Actual reconstruction work is planned to be done in 2023 and could cost several million \$. Looking into available grant opportunities was discussed as a means to help finance this expensive, but necessary repair work to the Cordry dam spillway.
 - **ECOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE**: To date, the only priority known to be removed from our budget proposal is Priority A13 (INSECT CONTROL MEASURES – bat boxes and purple martin boxes \$ 10,000).
 - **INDIANA CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM REPORTS**: Neither CSCD nor the ECOLOGY Commission has received a report from the Indiana University “Clean Lakes Program” on the water samples taken from our lakes back in May of this year. The Conservancy Manager will contact Professor Melissa Laney at IU to follow up on the two previous attempts to contact her this summer to get those reports for our review.
 2. (6:20 P.M.) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE**: Sheena Johnson, a member of the CSCD Deer Conservation Committee, outlined the final plans in place for this year’s Deer Reduction Hunt.
QUALIFICATION TEST DATES: Saturday, 21 AUG. (10:00 A.M.) & Sunday, 22 AUG (10:00 A.M.)

HUNT DATES:

DATES		HOURS
October	18-22	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	25-29	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
November	1-20	Legal Hunting Hours
	29-30	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
December	1-3	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	6-10	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	13-17	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
January(2022)	17-21	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	24-28	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.

This year’s Deer Reduction Hunt in the CSCD will be fully funded by a CHAP Grant from the Indiana DNR. CHAP refers to the Indian Community Hunt Access Program.

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3. (6:35 P.M.) **ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION INITIATIVE UPDATE:** Several updates were provided:
- The final meeting of the Zebra Mussel Prevention Committee was held on 15 July. That meeting produced a revised and updated “**Zebra Mussel Freeholder EDUCATION PLAN**,” which is currently being implemented in the CSCD.
 - The final “**Zebra Mussel Prevention ACTION PLAN**,” has been approved in its entirety by this ECOLOGY Commission and by the CSCD Board. It is currently in the hands of the CSCD Finance Committee for incorporation into the FY 2022 CSCD Budget Document for funding.
4. (6:40 P.M.) **JOINT PROJECT w/CSLOA-EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET FOR CSCD FREEHOLDERS :**
(No update in the absence of Brenda Maulden)
- (6:40 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE:** (No update in the absence of Brenda Maulden)
5. It was reported that Rusty Fields (Rusty’s Animal Control) trapped and removed a 60 lb. female beaver from the south end of Cordry Lake as part of our nuisance animal control contract with him. He also removed the beaver lodge that she had constructed.

H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (6:45 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** Freeholder John Gossett appeared to express two concerns:
- Concern over the deterioration of asphalt shingles on lake homes near the water and the potential to add carcinogens to our lake water. This being an unfamiliar topic to the Commission, he was referred to the Building Commission for verification of this concern and appropriate building code adjustments.
 - Concern over the placement of gabion baskets in a gully on a friends property. Again, this being a construction issue on freeholder property, he was referred to the Building Commission for appropriate advice and action.
2. (7:00 P.M.) **DREDGING REQUESTS:** *Ty Cooper moved to approve Dredging Application Request submitted by NEIL GILSON at lots WS425/426 (6277 Grouse Drive) as submitted. Josh Edwards seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
3. (7:10 P.M.) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** None
4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **2 September, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Jim Donnell's moved to adjourn the 1 July meeting of the Ecology Commission. Rick Normington seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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