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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
1 MARCH, 2018

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:05 P.M. on 1 March, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board) Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden & Jim Donnell's (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: None
- D. Others in Attendance: Employee Josh Hawley; + 2 Freeholders
- E. *Ty Cooper moved to approve the Minutes of the 1 February, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; motion seconded by Sunny Leerkamp. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. *Randy Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the 10 February, 2018 Town Hall Meeting (Subject: Deer Conservation Measures in the CSCD) ; Sunny Leerkamp seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- G. **OLD BUSINESS :**
1. (6:10 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** (*Provided earlier by email*) (**Josh Hawley**): Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: the Nature Trail # 5 Extension to Cordry Dam (90% complete); work to reconstruct the Grizzly Drive/Groundhog Drive coffer dam will be done by Jason Weddle Excavating in March/April; work will be done by Jerry Cleefman on the erosion control project at the north end of Sweetwater Lake in March; and Christopher Burke Engineering is approved for the engineering of Sweetwater Dam repairs. Additionally, several new trail signs and a new Trail Map will soon be installed on the Nature Trails.
 2. (6:15 P.M.) **"CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA" AT SWEETWATER BEACH:** Josh Hawley reported that the CSCD Board has approved the request of the Brown County Parks and Recreation Department to conduct a "Cardboard Boat Regatta" at Sweetwater Beach sometime in September, 2018. Rick Normington requested that the BC Parks & Recreation Director attend some future meeting of the Ecology Commission to brief us on his plans for that approved event.
 3. (6:20 P.M.) **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT INITIATIVE:** Jim Donnell's reported that he is working with Jim Ray (our CSCD representative to the Brown County Solid Waste Management Board (BCSWMB)) to address the funding issue in order to conduct a "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event," here at the CSCD in the future. The Commission directed Jim Donnell's to write a letter to the BCSWMB, signed by the Conservancy District Manager, officially requesting Brown County funding to support such an event at CSCD, open to all Brown County residents.

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4. (6:30 P.M.) **FISH SURVEY:** After review and discussion of the findings and recommendations made in the recently completed Fish Survey of both CSCD lakes by “Aquatic Control,” *Jim Donnell*s made a *motion to recommend that the CSCD Board accept the findings and recommendations of the 2017 Fish Survey and adopt and enforce the recommended “slot limits” for bass, bluegill, and redear as stated in the Fish Survey for each lake. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously and will be recommended to the CSCD Board for final decision and implementation for the upcoming fishing seasons, and until further notice.* Once considered and passed by the Board, the new fishing limits for CSCD lakes (emphasizing the results of the Fish Survey and the long term health of our fish resources) will be communicated to freeholders by means of the CSCD website, CSCD Facebook page, CSCD Newsletter, by a handout notice in the water bills of all freeholders and a notice handed out with each sticker renewal which is to be required of all freeholders this boating season.

5. (6:45 P.M.) **RECLAMATION PLAN FOR THE DREDGING-SPOILS AREA (Rick Normington):** The Commission decided to tie its work, to develop a comprehensive proposal for development of the newly-available acreage across from the beach, into its budget planning meetings which commence in April. No decision for use will be made until the CSCD Board considers and approves a proposed plan developed by the Ecology Commission.

4. (6:50 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE :** Rick Normington reported that the CSCD Board approved the recommendations of the Commission resulting from the 10 February Town Hall Meeting to address “Deer Conservation Measures to be taken in the CSCD,” in upcoming years. He has taken steps to have the CSCD officially recognized as a “Deer Reduction Zone,” by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) until further notice, and is working to complete the formal application to the DNR for a \$25,000 Grant to conduct a “Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) Hunt,” this Fall/Winter season. He further reported on his ongoing work to locate a “CHAP Coordinator,” to organize and run the hunt in the CSCD this season (2018/2019). Further work to locate a CHAP Coordinator, that we can afford, is ongoing.

5. (7:15 P.M.) **FISH STRUCTURES:** Forty (40) fish (habitat) structures purchased in 2017 and 2018 are “in” and are ready to be assembled and emplaced in both CSCD lakes for this season. An “assembly and emplacement party” will be scheduled for later this month for volunteers to help assemble and emplace the fish structures into our lakes.

H. **NEW BUSINESS :** The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 5 April, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Josh Edwards moved to adjourn the March meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:
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