

CORDRY- SWEETWATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District Newsletter

FALL 2020

Manager's Moment

By: Brian Miller
Conservancy Manager

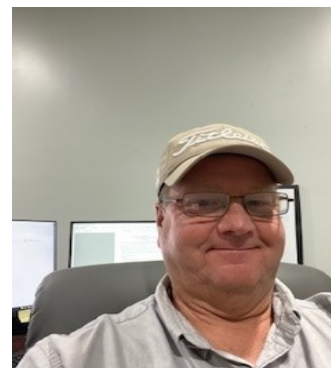
Hello! I'm Brian Miller, your new Conservancy Manager. I've lived in Monroe County most of my life. I worked for City of Bloomington Water Utilities for 9 years and at Town of Ellettsville Water Utilities/Public Works for 23 years. I started out in a labor position at the City of Bloomington then continued to work my way up to my current role.

During my years at the Town of Ellettsville, I over saw several major projects and worked with other utility companies, town employees and private contractors:

- Completed 17,000 feet of pipe across county roads, wooded areas, personal home, and farm properties
- Completed 22,000 feet of pipe during the construction of Highway 46 expansion.
- Construction of the new Ellettsville Town Hall.

I've been married to my loving wife, Angie, for 30 years and we have a daughter Ashley that recently got married. We like to go fishing, can vegetables during the summertime, spend time at the beach and time with family.

I'm excited to be working at the Conservancy and look forward to the many new challenges and projects that lay ahead of me. Please stop by to introduce yourself. I would love to meet you.



HISTORY

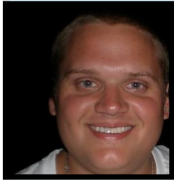
Early property owners were certainly pioneers! Jesse and Ruth Ann Gillentine purchased their lot in 1953 for \$1,000. They put the baby in a playpen and physically cleared their prize lot themselves. They installed a seawall of cement "I" block before the lake was filled. (property owners know exactly where the water level would reach) That seawall is still in place and in excellent repair! Later in 1966 they built their cabin on the lake. They had a basement dug and place a kit, Pan Adobe cedar cabin on top of the basement for approximate cost of \$10,000. After her husband Jesse retired from Indiana Bell Telephone, they moved to the lake as a permanent resident in 1982. Jesse Gillentine served on the Security Commission for 29 years. Jesse passed in 2009. Ruth Ann continues to live here keeping tabs on her son who now lives next door.

After-Hours **Water Emergency Numbers**

317.220.0577

317.306.8395

BUILDING CORNER



By: Nick Johann

*Building Compliance
Officer*

I hope everyone had a great summer with their family and friends enjoying this beautiful area. As you are planning your fall and spring construction, now would be a good time to get a survey scheduled if your project would require one. It has been quite a busy year so far, as of this writing, I have received 91 building applications.

I would like to highlight a rule regarding the free-standing boat lifts. They do require a permit application and approval. They also have the same setback requirements as docks. If you are planning to install a lift, I would be glad to explain the process and answer any questions you may have.

Please keep in mind that road restrictions will go into effect at midnight on December 15th. The restriction limits vehicles and their load at 20,000 gross vehicle weight. As always, if you have a project in mind, I'd gladly meet with you to discuss it prior to turning in the building application.

Fall Leaves Bring Important Maintenance Responsibilities

The beauty of fall in Brown County is unsurpassed in the State of Indiana. But with the turning of the leaves comes the inevitable falling of the leaves. Those fallen leaves can cause major maintenance headaches in areas like the CSCD when it comes to proper drainage and erosion control.

Roadside ditches in the Conservancy are a bit of a gray area. Some ditches are on CSCD road property while others are on private property.

The CSCD has adopted a generally accepted maintenance plan for ditches that includes periodic clean-outs of leaves and debris. However, it is not feasible in the fall for the Grounds Department to clean the ditches out every hour or every day while leaves are falling. We need lot owners to do their part in insuring that ditches and culverts near their property remain clean.

The District is not responsible for damage on lot owner property caused by flooding, ero-

sion, or other acts of God even if a ditch or culvert gets clogged.

One major problem we see is residents blowing leaves from their yards into drainage ditch-

es. That is now against CSCD rules and can lead to losing lake privileges as it can directly cause harm to the lakes due to erosion.

The CSCD has a dedicated area for fallen leaves located

between the Fire Station and Cordry Dam on Centerlake Road.

Let's all work together to maintain both the public AND private properties at these beautiful lakes!



CSCD Leaf/ Compost Area

Where: Located on Centerlake Road, between the Fire Station and Cordry Dam

When: Open from Labor Day to Memorial Day

What: Leaves and Grass ONLY, no brush, trees, limbs, plastic bags, trash, etc

Please do not park anything on or near your meter. Crews will need access in case of leaks or other emergencies.

Zebra Mussel Prevention Proposal

1 JUNE 1 SEPT- apply	APPLY FOR IDEM GRANT USING PROTECTION OF LAKE MONROE WATER SUPPLY AS JUSTIFICATION
21 SEPT, 2021	PASS RULE REQUIRING THAT <u>ALL</u> TRANSIENT BOATS MUST DECON (High Pressure 140* water OR Bleach/Virkon Decon OR 5-day (out-of-water) idle WHENEVER THEY ARE EXPOSED TO ANY OTHER BODY OF WATER OUTSIDE CSCD.
1 JAN, 2022	PURCHASE THE "HOTSY" DECON PRESSURE WASHER FOR 140* DECON
1 MARCH, 2022	ESTABLISH (temporary) DECON SITE ASAP AT CSCD OFFICE GARAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HOTSY 140* pressure washer during office hours - 2% Bleach and/or Virkon sprayers for after-hours Decon
4 SEP, 2021 (OX Roast)	RECRUIT ANGLERS CLUB FOR MONTHLY (June-Sept) BOAT DECON CLASSES (Location TBD)
1 MARCH, 2022	PURCHASE & INSTALL 3 COMPLIANCE CAMERAS (1 at CSCD office garage, one at Cordry boat ramp & 1 at Sweetwater boat ramp) TO CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH NEW DECON RULES
1 APRIL, 2022	INSTALL CHAIN BARRICADES W/ ELECTRONIC KEY CARD LOCKS AT BOTH BOAT RAMPS
1 APRIL, 2022	SEAL OFF ADJACENT ACCESS POINTS TO THE WATER (CHAINS W/O LOCKS)
1 JAN, 2022 (Announce Job Opening) 1 FEB-15 MAR, 2022 (Interviews) 1 April, 2022 (Hire)	HIRE (for next 2 years) A "BOAT STEWARD" TO WORK WITH BOAT PATROL FOR ZebraMussel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Part Time (1 Apr-31Oct.) - 8:00-4:00 P.M. (Mon-Fri) - Operate HOTSY - Plan & Construct <u>Permanent</u> DECON site @ Center Lake Park for 24hr. DIY DECON - Post Signs At Boat Ramps w/Phone # For Boat Steward Support - Solicit "Volunteer" Boat Stewards For Weekend & After-Hours Support (pay small stipends as incentive?) - Inspect Boats & Trailers Before Launch For Proper Decals, Obvious Contaminants & Safety Equipment - Train Owners of "Transient" Boats in Operation of HOTSY
1-30 Sept, 2021	DEVELOP ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION CERTIFICATION COURSE (ZMPCC) (Modeled after Utah DNR)
1 OCT, 2021 - 2022	EDUCATE <u>ALL</u> FREEHOLDERS IN ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION CERTIFICATION COURSE
16 JUN21 – 31 OCT 22	REQUIRE ANGLERS CLUB LEADERSHIP TO TRAIN MEMBERS & INSPECT ALL CLUB & TRAILERS AT TOURNAMENTS
APR-OCT, 2022	ONCE EDUCATED IN DIY DECON & PASSING THE CSCD ZM PREVENTION CERTIFICATION COURSE (ZMPCC), GIVE ELECTRONIC KEY CARD FOR LOCKS AT BOAT RAMPS TO ANY OWNER OF TRANSIENT BOAT WHO WANTS ONE FOR 24 HOUR ACCESS
1 MAR, 2022 (+)	IN SPRING 2022, NO ZMPCC DIPLOMA = NO BOAT STICKERS (<i>Boat Steward Manages Program</i>)
15 OCT 2021	DETERMINE APPROPRIATE BOAT STICKER FEES FOR 2022 BOATING SEASON & BEYOND
15 OCT 2022	IN OCT 2022, REEVALUATE ENTIRE PROGRAM FOR REFINEMENT AND/OR CANCELLATION



Boy Scout Logan Bailey of Troop 222 needed to do a project to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. Logan decided to build and donate benches to Cordry-Sweetwater, to be placed on the hiking trails. Logan, his grandfather and two other Boy Scouts, Tyler Rodgers and Sam Morris all contributed to the project.

Logan's grandfather did all the lumber cutting and the 3 boys assembled the 4 benches. Logan sent out letters and did interviews in order to secure a donation from LOWES for all the lumber and materials. So, Cordry-Sweetwater while your out for a hike and you need a rest, have a seat on our new benches.

Thank you Logan and all the others that helped.

Dam Reconstruction on Cordry

A hot topic in the district, that will be happening over the next few years, will be Dam reconstruction on Cordry Lake. This year the Cordry Dam has now been classified by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) as a significant hazard structure. Dams classified as significant hazard are required to safely pass the rainfall runoff from the 50% Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event without overtopping. Should the dam be classified as high hazard, the spillway capacity requirement would increase to 100% PMP. A more detailed spillway capacity analysis would be required, the existing spillway system configuration appears to be capable of passing at or near 100% PMP. Regardless of the dam's existing spillway capacity, and in accordance with the recommendations of the engineers August 2020 structural inspection summary, it is recommended that the district complete a preliminary engineering study. This is to evaluate spillway replacement options that will safely pass the rainfall runoff from the 100% PMP storm event without overtopping the dam. The resulting spillway system would not significantly change the existing flow conditions and would meet IDNR requirements for high hazard structures should the dam be reclassified. It is anticipated that a preliminary study would consider up to three spillway replacement options, replacement costs are yet to be determined. The engineers have been collecting and processing data all year long, they are hoping to have this phase completed by the end of September 2021. The current timeline of the dam reconstruction points towards the Design/Permitting phase to be completed by the end of 2022, just in time to break ground on the construction in 2023. Next year, the CSCD Board of Directors have budgeted to spend \$300,000 from the Rainy-Day Fund to cover the Design/Permitting Phase of the dam reconstruction. There is currently no timeline for the overall completion on the reconstruction project. Stayed tuned for more updates!



. Financial Advisory Committee Update and Survey Results

The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) has been working since the beginning of 2021 to fulfil its mission to explore ways to fund the approved budget and eventually decouple from the reliance upon value-based assessments for the collection of CSCD revenues. We are seeking a long-term solution that will be phased in over time. Our work includes determining how each activity should be funded using ad valorem assessments, equal assessments (ditch fees) and user fees. As part of the process, FAC decided it would be helpful to understand the community's knowledge about the services provided by and to the CSCD and the funding source for those items. The committee was also interested in what Freeholders found was most important about life in the community. So, a survey was developed, and responses solicited from Freeholders via the many community Facebook pages and with the help of the CSCD text / e-mail system. Of 1,669 taxable lots, 538 survey responses were received. As requested by responders to the survey, the FAC is sharing the results of the survey.

The results reveal the following ranking of benefits of the community:

Lakes (clear water, swimming, ramps and dams) - 58.7% felt is most important

Boating (private access, marina, safety patrol) – 30.5% felt is 2nd is most important

24/7 Security (CSCD employed deputies on patrol) – 23.2% felt is 3rd most important

Roads (snow removal, maintenance, striping, gravel – 23% felt is 4th most important

The second part of the survey asked Freeholders to identify who they believed provided the funding for community benefits such as sheriff patrols, fire department services, and clubhouse. The funding options were: CSCD, CSLOA (Cordry/Sweetwater Lot Owners' Association), Brown County and "Other." Most respondents had a basic understanding of who funds which benefit. The survey revealed that more outreach is needed to be sure that Freeholders understand that the fire department is not funded by the CSCD but primarily by fundraisers, donations and memberships or "Other" and that the Library is actually a function of the Brown County Public Library system in cooperation with the CSLOA, who owns the building. Also, the recycling bins are a function of Brown County Solid Waste District and are provided near the Conservancy office for our convenience.

Many thanks to those who completed the survey. The information is very helpful and will aid FAC in its quest to identify and ultimately recommend alternate funding solutions to the CSCD Board. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks and months.

Safety Spotlight



By: Jimmy Green

CSCD Chief Deputy

All the Deputies here at The Lakes are Brown County Deputies that work for and paid by CSCD. There are times the Other Deputies working the County and other agencies will call upon us for assistance, as we call on them for assistance. We work as one team.

All the Officers that work the lakes go above and beyond to assist the freeholders. Crime does not stop at all three entrances here at the Lakes. WE DO HAVE CRIME. However, by all Officers actively patrolling has cut crime down. I have asked all the Officers to continue patrolling and enforcing all the laws to let the criminals know we will NOT tolerate crime.

The Law enforcement here at the lakes are proactive. For example, myself and my officers' knowledge of what most freeholders drive helps us know what vehicles belong at most of the homes. We also utilize the boats to patrol the lakes to assure the safety of the homes on the waterfront, as well as keep the waters safe for all who use the lakes. My team has a great response time, 5-10 minute here at the lakes. If an Officer had to respond from the Sheriff's office, it could take up to 30 to 50 minutes. It could take longer if they are busy on other calls. On some calls, every minute counts.

We respond to all medic and fire calls in the lake area. We are all trained in first aid, CPR, and with the AED.

In my 40 years as a Law Enforcement Officer, along with firefighting, I have attended several training classes. I am trained for crisis intervention and hostage negotiation, Swift water rescue and Ice rescue.

Please remember as we all enjoy walking around the lakes and riding our bikes, please read the Indiana State Laws for bike riding and pedestrian traffic.

IC 9-21-17-13

Sidewalk unavailable; use of shoulder

Sec. 13. If a sidewalk is not available, a pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-17-14

Sidewalk or shoulder unavailable; use of outside edge of roadway

Sec. 14. If neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, a pedestrian walking along

Welcome Kyle



As of August 2020, Kyle Wilborn joined the CSCD Maintenance Crew. Kyle has been a Brown County resident his entire life and grew up in Peoga, just a few minutes from our back gate. Kyle and his wife have been together for 18 years. Kyle enjoys playing golf and fishing in his spare time. Kyle has a strong background in Groundskeeping/ Water Utility Maintenance. Kyle has been a great addition to the CSCD staff. If you see Kyle out and about, stop and say hello and welcome to the CSCD

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CSCD OFFICE CLOSURES

October 11th: Columbus Day
November 11th: Veterans Day
November 25th: Thanksgiving
November 26th: Thanksgiving
December 24th: Christmas Eve
December 27th: Christmas Day
January 3rd: New Years Day

CSCD COMMISSION MEETING INFO

BUILDING	<i>1st Tuesday</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
ROADS	<i>1st Thursday</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
ECOLOGY	<i>1st Thursday</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
SECURITY	<i>2nd Tuesday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
WATER	<i>2nd Thursday</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
CSCD BOARD	<i>3rd Tuesday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Clubhouse</i>

Putting in a tree? Dog Fence? Or doing any other digging? Make sure you call 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

Annual Elections for CSCD Board to Commence Soon

Area two is up for reelection at the upcoming Annual Meeting held on a Saturday in January (more info to come on date, time, and place).

Anyone with a lot in that area that is interested in running for the CSCD Board should fill out a Petition for Candidacy which is available at the office or on our website www.cscd-in.org. That form must be submitted to the office before December 1, 2021.

Current incumbent for Area 2, Chad Crimmins has served on the CSCD Board for over five years and has been the integral Chairman of the Roads Commission.

Board members receive \$100 per month, but are also required to either chair a commission or take on a role such as Chairman or Secretary. Several Board members have put in more than 160 hours of

work already this year.

There are several hours of unpaid time spent per month by Board members in Executive meetings, staff meetings and more, not to mention answering questions and emails from their constituents.

Absentee ballots will be accepted as well as in-person voting the day of the Annual meeting (TBD).

For a map of each area please visit our website and go to Boards & Commissions → CSCD Board → Area Map.

RULES REVIEW

- Dogs are to be on LEASHES AT ALL TIMES.
- Obstruction of natural or created drainage along roads and drives is prohibited.
- The customer is held liable for any damage and/or cost of replacement to the meter pit, water meter, radio, or any other water utility equipment.
- The customer is REQUIRED to install and maintain a functioning shut-off valve along the service line located between the customer connection and the first water outlet inside the residence.

CSLOA 2021 Events

September 4, 2021
61st Annual Ox Roast Festival & Silent Auction
CSLOA Clubhouse
11am-5pm

October 16, 2021
Pumpkin Carving & Bonfire
CSLOA Clubhouse

October 16, 2021
Neighborhood Block Party
Sweetwater Beach
6pm-8pm

December 4th
Santa's Workshop
CSLOA Clubhouse
2pm-4pm

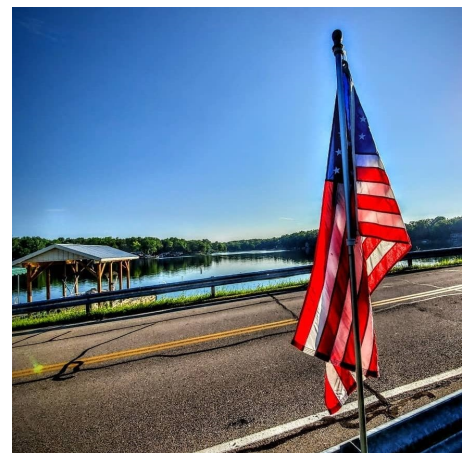
December 5th
Cookie Swap
CSLOA Clubhouse
3pm-5pm

Fire Department

October 22, 23
Haunted Trail

One CSCD Board Seat Up for Election in 2022

Area 2 (Chad Crimmins) is up for election at the 2022 Annual meeting in January. Candidates need to turn in applications for Candidacy to the office before December 1, 2021.



Your CSCD Employees

Brian Miller , Conservancy Manager
Brittany Bay, Financial Manager

Nick Johann, Building Compliance Officer
Judy Surface, Water Clerk

Josh Bryant, Water/Grounds Supervisor
Kyle Wilborn, Water/ Grounds Operator

Jimmy Green, Chief Deputy
Mike Clark, Deputy
Zacc Shepard, Deputy

There are about a dozen part-time/ seasonal employees without whom the District would not operate as smoothly as it does. Thank-you!



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