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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
2 September, 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 2 September, 2021, in the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden & Jim Donnellis (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Josh Edwards (Board), Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield
- D. Others in Attendance: Conservancy Manager **Brian Miller**, plus 1 guest
- E. *Jim Donnellis moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 August meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS**: None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:10 P.M.) **CSCD CONSERVANCY MANAGER'S REPORT**: Conservancy Manager, Brian Miller, provided a few CSCD updates of interest to the ECOLOGY Commission:
 - **WATER TESTING AT THE BEACH**: Weekly E. Coli testing is ongoing at the beach. No adverse readings reported to date.
 - **CORDRY DAM SPILLWAY UPDATE**: Nothing new to report from last month
 - **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).
 - **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION PROGRAM**: State-mandated playground inspections have been performed. No problems to report.
 2. (6:20 P.M.) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE**: Rick Normington updated the commission on the status of this year's Deer Reduction Hunt. Last weekend's qualification tests qualified 27 hunters for archery hunting in the CSCD Deer Reduction Hunt for 2021-22. Other hunters who could not attend on those dates will work individually with our CHAP coordinator to take the qualification test at a mutually agreed-to date.
 3. (6:25 P.M.) **ANGLERS' CLUB UPDATE**: Rick Normington reported that the C.A.S.T. for Kids event hosted by the CSCD Anglers' Club two weekends ago was a huge success. 20 kids participated and were sponsored by numerous members of the CSCD Anglers' Club in a day of fishing fun on Sweetwater Lake. Several volunteer organizations assisted in the event including RAC (Rusty's Animal Control) who provided breakfast for all participants and Church of the Lakes who provided lunch. In light of their success, the Anglers' Club plans to make this C.A.S.T. for Kids event an annual affair.
 4. (6:30 P.M.) **ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION INITIATIVE UPDATE**: Several updates were provided:
 - The ZM committee will operate an information table at the annual OX Roast event. Several volunteers have agreed to take shifts to provide information and answer questions for CSCD freeholders in attendance.
 - The Brown County Democrat, our local newspaper, has been invited to do a story on the now-approved Zebra Mussel Action Plan so as to more widely publicize our efforts.
 - Work continues on the creation of an online Zebra Mussel Education & Certification Course and Test, modeled after the one used in the state of Utah for boater access to their lakes. 1 October is the target date for fielding this online course and test so as to give freeholders ample time to complete the course/test in order to get next year's boat stickers.

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5. (6:35 P.M.) **JOINT PROJECT w/CSLOA-EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET FOR CSCD FREEHOLDERS :**
Cindy Workman is the new project person for CSLOA and she has agreed to work with Brenda Maulden of the ECOLOGY Commission to complete this joint project.
6. (6:40 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE:** Brenda Maulden reports that she is working with an organization from Nashville, IN known as the “Brown County Pollinators” to breathe new life into this project.

H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (6:45 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None
2. (6:45 P.M.) **DREDGING REQUESTS:** None
3. (7:10 P.M.) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** The Conservancy Manager, Brian Miller, reports that the Brown County Recreation Department has indicated their intent to conduct another “Cardboard Regatta,” at Sweetwater Beach again, next summer. This year’s event was not conducted due to pandemic concerns.
4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **7 October, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Sunny Leerkamp moved to adjourn the 2 September meeting of the Ecology Commission. Brenda Maulden seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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