

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Security Commission Meeting
August 8, 2023

1. **Members Present:** Ted Adolay, Cathie Brown, Kaye Gaither, Steve Burke, Harry Sherman, and Matt Petersen
2. **Members Absent:**
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
 - b. 5 freeholders in attendance
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Adolay called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. Mr. Petersen added line item 6.b. Jim Donnell's discussing beach issues.
6. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Mrs. Brown motioned to approve the July 11th, 2023, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed.

7. **Freeholder Concerns:**
 - a. Larry Caudill introduced himself and read a letter from his wife (attached) because she had other obligations this evening.
 - b. Mike Walter (WS 129) introduced himself and spoke about the issues in their cove. He discussed a buoy and floating platform being stationary in the middle of their cove, he also recited the rule book page 11, how this buoy is a safety hazard, and impedes traffic. Mr. Walter provided photos.
 1. There was some discussion on what could be done. Mr. Petersen suggested calling the freeholders, reiterating that the boat patrol has warned them, read them the rule, and ask them to move it within a reasonable timeframe. If that could not happen, explain they can either move the safety hazard or the CSCD would bring it to the office, and they would be issued a ticket for the violation.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **None**
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **Jim Donnell – Beach Issues**
 1. Mr. Donnell went over the printout (attached) and explained that the increased no trespassing signage was something that

would fall under ecology, but the rest should be addressed by the security commission.

2. Amy Sherman then introduced herself as a CSCD Beach attendant and went into more in depth details about the safety concern at the beach with unruly people.
 - i. Mr. Petersen then presented the idea of fencing in the beach area. Mr. Petersen received a quote for a decorative 6 ft tall control accessed fence that came in around \$45,000. Mr. Petersen showed photos of the type of fencing and explained how it would not restrict views of the lake. The gardening club could maintain/enhance the fence line with a variety of plantings/wildflowers/grasses. This "softscape" could be planted within boxes as memorials to or donations by Freeholders. The security commission was in agreement that this is something that should be added to the 2024 budget. Mr. Donnells thought this was an interesting idea and suggested he present it to the ecology commission.

b. Pontoon Horsepower

1. Mr. Adolay brought up at the last Board Meeting the Board requested that the ecology commission and security commission discuss their thoughts on increasing the pontoon boat maximum horsepower. There was some discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to not be in favor of increasing the pontoon boat horsepower, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed.

10. Commission Member Concerns:

- a. Mr. Petersen asked the commission if they wanted to include another boat in the 2024 budget to submit to the Board. There was some discussion about the need for additional boat patrol on the lakes, as one patrol could not be everywhere, and this would help enforcement of the rules as there would be more than one boat out writing tickets. The Commission was polled on if they wanted to include another patrol boat in 2024 budget with Sweetwater having 2 rhib boats and Cordry having 1 rhib boat and using the pontoon as backup. Poll Results:

Mr.Adolay: Yes
Mr. Burke: Yes
Mrs. Gaither: No
Mrs. Brown: Yes
Mr. Petersen: Yes
Mr.Sherman: Yes

11. Adjourn (8:07 PM)

MOTION: Mrs. Gaither moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Burke. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2023, at 6pm at CSCD Office

Security Meeting 8/8/23 6pm

1. Would like to thank Mr. Rasdall for publicly accusing us of "circumventing the system and being illegal" with our co-owned pontoon boat. We looked into it and discovered it was in fact a false accusation and we are covered by our dock mate's insurance policy. However, to avoid any further scrutiny of our desire to follow CSCD rules, we have also been named as additional insured on the policy. We are and have been following Resolution 2016-3.

2. Regarding Mr. Sherman's last-minute request to consider increasing pontoon horsepower to 150, I would request that you first revisit resolution 2006-6 and why this was passed in the first place. My recollection is it was an effort to preserve the integrity of the lakes and increase the safety of those using it. I don't believe the lakes have changed since then so why are we suddenly looking at changing rules that obviously decrease that? Increased HP, allowing more wake, allowing more boats to park on water will obviously lead to more need of security to keep the lakes safe.

"SWEETWATER BEACH ACCESS ISSUES"

Input provided by Beach Attendants: Amy Sherman and Valerie Workman on 2 August, 2023:

- *People who were once guests of freeholders (even from previous years) attempt to use the beach even though they are not currently guests of a current freeholder.*
- *No longer deputy sheriffs to call to quickly deal with unruly & threatening people turned away,*
- *Significant increase in disrespect and strong sense of "entitlement" this year.*
- *Not using a sign-in sheet (insisting on visible beach pass) caused great consternation.*
- *As soon as beach attendants leave for the day (7 or 8 P.M.) large # of people from Brown County and Nineveh arrive to use our beach after hours*
- *Large Hispanic group from Brown & Johnson County often use our beach after hours.*
- *Guests staying at a couple of air B & Bs out back gate often use our beach after hours.*
- *Beach attendants turn away 5 to 6 groups of people every day for lack of freehold beach pass.*
- *Some hired beach attendants fail to check for beach passes consistently making it harder on those who try to check everyone for their pass.*
- *SAFETY of beach attendants is of utmost concern. Reports of upset "turn-aways" following beach attendant to their homes.*

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ABOVE:

1. *Provide body camera to each beach attendant on duty (seems to calm disrespectful behavior)*
2. *Provide area cameras to cover the entire beach area for both daytime observation as well as after hours.*
3. *Install multiple "PRIVATE BEACH – NO TRESSPASSING" signs all around the beach*

ALSO: *Strongly recommend that handicap access from parking lot to the beach shoreline be provided.*