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**MINUTES**  
**ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**  
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
**5 December, 2019**

- 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 December, 2019, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder )
- C. Members Absent: Josh Edwards ( Board ), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 3 Guests
- E. ***Ty Cooper moved to approve the Minutes of the 7 November, 2019, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Randy Brumfield seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.***
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS : None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. ( 6:05 P.M. ) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE ( *Rusty Fields* )**: This year's Community Hunt Access Program ( CHAP ) coordinator, Mr. Rusty Fields, summarized the status of this year's CHAP hunt in the CSCD, to date. The CHAP hunt is progressing very well. To date, 32 deer have been harvested. There are currently 125 privately-owned, "hunnable" properties in CSCD and 180 privately-owned "retrievable" properties. The comment was made that weekend hunts in October and November put hunters in neighborhoods where freeholders use noisy leaf blowers, mowers, and chain saws for extended periods of time while the Fall weather allows. This adversely impacts the hunt as deer steer clear of these noisy, Fall, weekend yard maintenance projects. It was suggested that perhaps weekend hunts in December and January would work better. Extensive time was taken to complete the application for a 2<sup>nd</sup> CHAP 2-year Grant from the DNR as it must be submitted by 31 January, 2020.
  2. (6:25 P.M.) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT( *Josh H.* )**: Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: update on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly Drive and an update on the project to repair the spillway problem on Cordry Dam. Three new items of interest in his report include: plans to replace the deck on the old beach shelter house, plans to improve restroom facilities at Centerlake Park, and a new initiative to construct a walking trail between the CSLOA Clubhouse and the CSCD office.
  3. ( 6:30 P.M. ) **POLLINATOR HABITAT ( *Rick, in Brenda's absence* )**: The issue of parking during the annual fireworks event at the beach continues to complicate progress on the already-approved pollinator habitat project for the "Reclamation Area" across from the beach. Although the affected parties ( Security Commission, Fire Department, & CSLOA ) were invited to meet with the ECOLOGY Commission tonight to discuss the issue and reach a compromise solution, not one of the invitees showed. Therefore:  
  
***Ty Cooper moved to designate not more than 100' (from roadside ) for Beach Activity parking ( e.g. fireworks displays ) and to move forward with preparing and seeding the rest of the "Reclamation Area" ( across from the beach ) as the already-approved "Pollinator Habitat." Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed.***

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4. (6:40 P.M. ) **STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY TOPIC #1 – “INCREASED BOAT-MOORING RESOURCES NEEDED AT SWEETWATER BEACH ( Rick ):**

After a healthy discussion in September regarding the need for, and options for, increased boat parking resources for Sweetwater Beach, it was determined that the best course of action is to consider funding a new wharf to be constructed on the north side of the point located on the north side of Sweetwater Beach to accommodate 10-12 boats, temporarily moored there, while freeholders use Sweetwater Beach recreational facilities. Steve Herald, in attendance that night, graciously agreed to formulate a rough estimate of what this project might cost for Commission consideration in the FY 2021 ( or beyond ) budget. Tonight, we reviewed his plan and estimate. We will further discuss his proposal and various amendments to same in our budget deliberations for FY 2021 that begin in April, 2020.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** ( 6:50 P.M. ) :

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** None

2. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None

3 The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 6 February, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

3. **REMINDER:** there will be **NO** ECOLOGY meeting in **January, 2020**, as per tradition.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Jim Donnell's moved to adjourn the December meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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