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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
6 June, 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 6 June, 2019, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden, Ty Cooper
& Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA)
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (Superintendent), + 3 Guests
- E. *Josh Edwards moved to approve the Minutes of the 2 May, 2019 , meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Jim Donnell seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: Communications from freeholder Jim Ray asked if the ECOLOGY Commission would be interested in coordinating with a representative of Grandview Lake (near Columbus) to go in with them to add a species of the pike family into our lake so as to help them eliminate “shipping costs” from Wisconsin for their order of that northern species for their lake through a “volume discount.” After discussion of the pros and cons, it was determined to not be in the best interest of our lakes as it contradicts the advice of the fish biologists who performed our recent fish survey in 2017.
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:10 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: finalized plans for coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive (bid accepted...work begins soon); updates on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly Drive; a planned sediment pond to catch silt before it enters the lake on Sweetwater Lake; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam. The engineers plan to provide cost estimates for the dam repairs by July 1st for FY 2020 budget planning purposes Josh also reported that he is refining his plan to address the potential threat of an irreversible infestation of zebra mussels and/or quagga mussels in our lakes.
 2. (6:20 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT (Brenda M.)**: Brenda updated the Commission on late-breaking (good) news from SCI-REMC on their offer to assist us in the long-planned development of the “Spoils Reclamation Area” located across the road from the Beach. Under the auspices of SCI REMC’s “Wildlife Enhancement Program,” SCI REMC has agreed to clear the invasive species in the 4-acre plot of land, till the reclaimed soil, and even plant appropriate seed into the tilled soil so as to bring about an appropriate habitat for the desired pollinators we desire to protect and multiply.
 3. (6:30 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick)**: The Deer Reduction Committee reports that it has received nearly 500 post card responses from freeholders regarding their desires for full, limited, or no participation in this Fall’s deer reduction hunt in the CSCD. A member of the Deer Reduction Committee (DRC), Shena Johnson, has compiled the input from all these postcards into a usable computerized database for the DRC to use later this month to finalize the details for this year’s Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt.

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H. **NEW BUSINESS** :

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS** : None

2 The **next meeting** of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, 11 July, 2019**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. **THIS IS A ONE WEEK DELAY FOR THE NEXT MEETING AS THE NORMAL MEETING DATE WOULD FALL ON JULY 4th, INDEPENDENCE DAY.** A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

3. **STRATEGIC PLANNING** (6:50 P.M.): An ECOLOGY Strategic Planning and Budget Planning meeting was conducted. This month's workshop focused on finalizing the ECOLOGY Commission's Prioritized Budget Proposal for FY 2020, which was completed. The finalized Budget Proposal was submitted to Josh Hawley for cost estimate figures and then on to the Conservancy Manager and CSCD Board for consideration and approval action.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**: *Jim Donnell*s moved to adjourn the June meeting of the Ecology Commission. Josh Edwards seconded. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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