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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
6 February, 2020

- 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 February, 2020, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden, Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Josh Edwards (Board)
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 5 Guests
- E. ***Randy Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 December, 2019, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.***
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS : Sandra Taylor expressed concerns over the condition of the “Porta Potty” restroom located at Center lake Park. After detailing all the problems with that restroom facility, she was assured by the ECOLOGY Commission members and the Superintendent (Josh Hawley) that her issue will be addressed this year. Work was already underway to research options for improving restroom facilities at that location.
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:05 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT (Brenda)**: The issue of parking during the annual fireworks event at the beach on the already-approved pollinator habitat on the “Reclamation Area” across from the beach was addressed. All the affected parties (Security Commission, Fire Department, & CSLOA) were in attendance. After all stakeholders had the opportunity to address their concerns, a compromise solution was offered and agreed to. Therefore:

Rick Normington moved to designate not more than 130’ (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.” Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. (6:40 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, other coffer dam issues on Cougar/Black Bear Dr., plans to replace the deck on the old beach shelter house, an initiative to construct a walking trail between the CSLOA Clubhouse and the CSCD office, and an update on the project to repair the spillway problem on Cordry Dam.
 3. (6:50 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick)**: This year’s Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt has ended. A total of 34 deer were harvested in this year’s hunt. Without incident, this year’s hunt was deemed successful. A Grant request for next year’s CHAP hunt has been submitted to the DNR for approval. In addition to coordinating the CHAP hunt for CSCD, Mr. Rusty Fields has also removed approximately 40 muskrats and 2 beavers from CSCD waters.

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4. (6:55 P.M.) **DREDGING POLICY & PROCEDURE (Rick & Josh)**: A discussion ensued around the issue of freeholder use of private contractors to dredge portions of our lakes adjacent to their lots (shorelines & docks). The policy & procedure is not yet clearly defined and Josh Hawley agreed that the form used to request private dredging (and the approval process) within the CSCD still needs refinement. Both the BUILDING Commission and the ECOLOGY Commission have an interest in any dredging operations in CSCD waters. The ECOLOGY Commission is interested in: HOW the dredging is to be done , WHERE the spoils are to be deposited (must be approved by the Superintendent), and HOW MUCH debris is to be removed from the lake. Based on this criteria, a dredging request submitted by Rex & Iris Keck was deemed incomplete: it lacked required detail (above) and had not yet been reviewed by the BUILDING Commission. However, so as to not delay the request for another month, the Commission decided to act on it with certain caveats:

Sunny Leerkamp moved to tentatively approve the Rex & Iris Keck request for Dredging subject to 3 prerequisites:

- a. “Volume of sediment to be removed” is filled in on the form***
 - i. Disposal (of spoils) location is preapproved by our Superintendent***
 - ii. The application is also reviewed and approved by the Building Commission***
- The motion was seconded by Randy Brumfield and was unanimously approved.***

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (7:25 P.M.) :

1. (7:25 P.M.) **AQUATIC WEED CONTROL CONTRACT (Josh)**: After short discussion,
Ty Cooper moved to approve the annual Aquatic Weed Control Contract for FY 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$ 60,000. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:**

- a. Brenda Maulden expressed concern over observed blowing of leaves into ravines which, in turn, get washed down into the lake in heavy rains, contributing to increased debris flowing into the lake that eventually will need to be dredged. Josh agreed to make this bad practice an item of interest in the next CSCD Newsletter.
- b. Randy Brumfield offered up the free taking of several huge wire spools deemed excess to the Bartholomew County REMC. No member could think of any good use for them.
- c. Sunny Leerkamp requested an update on our Dam issues. She was referred to the Superintendent's Report.

3. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None

4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 5 March, 2020, 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 February meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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