

MINUTES

ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

2 February, 2023

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by, Herb Benshoof, at 6:00 P.M.
on 2 February, 2023, in the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Herb Benshoof (Board), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden, Ty Cooper, Shena Johnson,
and Jim Donnell (Recorder).
- C. Members Absent: Randy Brumfield
- D. Others in Attendance: Nick Johann (Director of CSCD Operations) + 1 Guest
- E. INTRODUCTIONS: With our new member in attendance, each ECOLOGY member provided a brief summary of their personal and professional background.
- F. ELECTIONS & MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS: Decisions made regarding ECOLOGY Commission membership and leadership include::
1. Shena Johnson is the 7th member of ECOLOGY. Appointed October, 2022 with term expiration of 2025.
 2. Randy Brumfield was reappointed for 3 year term; expiration now 2026
 3. Brenda Maulden was reappointed for 2 year term; expiration now 2025
 4. Jim Donnell was reappointed for 3 year term; expiration now 2026
 5. Leadership team decisions include:
CHAIRMAN: Herb Benshoof
VICE-CHAIR: Randy Brumfield
RECORDER: Jim Donnell
- G. (6:15 P.M.) *Brenda Maulden moved to approve the Minutes of the 1 December, 2022 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Sunny Leerkamp seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- H. (6:15 P.M.) FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None
- I. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:15 P.M.) CSCD OPERATIONS REPORT (Nick): Nick Johann provided progress reports on myriad projects of interest to ECOLOGY including:
 - a. Proposed Aquatic Weed Control Contract: Based on a proposed contract submitted by our normal weed-control contractors, "*Jim Donnell moved to recommend approval (by the CSCD Board) of the proposed Aquatic Control contract estimating \$ 74,568 for aquatic weed control operations summer, which is well within our budgeted figure for the year. Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*"
 - b. The updated Cordry Lake Spillway project schematic was reviewed and discussed, with no recommended changes. More engineering refinements are pending before the project goes out to bid.
 - c. Deer Hunt Update: The 2022-2023 deer reduction hunt was reviewed and deemed a total success. It was determined that the post-card-to-freeholder mailout, to determine which properties are cleared for hunting and game retrieval for the 2023-2024 hunt, needs to be resurrected. Shena Johnson agreed to take the lead on this project and will brief the Commission on her implementation plan at our next meeting in March. 6K has already been approved to help fund next year's hunt.
 2. (6:30 P.M.) JOINT (Ecology/Security) WAKE BOAT STUDY COMMITTEE UPDATE: Sunny Leerkamp reported that the 7 person "Wake Boat Study Committee" held their initial meeting in January and started their study of this issue. Their next meeting is scheduled for 8 February.
 3. (6:35 P.M.) ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM: Nick Johann briefed the Commission on his efforts to ensure the Boat Steward aspect of our ZM Prevention Program is in place for the spring boat-delivery season. Funding to hire a Boat Steward for this year is in place.
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4. (6:45 P.M.) JOINT PROJECT w/CSLOA EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET FOR CSCD FREEHOLDERS: Brenda Maulden briefed the Commission on the progress of this project to date.

5. (6:50 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT INITIATIVE:** Brenda Maulden updated the Commission on this project too. She learned from Randy Brumfield that SCI-REMC is “back onboard” with their offer to help establish this environmental asset in the spoils area, across from the beach.

J. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (7:00 P.M.) **DREDGING APPLICATIONS:** None

2. (7:00 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None

3. (7:00 P.M.) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** None

4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **2 March**, 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 February, meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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