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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

5 JULY, 2018

- 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 July, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board) Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden
& Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Ty Cooper
- D. Others in Attendance: Superintendent Josh Hawley; + 2 Guests
- E. *Josh Edwards moved to approve the Minutes of the 7 June, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None

G. **OLD BUSINESS** :

1. (6:05 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** (*Josh Hawley*): Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: Playground mulch has been emplaced on the playgrounds in both the beach area and at Centerlake Park; Area marking is underway around Sweetwater Dam in anticipation of the major work soon to be done there to solve the chronic erosion problem; and the grass has just been mowed by contractors on both dams as scheduled each year.
2. (6:10 P.M.) **ECOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE** (*Josh Hawley*): Josh briefed the Commission that most of the Priority ECOLOGY Budget Proposals were incorporated into the proposed CSCD budget for FY 2019 with one glaring exception: The proposal to construct the initial phase of our proposed pedestrian walking/jogging/biking trail was eliminated by the CSCD budget committee. After a lengthy discussion as to why that happened, it was resolved by the committee to request reconsideration of our proposal to construct this walking/jogging/biking trail by providing the details of the extensive 2-year study conducted on this topic so as to emphasize the high freeholder desire for such a resource in the CSCD and to provide a detailed justification for its incorporation into next year's budget. Jim Donnell was asked to provide that detailed study and justification to the Conservancy Manager and to the Board.
3. (6:35 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE** (*Brenda Maulden*):
The Commission continued its work to develop the CSCD Board-approved "Pollinator Habitat" in the newly-available acreage across from the beach. Brenda Maulden briefed the Commission on a thumbnail sketch of the just received (today) proposed plan for our proposed "Pollinator Habitat," in that 4-acre area where the lake-dredging spoils were dumped and leveled over the last 5 years. The "Observations and Suggestions Plan," was provided by the Brown County Soil & Water Conservation District , subsequent to a walk-thru of that area by their representatives. Brenda will delve more deeply into that Study and provide a more detailed summary of its findings and suggestions at the next ECOLOGY Commission meeting in August.

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4. (6:40 P.M.) **BEE-KEEPER REQUEST FOLLOWUP :** After a quick update on freeholder Sam Banter's inquiry last month about bee-keeping opportunities in the CSCD, it was decided that now that we have a written report from last year's approved bee-keeper, Tom Ferguson, we are now in a position to consider a formal request from Mr. Banter to install several bee hives in the CSCD in the future, should he desire to do so and he makes a formal request to the Commission for permission to do so.

5. (6:45 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE :** Our proposed "Community Hunt Access Program" (CHAP) Coordinator, Mr. Rusty Fields, discussed with the Commission the fine details of the proposed contract between CSCD and himself for the upcoming proposed deer hunt to be conducted in the CSCD this Fall & Winter, pending CSCD Board approval. The proposed contract, as amended, will be forwarded to Mr. Fields for signature, and then presented to the CSCD Board for approval, to get the ball rolling on his necessary coordination for the hunt.

H. **NEW BUSINESS :**

1. (7:30 P.M.) A formal request for private dredging of a cove off of Grizzly Drive by freeholders, Troy and Cindy Roth, was referred to the Commission by the Building Commission and Building Compliance Officer, Nick Johann, for consideration. Josh Hawley briefed the Commission on the details, including the fact that this fill-in of the cove was due to the failure of a CSCD-owned coffer dam at the head of the cove that has since been repaired. After assurance that the dredging will not alter the original lake shoreline of Sweetwater Lake, ***Josh Edwards moved to give ECOLOGY approval for the private dredging request to the Roths, as specified in the application. Jim Donnell's seconded. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.***

2. Jim Donnell's provided each ECOLOGY Commission member in attendance, a copy of the Commission's 5-Year Plan, created in July, 2016, for review, as homework, in anticipation of revisions and updates at next month's meeting.

3. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 2 August, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** ***Jim Donnell's moved to adjourn the July 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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