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MINUTES
ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
July 3, 2025

1. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:02 P.M., in the CSCD conference room. Members Present: Randy Brumfield, Harold Crooks, Tom Golias, Brenda Maulden- Interim Recorder. Members Absent: Shena Johnson, and Matt Rotelli.
Others In Attendance: Katie Starr- Brown County Soil and Water, Jim Maulden, Jason Sneed
2. **REVIEW AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGENDA:** No changes were made.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Brenda Maulden moved to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Mr. Crooks seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
4. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **CSCD Operations Report:**
Cordry Lake Spillway: Nick Johann advised that the contractor intends to begin pouring concrete for the road the week of 7/6.
 - b. **Pollinator Habitat Update:** Brenda Maulden has pulled invasive mullein plants growing throughout the habitat and has planted about half of the 238 milkweed plugs received from a grant from MonarchWatch. An enthusiastic freeholder volunteer, Laura Pennington will be planting the remainder of the plugs throughout the habitat; the plantings can be identified by the pink flags placed throughout the habitat. Also, Randy Brumfield, Michael Leavitt and Logan Miller have marked and roped off the habitat area to prevent people from parking there during the Fireworks/Ox Roast events planned for July 5th at the beach.
 - c. **Bat House Structure Update:** We have approximately 20 new bat houses to be installed. This topic is tabled for the time being due to other priority matters. We will revisit and devise a plan for installation later this summer or early fall.
 - d. **America the Beautiful Grant Update:** Katie Starr was present and brought a 6-month Status Review form which acknowledged that 100% of the invasive management goals for May 2025 had been met. Randy Brumfield signed off on the form as the CSCD representative. This form will be submitted to Sentinel Landscape for processing and we anticipate the grant payment to be distributed within the next few weeks. Brenda Maulden asked that when the funds are available, that they be presented during the next CSCD Board meeting.
 - e. Ms. Starr has invited the community to another **Invasive Species Workshop to be held on Friday, July 25, 2025 from 1-5pm at Brown County Public Library in Nashville.** This workshop is for continuous training and a requirement for anyone applying for ATB grant funds.
 - f. **Port-O-Pot Surround Mural Update:** The port-o-pot surround at the Sweetwater boat trailer parking area has received 2 coats of primer and a coat of background paint from the freeholder artist, Susi Williams. We are excited to see the design that she has chosen!
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Dredging Applications:** *After review and discussion of each application, Tom Golias moved to approve 5 dredging applications submitted by Nick Johann as submitted:*
D25-012 (Bowers-7505 Hickory Drive)
D25-013(Juntgen-6539 Osprey Drive)
D25-014(Thurgood-7799 Paw Paw Dive)
D25-015(Christie-6539 Loon Drive)
D25-016(Corbett-7070 Drum Drive)
Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. **Request to place beehives:** Jason Sneed, an experience Beekeeper, approached the Ecology Commission with a request to place 5-8 beehives that he will monitor and maintain, in the spring of 2026 within the Pollinator Habitat. The hives

will benefit the area and be a source of education for those interested in learning more about beekeeping, bees, and other pollinators. The commission members unanimously agreed the Pollinator Habitat is the perfect place for the hives and recommend that the request be presented to the CSCD Board for approval.

- c. **Weed Wrangle:** After pausing the July 5th Weed Wrangle due to the Fireworks/Ox Roast, the next Weed Wrangle is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd from 9am-11am meeting at the Pollinator Habitat. We will inspect and spot-treat the pollinator habitat for invasive regrowth.
- d. **Lakes Appreciation Month:** July is Lakes Appreciation Month. CSCD was awarded a grant to raise awareness to Keep Our Lakes Pristine, which may go toward the purchase of a banner.
- e. **CISMA Creation:** Ms. Maulden is still working with Katie Starr and Dawn Slack regarding same.
- f. **Eagle Scout Project:** Brenda Maulden was contacted by boy scout Ian Ross, grandson of freeholders Dick and Cindy Peck. Ian has chosen CSCD to be the recipient of his Eagle Scout Project and at Ian's request, the Ecology Commission has determined the need of new picnic tables for the shelter house located at Center Lake Park by the fire station to replace those that were damaged by vandals. Ian will work with his troop to secure funding, planning, material procurement, and construction of new picnic tables.
- g. **Light Pollution Concerns:** In response to these concerns, CSLOA will publish information on their website and in their upcoming August newsletter in an attempt to educate freeholders on how their lights can affect others. We will also include information on the CSCD website.
- h. **Beach Shelter House Use:** Mr. Maulden inquired about the high fees charged and Rental Use Agreement of the beach shelter being used for public events. A timeline history of commission minutes and former commission member recollections going back to 2015 was provided by former commission member Jim Donnell's showing the need and building plans for an additional shelter house and bathroom renovations. At no time during the planning, did anyone envision or suggest fees-for-use or consider that large groups would be gathering with the beach being open to the public. At some point in 2017, management and decisions regarding the shelter house pavilion were taken over by the Security Commission and the CSCD staff, and the Ecology Commission was left out of the loop. This topic will be discussed further in the coming months in collaboration with the Security Commission to identify the concerns and issues that need to be addressed and amended before shelter reservations open for the 2026 season.
- i. **Commission Member Concerns:** Randy Brumfield advised that Charlie Tinkle has resigned from his position and the Ecology Commission will be accepting applications for a new commission member for the remainder of his term.
- j. **Freeholder After-Thoughts:** Jim Maulden invited everyone to attend the upcoming Security Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 8th at 6pm.

FY 2026 Strategic Plan & Budget Development Plan: The 2026 budget draft was presented for review and will now go before the CSCD board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Brenda Maulden moved to adjourn the meeting of the Ecology Commission. Mr. Brumfield seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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