

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
June 17th, 2025

1. **Board Members Present:** Mike Leavitt, Randy Brumfield, Aaron Parris, Ted Adolay, Greg Harper, Jim Maulden, and Mark Rasdall
2. **Board Members Absent:** None
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
 - b. 4 Freeholders in attendance
4. **Call to order at 6:04 PM**
5. **Proposed Green Rule Book:**
 - a. Mr. Rasdall opened discussion about the proposed Green Rule Book.
 - b. Mr. Maulden confirmed all "shall's" had been changed.
 - c. Mr. Maulden noted under motorized watercraft on page 8 under number 4 should be changed to the watercraft should be less than 21 ft.
 - d. Mr. Maulden noted on page 17 the security commission recommended to not allow automated flags. Mr. Parris asked if it was truly an automated flag if activated by a person. Mr. Maulden noted that it was a push button flag. Mr. Harper noted that he just wanted the flag to be visible. Mr. Parris noted the book also says visible 360 degrees around the watercraft and that covers the visibility. Mr. Maulden noted that the problem was these ones are hard to see. Mr. Rasdall noted they could just take that portion out and it doesn't say if they can or cannot have them it just says they have to be visible 360 degrees. Mr. Parris noted it did not matter to him if it was automated as long as it was visible. Mr. Maulden noted that was fine to direct boat patrol that it did not matter if it was handheld or automatic as long as it is visible.
 - e. Mr. Maulden noted on page 12 under grandfathered watercraft he wanted to amend the resolution, allowing 90-day period to still get decals to 30 days.

MOTION: Mr. Maulden motioned to amend Resolution 2024-20 to change the grandfathered watercraft grace period for obtaining to decals from 90 days to 30 days, seconded by Mr. Harper.

Discussion: Mr. Harper noted that 90 days would cover the whole summer. Mr. Parris noted that he had discussion and understood they could make zero days. Mr. Maulden noted that is what it used to be. Mr. Parris noted his pushback is they don't know what is happening in someone's life, and if it hasn't changed ownership then he doesn't believe a period of 90 days to renew is unreasonable. Mr. Parris noted it gives freeholders more of a grace period. Mr. Parris noted that you are not going to eliminated a watercraft because of expired decals you will because

the property changes or because it stops working. Mr. Adolay asked if they expired June 15th. Mr. Parris confirmed they expire June 15th. Mr. Parris noted they could do what they wanted but he was voicing his opposition. Mr. Maulden noted that decals become available in March. Mr. Maulden noted that gives you months to get decals before the expire. Mr. Maulden noted as far as issues in their personal lives everyone has issues, but life goes on. Mr. Parris noted that who is ultimately being targeted here is a freeholder who doesn't live here full-time, who is here only weekends or a handful of times during the summer. Mr. Maulden noted he didn't feel he was targeting anyone. Mr. Brumfield noted that if someone wasn't down here or something then it allowed extra time that's why it was previously put in. Mr. Rasdall suggested a compromise of 45 days.

Mr. Leavitt arrived at 6:19pm

MOTION: Mr. Maulden motioned to amend Resolution 2024-20 to change the grandfathered watercraft grace period for obtaining to decals from 90 days to 45 days, seconded by Mr. Harper.

Roll call:

Greg Harper: Aye

Mark Rasdall: Aye

Jim Maulden: Aye

Ted Adolay: Nay

Mike Leavitt: Aye

Aaron Parris: Nay

Randy Brumfield: Aye

Motion Passed: 5-2

Mr. Rasdall relinquished the chair responsibilities to Mr. Leavitt.

- f. Mr. Brumfield noted on page 4 under freeholder privileges and discussed what a freehold is and asked if that should match what the voting freehold description is. Mr. Rasdall noted that if a freeholder owned multiple lots and they are all deeded the same it's still just one vote and one set of boats. Mr. Parris asked where this was. Mr. Rasdall noted he believed this came about in 21 or 22 when that was defined when the ditch tax was first put in motion. Mr. Parris noted that properties in different areas but deeded in the exact same way that would still be considered one freehold. Mr. Leavitt noted that property under different ownership would each be separate freeholds and receive a vote. Mr. Parris noted that if they are in the same name, he isn't sure they can limit then if they aren't adjointed or married. Mr. Parris noted that he would guess if challenged in court those would be considered two separate freeholds even of the District has chosen to not assign them two separate ditch taxes. Mr. Leavitt noted that he believes it would be the same result if someone challenges for the ditch tax and then one would have to be paid for every single parcel. Mr. Rasdall asked Mrs. Bay if that is how boat

decals are enforced. Mr. Rasdall noted that when he went to the office to get decals he was told his fishing boat would count as his speed since it was 50HP, and noted he owns 4 lots but is considered 1 freehold. Mr. Leavitt noted that goes along with the voting list and the ditch tax list from his understanding. Mr. Parris noted that the ditch tax is just the flat fee portion and not the Ad Valorem portion. Mr. Parris noted that his point was if someone owns multiple properties across the lakes, they are still paying a separate fee to the Conservancy. Mr. Parris noted he was just trying to clarify so that everyone was on the same page. Mr. Parris noted that they are 2 separate freeholders regardless of how the ditch tax is administered and asked why they would not receive 2 separate votes or sets of boats or beach passes, because they are paying Ad Valorem tax. Mr. Leavitt noted that the way it is currently being administered is not. Mr. Parris noted that if freeholders wanted two sets of boats on their properties, they would just have to have them deeded in different names and then they're separate. Mr. Parris noted that he is just concerned about the way they interpret that. A freeholder asked if the voting rule was in there somewhere because they couldn't find it. Mr. Rasdall noted that he believed that it was in a resolution in 2021 or 2022.

- g. Mr. Brumfield discussed snowmobiles on page 6. Mr. Maulden noted that security changed this to reference the county ordinance.
- h. Mr. Brumfield discussed pontoon watercraft on page 8. Mr. Maulden asked if they said 24 ft in length for pontoons. Mr. Parris noted that it was discussed at the last Board meeting, and they simplified it to 24 ft pontoons length.
- i. Mr. Brumfield noted on page 15 something should be added about freeholders unlocking the gates for contractors that have not been decontaminated. Mr. Parris asked if he thought a penalty should be put in there and what is the penalty proposal. Mr. Maulden asked if boat patrol could ticket them. Mr. Brumfield noted that they should. Mr. Leavitt read number 5 on page 14 and noted he believed that covered it. There was discussion over the zebra mussel course. There was discussion over the contractors launching boats having to take the zebra mussel quiz.
- j. Mr. Adolay discussed the fishing rules on page 19. Mr. Rasdall noted that this was previously brought up that the Board does not have the authority to grant any commission rule making capacity. Mr. Rasdall noted that it had to be a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Leavitt confirmed the Board did not have the authority to delegate the responsibility. Mr. Maulden noted that they just needed to change that to the ecology commission makes a recommendation to the Board on the bag limit.

MOTION: Mr. Parris motioned to amend Resolution 2019-3 to the ecology commission makes recommendations to the Board to establish bag and size limits, seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Motion passed unanimously.

- k. Mr. Brumfield noted on page 16 under number 7 it needed to be added that the rope be 40 feet in length. Mr. Leavitt noted he believed that it was listed somewhere else. Mr. Rasdall noted that it should include the rope needed to be fully extended.
- l. Mr. Brumfield noted he wanted to add another thing in the same area under number 10 and mentioned it was state law as well. Mr. Brumfield noted he wanted to add the mandatory use of the kill switch. Mr. Rasdall noted that if he was out on the lake at 8 at night in his pontoon going 5mph he had to wear his kill switch. Mr. Brumfield noted that it's state law. Mr. Rasdall noted they are not a state. Mr. Rasdall noted he understood where Mr. Brumfield was coming from. Mr. Leavitt noted that they adopted the state laws.

- m. Mr. Adolay noted on page 18 it stated you can't fish with minnows. Mr. Rasdall noted that he believed that it needed to be changed to you can fish with them, but you can't dump the rest when you're finished.

MOTION: Mr. Adolay motioned to approve changing pg. 18 to say the use of minnow is allowed, releasing unused minnow bait of any kind into the lake is prohibited, seconded by Mr. Rasdall.

6. Adjourn (6:52 PM)

MOTION: Mr. Parris moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brumfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ted Adolay, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: