

DRAFT
MINUTES
ECOLOGY COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
March 5, 2026

1. The March meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:05 P.M., in the CSCD conference room. Members Present: Randy Brumfield, Tom Golias, (Substitute Interim Recorder), Harold Crooks, Matt Rotelli and Shawn Rexroth.

Others in Attendance: Jayme Golias, Dale Jarrett, Brad Hancock, Nick Johann

2. **REVIEW AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGENDA:** *Mr. Crooks moved to approve the Agenda; Mr. Golias seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.* Mr. Johann and Mr. Brumfield discussed the use of a new device for recording meetings and transcribing conversations. The commission briefly touched on the possibility of conducting virtual events in the future.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Mr. Golias moved to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2026, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Mr. Rotelli seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
4. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** Mr. Jarrett asked if there would be a discussion about the camper rule. Mr. Brumfield noted that the Board discussed the camper situation, and that Roger Young is checking deeds to ensure camping covenants have not been removed, which is a prerequisite for enforcing rules.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Summary Review of CSCD Water/Grounds Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Johann reported lake levels, with Cordry at 1.65 feet (7.8 inches above normal) and Sweetwater at 2.23 feet (1.5 feet above normal) and reported opening the drawdown valve to help reduce levels. The commission considered removing a cage from Sweetwater's spillway for safety, but engineers have advised against it due to safety concerns. They discussed the timing and process of herbicide treatments, including application rates and the need for a boat driver. They also considered lowering lake levels at Cordray to control weeds and discussed the potential benefits and risks of this approach. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about a new board member, Brad, who expressed interest in preserving the lake's ecology.
 - b. **Cordry Spillway Update:** Mr. Johann reported no issues with the spillway.
 - c. **Ecology Commission Member Vacancies/Terms:** The commission discussed open positions and roles, and Mr. Brumfield confirmed they currently have six members and one open position. Mr. Hancock presented his statement for consideration for the open commission position which was discussed. A motion that Mr. Hancock be appointed to the commission was made by Mr. Rotelli and seconded by Mr. Crooks; the motion passed unanimously. A motion that Mr. Crooks be appointed as Vice Chair was made by Mr. Rotelli and seconded by Mr. Crooks; the motion passed unanimously. Another motion that Mr. Golias to be appointed as Secretary was made by Ms. Rexroth and seconded by Mr. Golias; the motion passed unanimously.
 - d. **Pollinator Habitat Update:** The commission discussed the management of the pollinator habitat area, and Mr. Brumfield clarified that the habitat is not tied to The America the Beautiful Grant project. Mowing to maintain the area was discussed with Mr. Brumfield planning to consult Katie Starr about the timing. They discussed a rope to restrict parking access to the area as well as potential improvements to the habitat, including a walking trail and educational elements for children.
 - e. **Weed Wrangle:** Mr. Brumfield discussed the management of a large area of invasive plants, detailing the use of herbicides and the need for bare ground preparation. He explained the correct application

methods for glyphosate and other herbicides, emphasizing the importance of following label instructions and using appropriate concentrations. For weed wrangles, the group discussed communication strategies and agreed to use text and email for updates. The group discussed plans for removing invasive species, with Mr. Brumfield explaining the process of cutting and treating stumps to prevent regrowth. They considered organizing a community event to eradicate the plants, acknowledging the challenge of managing 275 acres with limited volunteers.

- f. **Eagle Scout Project Update at Center Lake Park:** No update.
- g. **Dredging Discussion:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- h. **CSLOA Ox Roast/Fireworks Plan Update:** Mr. Brumfield reported that July 11, 2026, is the confirmed date for the event, with July 18, 2026, set as the backup in case of bad weather.
- i. **Garden Club Update:** Mr. Brumfield. addressed issues with the Garden Club's bank account, which Roger Young had initially advised to dissolve but later reversed his stance, leading to confusion and frustration among the group. The group discussed concerns about Roger Young, a vendor who has been providing legal services for a long time but is perceived as not meeting expectations. Mr. Golias suggested that the board should address these concerns by putting Roger Young on notice that he needed to improve his performance or the board would be finding a replacement when his contract expires. Mr. Brumfield encouraged attendees to voice their concerns at the next board meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Dredging Applications:** One dredging application was reviewed for approval. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Rotelli and seconded by Mr. Crooks; the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Commission Member Concerns: None.**
- c. **Freeholder After-Thoughts: None**

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Crooks moved to adjourn the meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ms. Rexroth seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tom Golias
Secretary