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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
2 May, 2019

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:15 P.M. on 2 May, 2019, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board) & Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), & Jim Donnell's (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden, Ty Cooper
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 3 Guests
- E. ***Rick Normington moved to approve the Minutes of the 4 April, 2019 , meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Sunny Leerkamp seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.***
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: Freeholder Paul Russell (Bass Court) and contractor Jeremy Rogers briefed the Commission on a potentially revolutionary idea on using pressurized lake water to clear shoreline silt & debris in the coves by pushing it into deeper water with high pressure water hoses. They requested permission to perform a trial run with their experimental rig at Paul Russell's dock area soon, to test the feasibility of this procedure for wider use on the lakes. Paul Russell assured the Commission that he has coordinated with his cove neighbors for running this experiment. After lengthy discussion, the Commission granted its approval for the freeholder and the contractor to conduct this trial run provided that the contractor secures the necessary permit from the CSCD office. The Commission requested that the date established for the trial run be coordinated with Josh Hawley and asked that available Commission members be present on site for the experiment to observe its impact on the lakes environment
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:30 P.M.) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Josh H.)**: Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: a planned sediment pond to catch silt before it enters the lake on Sweetwater Lake; plans for coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive; updates on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly Drive; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam. The engineers plan to provide cost estimates for the dam repairs by July 1st for FY 2020 budget planning purposes. Beach maintenance and improvements are underway. Josh also reported that he is implementing his plan to communicate with freeholders on the potential threat of an irreversible infestation of zebra mussels and/or quagga mussels in our lakes. The Al Taylor Driving Range is open. The Garden Club has opened the community garden plots for the season, and Trail 5 Extension work is completed. Trail 5 is now open!
2. (6:35 P.M.) At Josh Hawley's request, ***Rick Normington moved that the Commission approve a \$12,000 contract to conduct the required biannual inspections of both of our lake dams. Jim Donnell's seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.***
3. (6:40 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick)**: The Deer Reduction Committee reports that it has received over 420 post card responses from freeholders regarding their desires for full, limited, or no participation in this Fall's deer reduction hunt in the CSCD. The Committee plans to meet in the near future to firm up details for this year's Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt.

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- H. **NEW BUSINESS** :

1. COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS : (6:50 P.M.) In an e-mail from Commission member Brenda Maulden, concern was expressed over the reportedly unsightly and heavily trashed lot near Cedar Drive. After discussion of the options available to deal with this issue, Rick Normington agreed to contact the Conservancy Manager to begin the notification process to the freeholder of record to correct the deficiencies.
- 2 The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 6 June, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.
3. STRATEGIC PLANNING (7:00 P.M.): An ECOLOGY Strategic Planning and Budget Planning meeting was conducted. This month's workshop focused on ACTION PLANNING for dealing with Priority Environmental Concerns in the CSCD.

I. ADJOURNMENT: *Jim Donnell's moved to adjourn the April meeting of the Ecology Commission. Josh Edwards seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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