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**MINUTES**  
**ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**  
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
**7 May, 2020**

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 7 May, 2020, by means of a ZOOM video conference, in light of the current social-distancing guidance due to the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards ( Board ), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden, Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder )
- C. Members Absent: None
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley ( CSCD Superintendent ) and Shena Johnson.
- E. *Sunny Leerkamp moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 March, 2020, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Jim Donnell seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS : None
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:10 P.M.) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT ( Josh )**: Josh’s update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: Due to the CSCD, County, and state guidance on social distancing for non-essential workers, Josh furloughed his CSCD work crew for some time over the last 2 months, but now they have all returned to work. Walking trails, the CSCD garden plot facility, and the golf driving range are open. In accordance with current state re-opening guidance, many of the closed facilities in the CSCD will be eligible for re-opening starting on 22 May, including the basketball court, the SW beach and shelters, and the SW beach restrooms, pending the approval of the Conservancy Manager on that date. Aquatic Control will conduct their annual lake weeds surveys on 14 May and will treat for apparent Eurasian milfoil on 2 June. American pondweed locations will be surveyed on 15 June and treated on 22 June. The improvements to Sweetwater dam are currently held in abeyance until the more pressing issues with Cordry Dam can be addressed. New core samples are needed once the weather improves in order for a repair plan to be developed.
  2. ( 6:25 P.M. ) **DREDGING POLICY & PROCEDURE** : Recent issues with dredging operations by J. Rollins were discussed. A detailed letter was sent to the owner of J. Rollins to clarify the desired and mandated procedures that any/all dredging contractors must follow in order to operate in our lakes, including the requirement to request a permit for each and every operation. The need for specificity in the dumping location of spoils taken from the lakes was discussed. Two permit request were, once again brought before the Commission:
    - *Jim Donnell moved to recommend approval of the 10 cu. yd. dredging request at the Bridgewater property (SW 379) as outlined in the permit request from J. Rollins. Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*
    - *Sunny Leerkamp moved to recommend approval of the 30 cu. yd. dredging request at the Mcfann (KIA & J 70 ) property as outlined in the permit request from J. Rollins. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed by majority vote with one dissent due to lack of specificity in the term “offsite” regarding the planned location of spoils to be deposited.*
  3. ( 7:00 P.M. ) **POLLINATOR HABITAT (Brenda )**: No new information to provide.

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H. **NEW BUSINESS** ( 7:05 P.M. ) :

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:**

- a. Jim Donnellis raised the question regarding boat storage facilities and boat repair/servicing/sales from outside the CSCD who serve other waterways ( e.g. Geist Reservoir, Fall Creek, Ohio River tributaries ) known to have Zebra Mussel infestations, bringing their un-sanitized boat trailers to our lakes and launching not only boats into our waters, but potentially invasive species from other lakes. No corrective action was recommended or proposed at this time.
- b. A freeholder on Cordry Lake raised concern over significant erosion on what he believes might be CSCD property adjacent to his lot on Halibut Drive. CSCD will investigate.
- c. Randy Brumfield announced an Angler's Club-sponsored fishing scheduled for Saturday, 9 May, utilizing "social-distancing," guidelines.

2. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS** : None

3. **FY 2021 ECOLOGY BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP** ( *Jim*): The Commission reviewed and discussed at length the consolidated list of individual CSCD ecological issues identified and submitted ( electronically ) over the last month that might have budget implications to correct over the next year(s). As a result of these discussions, a list of proposed budget actions will be created and e-mailed to all Commission members before the next Ecology Commission meeting so they can be prioritized and voted on for adoption into the FY 2021 Ecology Commission Budget Proposal due to the Conservancy Manager in early June.

4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 4 June, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Jim Donnellis moved to adjourn the May meeting of the Ecology Commission. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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