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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

4 OCT, 2018

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 4 October, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Randy Brumfield, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA) , Brenda Maulden Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Josh Edwards (Board)
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (Superintendent) + 1 Guest Freeholder
- E. *Sunny Leerkamp moved to approve the Minutes of the 6 September, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:05 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** *(Provided earlier by email) (Josh H.)*: Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: Trail 5 Extension work completion target date; a planned sediment pond to catch silt before it enters the lake on Sweetwater Lake; a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly/Elk Drives; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam.
 2. (6:25 P.M.) **ECOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE** (): No update, as Josh Edwards (Board member) was not in attendance.
 3. (6:25 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE (Brenda)**:
Brenda briefed the Commission that work has begun to eradicate the invasive species on a 1-acre plot of land across from the beach designated as a "pollinator habitat." Mowing has been completed and soon, Randy Brumfield will spray for weeds, after which the soil will be tilled for seeding this Fall/Winter.
 4. (6:30 P.M.) **COMMON CSCD TRASH COLLECTION INITIATIVE (Randy)** : There was a brief discussion about what a possible "common trash collection program" in the CSCD might look like, if adopted. Jim D. expressed concern over the proposal to charge "everyone" (all freeholders) a flat fee for trash pickup regardless of whether they use it or not. Some freeholders only own a lot (or partial lot) with no structures other than a dock. Some freeholders are "part-timers" only, using their lot minimally (if at all) in the summer months and carrying their own trash out with them when they leave. Charging every freeholder a mandatory, flat fee for trash pickup fails to account for the many special circumstances our freeholders find themselves in at the lakes, and will meet with great resistance if pursued, as is. A recommended, more-fair charging technique was proposed: Only charge those freeholders who have a water meter for the common, CSCD-wide trash collection program. Further discussion and exploration of options is forthcoming on this topic.

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5. (6:35 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick):** The Commission reviewed the current status of the scheduled Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt in the CSCD this Fall. Members of the Deer Reduction Committee walked several of the many freeholder-owned properties that have been offered up for hunting this Fall to ensure they could be safely hunted. It was reported that 74 hunters have been “Rules & Safety Briefed,” and successfully “Qualified” to hunt in our CHAP hunt, based on a performance archery shooting test conducted by our CHAP coordinator. Over 50 properties have been approved for deer reduction hunting under CHAP/CSCD rules, and six (6) freeholders have registered as a “NO HUNT & NO RETRIEVAL” property within the CSCD deer reduction zone. All is on track for a Safe & Successful CHAP hunt season commencing on 15 October.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** : None

I. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 1 November, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

J. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Sunny Leerkamp moved to adjourn the October meeting of the Ecology Commission. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:
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