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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
3 October, 2019

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 3 October, 2019, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Brenda Maulden, Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA)
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (CSCD Superintendent)
- E. ***Rick Normington moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 September, 2019, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Jim Donnell seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.***
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: NONE

G. **OLD BUSINESS** :

1. (6:15 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: coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive (95% complete); 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. It was learned that Cordry Dam also has a drain-leak issue, not detectable before this current dry spell and low lake level. Neither dam is in danger of failure, however, both dams will require major work over time to address these drain leak issues. The CSCD leaf compost pile, located between the Cordry Marina and the fire station, is now open for deposits of leaves and grass clippings (only).

2. (6:35 P.M.) **UPDATE ON "HYDRAULIC DREDGING" EXPERIMENT (Josh H.)**: Based on new observations of the experimental "Hydraulic Dredging" process by Jeremy Rollins, the revised process proposed by him has been considered for possible approval. In discussions with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Rollins has been directed to apply for a permit for this revised process (vacuum removal of sediment from CSCD coves and dumping it on land as spoils in CSCD-approved areas). If the Corps of Engineers approves his permit application, then the CSCD Ecology Commission and CSCD will reconsider his request to conduct hydraulic dredging in our lakes.

3. (6:45 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT (Brenda)**: The issue of parking during the annual fireworks event at the beach continues to complicate progress on the already-approved pollinator habitat project for the "Reclamation Area" across from the beach. Brenda has agreed to draft a memo, which Rick will sign, to invite the affected parties (Security Commission, Fire Department, & CSLOA) to meet with the ECOLOGY Commission to hammer out a compromise so that the delayed pollinator habitat project can proceed.

4. (7:00 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick)**: This year's Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt begins on Monday, 14 October, as scheduled. Currently, there are approximately 40 +/- hunters qualified to hunt within the CSCD for this year's CHAP hunt.

5. (7:05 P.M.) **BUDGET STATUS UPDATE (Josh H.)**: The near finalized CSCD Budget (final reading & adoption scheduled for 15 October) includes most of the ECOLOGY Commission's prioritized requests. The only freeholder-requested items eliminated from this year's budget proposals were:

- The requested ½ mile Walking/Jogging Trail to Sweetwater Beach
- The requested beach umbrella stands (10 ea) for freeholder use for shade on the beach

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6. (7:30 P.M.) **STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY TOPIC # 2 – “TREE BRANCH DISPOSAL AREA FOR FREEHOLDER USE AT CSCD” (Rick):**

After discussion regarding the need for, and options for, creating a “Tree Branch Disposal Area,” for freeholder use at the CSCD, it was determined that there is not sufficient justification for such a resource in the CSCD. Freeholders are asked to dispose of their own tree branches on their own, but are asked to NOT take them to the CSCD “Leaf Compost Area” near the Cordry Marina and the fire station.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** :

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS** : Randy Brumfield mentioned that there has been recent, renewed interest in a CSCD “Dog Park,” expressed on Facebook. As no freeholders were in attendance, the topic was tabled until/unless a dog park organizational representative presents himself/herself to the Commission with an organizational plan.

2. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS** : None

3 The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 7 November, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**: *Josh Edwards moved to adjourn the October meeting of the Ecology Commission. Brenda Maulden seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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