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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

6 SEP, 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 6 September, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Randy Brumfield, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA) , Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: 4 Guest Freeholders
- E. *Josh Edwards moved to approve the Minutes of the 2 August, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:
1. Cindy & Troy Roth were in attendance to express their gratitude to the ECOLOGY Commission and CSCD employees for their cooperative efforts and can-do attitude in helping to resolve the Grizzly Dam coffer dam issues above their cove property.
 2. *After a brief review of the long-standing drainage & silt issue raised by Carl & Andrea Radke at their Antelope & Badger Drives lot, the Commission decided to ask Josh Hawley to assess the current situation there to determine what, if any, CSCD-responsible issues can and should be remedied on behalf of the Radkes.*
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:25 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** (Provided earlier by email) (*Rick*): 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 potential 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. We learned of another report attesting to the cleanliness of our lakes and we also learned that, due to the unprecedented pondweed growth in our lakes this year, we have exhausted all our budgeted monies for the year for invasive plant control in the lakes. *There was further concern expressed over the possibility that freeholders may think it is OK for them to treat their pondweed problems near their docks with their own chemicals. It was pointed out that this must never happen, as freeholder-added chemicals, of any kind, to the lake is strictly prohibited for fear that aquatic life and swimmers can easily be endangered by people who don't know what they're doing when it comes to adding chemicals into the CSCD-owned lakes.*
 2. (6:40 P.M.) **ECOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE** (*Josh E.*): No update, as Josh Hawley (Water/Grounds Superintendent) was not in attendance.
 3. (6:50 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE** (*Randy*):
Randy Brumfield (in Brenda's absence) briefed the Commission that work will soon begin to eradicate the invasive species on a 1-acre plot of land across from the beach designated as a "pollinator habitat." Mowing will begin soon, then Randy will spray for weeds, after which the soil will be tilled for seeding this Fall/Winter.

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4. (6:55 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. Further work on this initiative was tabled for now.

5. (7:00 P.M.) **HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION (“TOX-AWAY DAY) INITIATIVE (*Jim*)**: Jim Donnell's briefed the Commission on the unfavorable response from Brown County Solid Waste Management Board to our request for funding support to conduct a “Tox-Away Day” (hazardous household waste collection event) at CSCD next summer. The proposal will be reconsidered next year in, hopefully, a more favorable budget climate for both Brown County and the CSCD.

6. (7:10 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. After a most comprehensive and professionally conducted Information Meeting on 2 September, all preparations appear to be on track for a safe and successful hunt this year. 102 attendees heard from Mr. Rusty Fields, our contracted CHAP Coordinator, on how he will conduct the hunt. Over 50 properties have been offered up for hunting this Fall by CSCD freeholders, as of this date.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** :

1. (7:15 P.M.) Jim Donnell's facilitated a review and final update of the ECOLOGY Commission's 5-Year Plan. Each area of concern (to the ECOLOGY Commission Mission) was assigned an ECOLOGY Commission member to take the lead on being the “eyes and ears” of the Commission in monitoring our Commission's areas of responsibility within the CSCD . The finalized 5-Year Plan will be published and reviewed, at least every 2 years, for updates and revisions.

2. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 4 October, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**: *Jim Donnell's moved to adjourn the July meeting of the Ecology Commission. Josh Edwards seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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