

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Security Commission Meeting
September 10th, 2024
“DRAFT MINUTES”

1. **Members Present:** Jim Maulden, Cathie Brown, Brian Clancy, Steve Burke, Tom Quill, and Carrie Vavul
2. **Members Absent:** Harry Sherman
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
 - b. 3 freeholders in attendance (Sharon Vankooten, Nancy Quill, and Brenda Maulden)
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. Mr. Quill noted he would like to add under Old Business Rules Update. Mr. Maulden noted that Shena sent over a compilation of the green rule book with all the resolutions and Board motions for the security commission to review. Brenda Maulden noted the ecology commission was reviewing some of the pages before their next meeting to discuss.
6. **Introduction of New Commission Member**
 - a. Mr. Clancy announced Carrie Vavul as the new CSLOA representative for the security commission and asked her to give an introduction. Mrs. Vavul introduced herself and noted that she was very happy to be here. Mrs. Vavul noted that she may be missing the next couple of meetings due to already scheduled plans.
7. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. There Commission reviewed the August Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Clancy motioned to approve the August 13th, 2024, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Burke. Motion passed 6-0.
8. **Freeholder Concerns:**
 - a. Sharon VanKooten (I65) noted she was interested in ADA parking and wanted to know if this was something that would be available at both lakes.
9. **Director of Finance & Admin Report:**
 - a. Mrs. Bay noted that the freeholder that received 3 violations had a certified letter mailed this week stating that if they wanted to appeal any of the violations they needed to attend the October security commission meeting, if they failed to appeal then their boat decals would need to be turned into the Office on October 9th, if they fail to turn the decals into the Office then the CSCD would revoke and remove the decals for the

365 days due to the 3 lake violations, and after the violation period was over the freeholder would need to purchase new boat decals to operate their watercraft on the lakes.

- b. Mrs. Bay noted that the new body cameras are being implemented by boat patrol this week and she expects to get feedback on the cameras soon.
- c. Mrs. Bay noted that the Cordry rhib boat has had their decals changed from “*CSCD Lake Safety*” to “*CSCD Lake Patrol*” and that Sweetwater’s would be changed in the coming week. Mrs. Brown noted that she has had freeholders question why the boat decals were changed and was not sure how to answer them. Mr. Quill noted that Lake Patrol is a more accurate description of what boat patrol is doing on the lake, and noted boat patrol is no longer patrolling for safety they are the lake patrol.
- d. Mrs. Bay noted that there have been two cigarette butt canisters installed at the beach per the new no smoking rule and that two trash cans with ash trays and signage for the beach should be coming this week.
- e. Mrs. Bay noted that numerical decals for the CSCD buoys have been ordered. Mrs. Bay noted that Josh Bryant suggested waiting to number the buoys until spring when we get our new buoys in because then staff can number the buoys before placing them on the lake and they will remain sequential, since there are quite a few missing currently. There was discussion over the buoy list Mrs. Bay provided and what buoys are missing. Mrs. Bay noted that she and Josh Bryant went around the lake and assessed the condition of all buoys currently on the lake and provided that information on the buoy list given to the commission. There was discussion on the buoys that have already been numbered. Mrs. Bay noted that buoys are normally ordered in March and the maintenance barge is put in the lake in April buoys would be placed after this.
- f. Mrs. Bay noted that the buoy had been moved on Grosbeak and placed where the security commission discussed at the last meeting.
- g. Mrs. Bay reviewed that the cost for the ramp only at the marina would be \$15,000 and that it would be around \$200 a piece per sign. Mr. Burke discussed just having freeholders drive down to the boat ramp and letting out people with disabilities and mobility issues there to board watercraft. Mr. Maulden noted that Roger Young mentioned at the last meeting if CSCD made the area a handicap parking area that would have to be ADA approved but the docks, etc. would not have to be just the parking spot itself. Mrs. Vavul asked if there was no signage, and it was just said the area is for loading/unloading and ADA if the same requirements for the area would be needed. Mrs. Brown mentioned possibly having boat patrol or the boat stewards assist people boarding watercraft. Mr. Maulden noted that whatever plan the commission comes up with, Roger Young should be involved to make sure the CSCD is in compliance.
- h. Mrs. Bay noted that the marinas are closed until next season, boat patrol will be here till the end of the first week of October, the beach attendants will be here daily until the end of September and on weekends in

October. Mrs. Bay noted that the Wake Boat demonstration will commence the week of September 23rd.

10. Old Business:

a. ADA/Loading & Unloading Zone

1. Mr. Clancy asked the commission if they wanted to further discuss the parking for the boat ramps and the beach and noted they have been primarily discussing Sweetwater for now, but if this is implemented at one lake it should be at both lakes. There was discussion of boat patrol assisting freeholders board watercraft at the ramps. Mr. Burke noted that there are now phone numbers for boat patrol so freeholders could call boat patrol and notify boat patrol that they had someone that they would like to drop off and boat patrol could supervise them boarding their watercraft, to make sure that no one is harassing them. Mrs. Brown noted that she had no problem with doing that. Mr. Clancy asked the commissions thoughts on the signage pricing that Mrs. Bay provided. Mr. Maulden noted that he and Brenda had discussed this topic and if it is looked at long term and incorporated more what if a dock were to be added there and made it into a fishing dock with a rope around it for handicap people, because there would be a ramp going down to it and the parking spaces. Mrs. Brown noted that it gets busy in the marina area during summertime. Mr. Clancy noted that he had been looking into the ADA guidelines and when it comes to piers and docks there are a lot of things that must be done. Mr. Burke noted that the marina and beach are nice areas for people that do not live on the water to come and fish and be on the water. Mr. Clancy asked that Mr. Maulden discuss this with Roger Young at the meeting. Mr. Maulden suggested the commission narrow down what they would like to implement and then Mr. Maulden could bring it to Roger Young. Mr. Burke noted that he would do some research and see what could be done about the parking spaces and come up with some ideas.

b. Boat Patrol Cameras Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted that Mrs. Bay already touched on the boat patrol body cameras. Mr. Maulden asked if they have been used yet, Mrs. Bay noted that they will be implemented tomorrow with boat patrol because they just came in. Mrs. Brown offered to give an update on the new body cameras to the commission.

c. Buoy Numbers/Tape Review

1. Mr. Clancy opened the floor for discussion about the buoy numbering. Mr. Quill noted that if this could be done on land when the new buoys come in then there is no need to do double the work.

d. 2025 Budget Review

1. Mr. Clancy asked if anything needed to be added to this topic. Mrs. Bay noted that the preliminary budget notice has been posted through DLGF and the Public Hearing of the Budget will be at the September Board Meeting. There was discussion of having a 5-year budget plan. There was discussion over the engine and boat replacement. Mrs. Bay noted that the boats are on a replacement cycle the same as all other equipment is.

e. Temporary Speed Bumps at Grizzly

1. Mr. Maulden noted that he discussed the speed bumps with Mr. Rasdall. Mr. Maulden noted that he plans to discuss with Smith Paving the cost, options, and what they recommend for permanent speed bumps that plow trucks can drive over.

f. Stationary Cam at Beach

1. Mrs. Bay noted that the stationary cameras have been installed at the beach and gave the commission a quick live view of what the cameras look like.

g. Smoking at the Beach Rule Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted that the new butt cannisters look great and better than the teardrop cans. Mrs. Bay noted that they were placed off the pathways, so they are close but not in line with entering and exiting the beach. Mrs. Vavul asked if the beach attendants noticed a difference having these installed, less mess for them to clean up. Mrs. Bay noted that it has slowed down at the beach but believes the attendants will all notice a huge difference next summer by having these.

h. Loose Dogs Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted he spoke with Billie Grimes Watson, the animal control officer, about the dog issues and she said people need to reach out to her and her email is grimeswatsonb@browncounty-in.gov. Mr. Clancy noted that if dogs are a chronic nuisance and she is notified she can fine the owners \$100, and if the dog is vicious or a female in heat then that is a \$500 fine. Mr. Clancy noted that she could also give a \$25 ticket for the chronic dog barking. Mr. Clancy mentioned that Billie Grimes Watson wants people to reach out to her.

i. Adding Buoy Northwest End of Sweetwater Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted that Mrs. Bay covered this topic thoroughly and asked if there was any more discussion on this topic. Mr. Quill mentioned that he believed there might need to be another buoy added to that area. Mrs. Bay noted that they could go look at that area and assess if there was a need to add an additional buoy in that area.

j. CSCD Full Time Employee Lake Use Review

1. Mr. Maulden noted that the Board was in full support of and approved allowing full-time employee lake use. Mr. Clancy asked if any full-time employee had gotten boat decals, Mrs. Bay responded that one was in the works.
2. Mr. Burke noted that the people who work here care about this place and they should get to be a part of it.

k. Rule Book Update

1. Mr. Quill went over the rules and how some of them needed to be updated not just compiled and used the ORV rule as an example because Brown County now has an ordinance, but the current book doesn't allow them, so it needs updated. Mr. Maulden noted that ecology was starting to look at the compiled document and noting the modifications that they believe should be made and the security commission should too. Mr. Maulden noted that he would like the commission to follow ecology's lead and have the security commission block out time to go over the rules. Brenda Maulden noted that in ecology they are taking five pages at a time and going over it and then reporting back at their next commission meeting. Mr. Maulden noted that this would allow them to make some changes and then it could be taken to the Board to get approved. Mr. Clancy discussed some of the modifications to verbiage and rules the commission had discussed back in January.

11. Commission Member Concerns:

1. The Commission went over what topics that they wanted to leave under old business.
2. Mrs. Brown noted boat patrol has powers when not on duty, but it is difficult to write tickets from her dock because she can't see decals or catch them from there. Mrs. Brown discussed the placement of the decals on the boats. Mr. Clancy noted that if boat patrol is out notify them so they can stop them. Mrs. Brown noted that a lot of the boat patrol will not give out a ticket if she calls, they will just stop them and discuss it with them because they did not see the violation. Mr. Clancy and Mr. Burke both discussed that police officers will see a violation and radio it into another officer and that officer will stop the violator and that boat patrol should be able to do the same thing. There was discussion over affidavits.

12. Adjourn (7:23 PM)

MOTION: Mr. Burke moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Vavul. Motion passed unanimously.

