

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**  
**ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**  
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

1. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:01 P.M., in the CSCD conference room.  
**Members Present:** Randy Brumfield, Shena Johnson, Matt Rotelli, Harold Crooks, Tom Golias, and Brenda Maulden-Interim Recorder.  
**Members Absent:** None.  
Others In Attendance: Shawn Rexroth, Katie Starr, Ted Adolay
2. **REVIEW AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGENDA:** No changes were made.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Harold Crooks moved to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2025 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Mr. Golias seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
4. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **CSCD Operations Report:** (Nick Johann)

**Cordry Lake Spillway:**

- Faulty Gate Valve was replaced this week
- Ramp Gates should be installed in the next few weeks
- The normal pool level was surveyed prior to construction and after construction of the spillway the difference was a hundredth of a foot (1/8") Cordry is currently 4.8" below normal pool. This has happened multiple times during dry conditions.
- Engineers still haven't been out to approve finished project

**Deer Reduction Hunt Information**

- *Mandatory meeting and Proficiency Testing/Qualifications for anyone wanting to hunt to be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at CSVFD*
- *Reduction Hunt #1 October 25-November 14*
- *Reduction Hunt #2 January 3-January 11<sup>th</sup>*

Discussed electrofishing for Cordry (Randy) initial estimated cost with Aquatic Control was prohibitive in regards to low number of fish that would be retrieved. Mr. Adolay suggested looking into fish management by using tiger musky. Katie Starr forwarded several articles regarding this natural form and more cost-effective form of fish management.

- b. **Pollinator Habitat Update:** Freeholder questioned about ragweed in habitat. Katie Starr stated that ragweed is actually a native and not an invasive species. Brenda Maulden explained that the management plan is being followed and in 2026 prescribed measures will be followed at appropriate times with guidance from BC Soil & Water. By not mowing the habitat this year, the new plants were given time to develop stronger root systems.
- c. **America the Beautiful Grant Update:** In an informal meeting prior to this Ecology Commission meeting, Dawn Slack with SICIM stated that our pay application had been submitted and they were still waiting on disbursement of grant funds. We will plan another Invasive Species Training seminar later this fall to keep the momentum in freeholder interest going. Katie Starr said that her office is trying to secure a chipper machine and suggested that freeholders who are interested could sign up for it's use when clearing their own property of invasives. We will discuss further at a later date.
- d. **Port-O-Pot Surround Mural Update:** The surround at Sweetwater boat trailer parking is finished! Brenda will reach out to freeholders to see if anyone has interest in painting the porta-pot surround at Center Lake Park.
- e. **Eagle Scout Project:** (Brenda) Our scout Ian reached out and stated that he will proceed with planning the picnic table project once high school Tennis season ends in October. He assured he will keep us up to date with his progress and timeline.
- f. **CSLOA Fireworks/Ox Roast** (Brenda) As the CSLOA representative for Ecology, Brenda will continue to relay CSLOA plans as they are formed for the 2026 event.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Dredging Applications:** *None*
- b. **Dredging Discussion** (Randy) Planning needs to begin for CSCD dredging projects for the 2027 budget year.
- c. **CISMA-** (Brenda, Katie, Dawn Slack) Dawn Slack and Katie Starr met with several members of the Ecology Commission for a few minutes prior to the Ecology meeting to discuss the process and benefits of creating a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area aka CISMA within our district. We are already exceeding the requirement of conducting 3 Weed Wrangles a year, by having monthly Weed Wrangles. By creating a CSIMA, the district would be eligible for additional grant moneys. Brenda made a motion to proceed with the application process for creating a CISMA, Harold seconded. All in favor.
- d. **CSCD Freeholder RV Camping Rules-** We discussed our current rules for the district and how we believe they are not being followed or properly enforced. There has been conflicting information at different times from our legal source. We will study this issue further due to more freeholders questioning the commission from their personal observations and complaints around the district.
- e. **CSCD Community Garden Club-** (Randy) The Garden Club is a sub-committee of the Ecology Commission and has a 5-member committee. The Garden Club Chair is to report directly to the Ecology Commission for any issues, maintenance and/or purchase requests. The Ecology Commission Chair will forward the request to the CSCD office/maintenance dept for action. Bed rental fee deposits collected and expenses are added to the Ecology budget as a separate line item as required by the State Board of Accounts.
- f. **Weed Wrangle:** Next scheduled is September 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am at the Pollinator Habitat area.
- g. **Ecology Commission Member Position Opening:** After reviewing several interested freeholder applications/bios that were submitted; Shena Johnson made a motion to recommend Shawn Rexroth to the Ecology Commission, Brenda Maulden seconded. All in favor.
- h. **Commission Member Concerns:**  
Brenda Maulden mentioned that she has observed a truck with trailer parked overnight on several occasions at the trail head parking lot across from the beach. She was advised to bring this up at the upcoming Security Commission meeting.
- i. **Freeholder After-Thoughts:** NONE

**REVISE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** Review tabled until September

**ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Brumfield moved to adjourn the meeting of the Ecology Commission. Shena Johnson seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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