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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

4 February, 2021

- 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 February, 2021, by means of a ZOOM and VIMEO video conference, in light of the current social-distancing guidance due to the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020-2021.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden, Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper, & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: None
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 4 guests
- E. *Sunny Leerkamp moved to approve the Minutes of the 3 December, 2020, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Randy Brumfield seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS :
1. (6:05 P.M.) Freeholder Becky Hagans presented a detailed proposal for a community “Dog Park” to be established on CSCD property located in Centerlake Park. Her presentation was supported by a very well-researched plan outlined in an email provided to the Commission members previously today. After her very professional presentation, questions were asked, answers were rendered, and guidance for further action on her proposal was provided by Commission Chair, Rick Normington. After discussion,:
Randy Brumfield Moved to allow the creation of a “Dog Park Study Committee,” comprised of Becky Hagans and whatever other volunteer freeholders she can organize to refine and resubmit their proposal to the Commission in a way that addresses the concerns and questions posed by members tonight for further, future consideration by the ECOLOGY Commission and CSCD Board. Brenda Maulden seconded, and the motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.
 2. (6:30 P.M.) Contractor, Jeff Bardy, owner of Indy Boat Lifts and Docks, expressed concern over recent enforcement of the CSCD Dredging Rules that limits all lake dredging to the period of time between 1 August and 15 December, each year. After Mr. Bardy, joined by Jeremy Rollins, outlined their rationale as contractors for changing this dredging rule, chairman Rick Normington pointed out that this is a rule that can only be changed by the CSCD Board, and that these 2 contractors should raise their concern directly to the Board in their upcoming Board meeting on 16 February. They were urged to attend in person to plead their case.
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:50 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 plans for coffer dam repairs and the continuation of work on the Cordry Dam Spillway issue. The goal is to have work on the Cordry Dam Spillway put out for bid in 2021 and work to commence in 2022. A seminar on Purple Martin & Bluebird Habitat will be presented in the CSLOA clubhouse on 6 Feb. by freeholder Neil Crum; Volunteer Rusty Fields will be installing remaining bat boxes around the lakes. All these efforts are in support of the ECOLOGY Commission goal of reducing mosquito populations in the CSCD.
 2. (6:55 P.M.) **EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET FOR CSCD FREEHOLDERS (Brenda):** The joint effort between CSLOA and the ECOLOGY Commission, to publish and distribute an educational welcome pamphlet, with key information about living in our CSCD community, is underway. Brenda Maulden and Angela VonHoven are working together to develop a topic outline as a guide for their work.

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3. (7:00 P.M.) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE (Rick):** Since our CHAP coordinator is not in attendance, no update was provided on our now-completed deer reduction hunt for 2020-21 and our pending coyote reduction plans. Updates will be planned for next month's meeting.
4. (7:01 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT (Brenda):** Freeholder Neil Crum has offered to work with Brenda Maulden in getting the Pollinator Habitat (across from Sweetwater Beach) project effort underway in 2021.

H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (7:10 P.M.) **AQUATIC WEED CONTROL CONTRACT (Josh H.):** After brief discussion,:
Randy Brumfield moved to approve the "Aquatic Control" contract bid, as submitted, in an amount of \$61,638.00, for the control treatments of invasive aquatic weeds in our CSCD lakes during the 2021 season. Josh Edwards seconded. The motion to approve the contract was unanimously approved.
 2. (7:15 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER DREDGING APPLICATIONS: (Rick):** The Commission reviewed an application for dredging received from the CSCD Building Control Officer on behalf of freeholder Cully Kinnick. Questions arose from the emailed application about the dredging company (J. Rollins who was in attendance but unaware of the application) and the questionable feasibility of the location of the listed "dredge soil disposal site." In that CSCD rules will not allow dredging to start in 2021 until 1 August, a recommendation to table this request was made until answers to these questions could be provided.:
Randy Brumfield moved to table this application; Ty Cooper seconded. Motion Approved.
 3. (7:20 P.M.) **ZEBRA MUSSEL STUDY COMMITTEE (Jim):** After brief discussion:
Sunny Leerkamp moved to officially establish a "Zebra Mussel Study Committee," comprised of: Ted Adolay (CSCD Board Member), Jim Donnell's (CSCD Ecology Commission), Riley Ferguson (CSCD Security Team), Randy Brumfield (Angler's Club), Janice Benshoof (CSCD Freeholder), and Angela VonHoven (CSLOA); whose purpose is to study and analyze the potential threat of Zebra Mussels to the recreational lakes of the CSCD and its freeholders, and to make recommendations to the ECOLOGY Commission for measures to take to prevent such an infestation. Brenda Maulden seconded. Motion Approved.
 4. (7:25 P.M.) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** Randy Brumfield reported that the Anglers' Club is hosting a C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event on Sweetwater Lake, on 21 August from 8:00 until noon. This event connects volunteers from the Anglers' Club with special needs kids from the area for a fun day of fishing. Fundraising to support this event is ongoing.
 5. (7:30 P.M.) At the request of the Conservancy Manager, the ECOLOGY Commission reviewed and reaffirmed its commission officers. By acclamation, officers are to be: **CHAIRMAN: Rick Normington; VICE-CHAIRMAN: Josh Edwards; RECORDING SECRETARY: Jim Donnell's**
 6. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **4 MARCH, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. It will be an in-person format meeting. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.
- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Josh Edwards moved to adjourn the February meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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