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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

5 April, 2018

A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:07 P.M. on 5 April, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.

B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden

C. Members Absent: Jim Donnells, Sonia Leerkamp

D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (CSCD Superintendent), Dan & Ruth Miley (Freeholders), Jim Ray (Freeholder & CSCD Rep for BC Solid Waste District)

E. *Mr. Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the March 1st, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; motion seconded by Mr. Edwards; This motion was unanimously approved.*

F. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: (6:10-6:50)**

Dan & Ruth Miley of Eagle Drive raised concerns about Soap and other Detergents being discharged into the Lakes via septic “work-arounds” and dock sinks. Mr. Miley provided the commission with a document that describes what can happen when detergents and freshwater like a lake come together and the damaging after-effects it can cause. The Mileys have both witnessed a soapy scum on the water while swimming and kayaking during calm, early mornings after summer weekends.

Discussions included current water conditions based on the 2017 fish survey and Indiana law regarding septic codes. The Commission decided to provide educational resources to the public via the website, Facebook, and future newsletters to better educate freeholders about this potential problem. The Mileys were also told to make sure they contact the office or Mr. Hawley directly the next time they see the scum so that water samples can be taken.

G. **OLD BUSINESS :**

1. (6:50 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

(*Josh Hawley*): Mr. Hawley provided updates to the Commission on the opening of the beach and restrooms, the Cardboard Regatta on September 22nd, and the CSCD Garden Club.

2. (6:55 P.M.) **SWEETWATER DAM REPAIR:** Nothing new to report

3. (6:57 P.M.) **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT:** Jim Ray alerted the Commission that Phil Stevens of the Brown County Solid Waste and Recycling Center wrote Mr. Ray regarding a lack of funds to assist the District with this event. Mr. Ray will be attending the monthly Solid Waste meeting and will verify this information.

4. (7:15 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (*Rick Normington*) :** As a result of estimated costs, the Commission is leaning towards conducting the hunt on its own without a CHAP Coordinator. Discussion included a list provided by a CHAP Coordinator of important ideas and things to keep in mind. After much discussion Mr. Hawley suggested a Deer Reduction Hunt Committee be formed that will handle the rules and coordination of the hunt. This committee will answer directly to the Ecology Commission which will include the Board in all final decisions.

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Normington, and Mrs. Maulden volunteered to be on the Committee and they will search for three other members to fill out a 6-person Deer Reduction Hunt Committee.

H. **NEW BUSINESS :**

I. 1. (8:15 P.M.) Mr. Normington brought to the Commission the request of freeholder Rodney Gunter to host a fishing tournament in September that would raise money for the Wounded Heroes Hunt. The tournament would be open to the public as well as freeholders. Discussion included concerns about allowing outside boats on CSCD waters

and not knowing the rules; concerns about allowing this tournament but not future tournaments (ie. Where do we draw the line); and concerns about freeholders not wanting the additional traffic on the water on a weekend.

The Commission decided to approve the concept of the fishing tournament as it is concerned with Ecology; however, they would like this proposal to go in front of the Security Commission before it is brought before the CSCD Board as the Commission did not feel comfortable approving or not approving a proposal that would go against the rules of the Lake.

2. Mr. Normington reported to the Commission that the Annual Budgeting Workshop for the Ecology Commission will begin at the April meeting. Mr. Hawley provided a review of the 2018 Budget that included what did and did not get approved from last year's workshop.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Mr. Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brumfield seconded. The motion passed;* The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

JOSH HAWLEY

CSCD Water & Grounds Superintendent