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**Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Minutes**

June 16, 2009

7:00 PM

**Present:** Noe, Moebs, Kolar, Hetherington, Boyle, Gillentine, (New member)

**Absent:** Fenwick

**Administrative Assistant:** Joe Quackenbush

**Managers:** Bernie McGaha and John Collins, (Marty Anderson not present)

**Guests:** Margaret Bruce, Katie Shrewsbury, Ruth Gillentine, Anita Wright, Rick Normington, Brent Enderle, Steve Herald, Cully Kinnick, Dave Wallace, Michael Leavitt, Buzz Settles

**A. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Noe called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Noe asked that everyone try to give the highlights and to make their reports as short as possible because of the heavy agenda.

**B. Freeholder Concerns:**

1. Anita Wright mentioned the Brown County Community Band Concert that was coming up, on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, at the Sweetwater Beach. She also mentioned that the benches the CSLOA ordered are to be delivered to a business and she asked if they could be delivered to the CSCD Office. Mr. Noe said that would be fine. Mrs. Wright stated the flower beds at the beach need to be weeded.

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

**1. May Regular Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, as written, seconded by Mr. Moebs – motion carried, with Mr. Kolar abstaining because he was absent.

**2. May 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the May 5, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes, as written, seconded by Mr. Moebs – motion carried unanimously.

**3. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the June 3, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes, as written, seconded by Mr. Hetherington – motion carried unanimously.

**D. Financial and Claims Reports:** Mr. Noe reminded everyone that the Commission Budgets need to be in by the August 1, 2009. Mr. Noe asked that everyone read the financial report. Mr. Kolar asked when the tax bills are going to be sent. Mr. Moebs said he had that information in the report he prepared. There was discussion about paying off or extending the loan from Irwin Union Bank.

**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the Financial Report, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Hetherington – motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the Claims, subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Moebs – Discussion - Mr. Kolar had a question about item 397. Is the amount a partial payment? Mr. Noe and Moebs stated, Yes it is. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Budget Committee Report:** Mr. Moebs prepared a spread sheet which included budget items and estimates for the rest of 2009. Mr. Moebs mentioned that the County stated they would be sending out the tax billings in July. That means it might be sometime in November before the CSCD would receive any tax disbursements. Mr. Moebs went on to say that by July the Conservancy would be broke. He then stated the things that need to be discussed should start with, what do we do with the \$100,000.00 on line of credit from Irwin Union Bank? Pay it off or extend it another ninety days. Things to be considered are the Cordry Dam repair and the road repairs. After ninety days the CSCD will have to borrow again. Mr. Kolar asked how the CSCD can reduce costs. Mr. Moebs stated that any purchases or expenses should be on an emergency basis.

**Motion:** Mr. Hetherington made a motion to extend the line of credit ninety days, if the Bank will approve it, seconded by Mrs. Boyle – motion carried unanimously.

The Board decided to ask Irwin union if they will loan more money when asking for an extension on the present line of credit. Mr. Moebs stated he will get together with Marty, when she gets back and find out about the line of credit.

**F. Manager Reports:**

1. **Infrastructure Manager – John Collins:** Mr. Collins prepared a document explaining the funding from FEMA. He stated he will be attending a meeting soon where he will be asking for \$44,637.03, which is 25% of the expenses from the June 2009 flood. Mr. Collins believes that the CSCD will receive it through the County sometime in July. Mr. Collins also stated that Verizon is planning to install a cell tower in the Conservancy in the Spring of 2010.
2. **Business Manager – Marty Anderson:** Mr. McGaha read Mrs. Anderson's report.
3. **Security Manager – Bernie McGaha:** Mr. McGaha asked for signs to be installed at the beach to prevent people from fishing and boating in the area between the rope and the bouys.

**Motion:** Mr. Kolar made a motion to have signs installed at the north and south points of the swimming area, seconded by Mr. Moebs – motion carried unanimously.

**G. Commission Reports:**

1. **Building:** Mr. Quackenbush summarized the Building Commission Report by talking about;
  - a. Rules Committee, (David Moebs), has prepared a proposal for the approval process, approved unanimously by Commission.
  - b. Building Commission recommends the CSCD Board allow contractors to use ramp until freeholder wants to launch boat or allow contractors to build dock or ramp somewhere else on conservancy property, such as park area on Nuthatch.
  - c. Complaint of unsightly lot on Bass Dr. Mr. Fenwick and Joe Quackenbush to visit site.
  - d. Mr. Keirn proposed adopting a Quasi-Angie's list, on contractor's performance.
  - e. Septic System Evaluation letter to be prepared by Buzz Settles. Mr. Noe suggested the letter be faxed to the attorney for approval before mailing it out.

**Motion:** Mr. Kolar made a motion to have Mr. Quackenbush get attorney's approval of Mr. Settle's letter before mailing it out to non-compliant freeholders, seconded by Mrs. Boyle – motion carried unanimously.

2. **Ecology:** Mr. Kolar summarized the Ecology Commission Report by talking about:
  - a. Dams: Mr. Kolar prepared documents for repair of Cordry Dam to be item on next months agenda.
  - b. Angler's: Fish tournament June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Fish Questionnaire: to be looked at by Ecology Commission at next meeting.
  - d. Goose control: Article to go in newsletter about what you can and can't do with geese. Goose round-up to happen soon.
  - e. Weeding: Mr. Quackenbush stated there is an increase in Algae blooms. Mr. Collins stated water samples would be taken from problem areas.
3. **Security:** Mr. Noe summarized the Security Report by talking about:
  - a. Patrol boats: The boats are at Ted's for repair.
  - b. Mr. Hetherington stated he didn't feel boats were being stored high enough on lifts.
4. **Roads:** Mr. Hetherington stated there was not a quorum for lack of funds to act on needs. Bill Conkwright volunteered to be a member of the Roads Commission.

**Motion:** Mr. Hetherington made a motion to approve Mr. Bill Conkwright as a new member of the Roads Commission, seconded by Mr. Kolar – motion carried unanimously.

5. **Water:** Mrs. Boyle summarized the Water Report by talking about:
  - a. Water loss: down by 11%. Water leak on buffalo Dr. repaired that should be a reflection on next month's report.
  - b. Discussion on automated meter reading equipment.

#### **H. Unfinished Business:**

1. **Use of Marina dock and ramp by contractors:** Mr. Noe began the discussion by summarizing the concerns of the Board about the Contractors use of the boat ramps. Two contractors were in attendance, Steve Herald and Cully Kinnick. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Noe suggested that this be discussed more at the Building Commission Meeting. Mr. Kolar mentioned that when the CSCD has some money, cameras should be set-up at the marina and beach areas. Also, it was suggested that new signs be placed at the ramps with some rules. Mr. Hetherington asked about boat traffic going the opposite direction, while in the idle zone. After some discussion and reading the rule, it states all traffic should travel in a counterclockwise manner.
2. **Harder vs. CSCD:** Mr. Noe asked for a motion on this matter.

**Motion:** Mr. Moebs made a motion to approve the settlement agreed to at the mediation session between the CSCD and the Harders, seconded by Mrs. Boyle – motion carried unanimously.

#### **I. New Business:**

1. **Election of new board member:** Mr. Noe stated there was only one nominee and asked for a motion to accept Mr. Gillentine as a member of the Board of Directors.
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**Motion:** Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve Gregg Gillentine as the Board Director, representing Area 7, seconded by Mr. Moebs - motion carried unanimously.

3. **Oath of Office for new board member:** Mr. Moebs, as Secretary to the Board, Assisted Mr. Gillentine in giving the Oath of Office.
4. **Board of Director's Compensation:** Mr. Noe stated that the Board of Directors have not had a pay increase in twenty-eight years and asked the other Board members to think about it and they would discuss it at a later date.

**5. Joint Land Use Study Committee:** Mrs. Boyle spoke for her husband, in his absence, who was at that time attending a meeting of the Joint Land Use Study Committee, in North Vernon. She gave the time and place for the next meeting which will be at the Edinburg Park and Recreation Center, 733 S. Eisenhower Drive, Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

**J. Specific Lake and Dam issues or Board member concerns:**

Mr. Collins stated there have been complaints about buoys missing in the lakes. He ordered buoys, but he recently found out it takes thirty days to get them. It will be about two weeks before they come in.

Mr. Kolar mentioned that it would be nice if the Conservancy could have severe weather sirens. Mr. McGaha stated the CSCD is waiting to see if we could receive a grant that Mr. Mike Bruce applied for, to help pay for the severe weather sirens. They are very expensive, stated Mr. McGaha, between \$8,800.00 and \$10,000.00. Mr. McGaha said he would check to see if there have been any developments.

**K. Wrap-up:**

Mr. Enderle stated he was asked when the next newsletter would be going out. Mr. Noe asked the other members how often the newsletter should go out. The Board discussed sending the newsletters out via e-mail, to cut costs. Mr. Enderle suggested getting peoples e-mail addresses when people come in to buy boat stickers in the spring. In the mean time the CSCD could ask for e-mail addresses in the next newsletter and on the website. The Board decided to table this item until the next meeting, and at that time they could tell Mr. Enderle to go ahead with it or not.

Mr. Hetherington stated that the handling of the money boxes needs to be changed. Mr. McGaha stated that if the box gets a large accumulation of money, the attendant could call the security person to pick it up and deliver it to the CSCD Office. At the end of the day the security officer can escort the Marina attendant to the CSCD Office.

**L. Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Mr. Moebs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Boyle - motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2009, at Nineveh, Indiana.



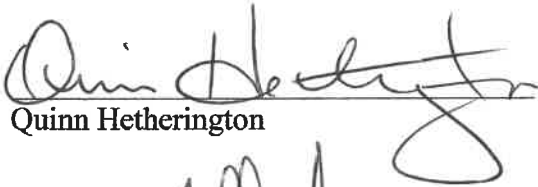
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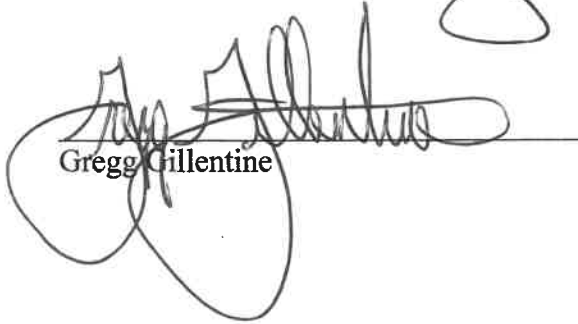
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