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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING  
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District  
3 October, 2024

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:00 P.M., in the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper, Shena Johnson, Brenda Maulden, Charlie Tinkle, Matt Murtha, and Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: None
- D. Others In Attendance: 2 Guests
- E. (6:05 P.M.) Brenda Maulden *moved to approve the Minutes of the 5 September, 2024 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Shena Johnson seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. (6:05 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS**: None
- G. (6:05 P.M.) **OLD BUSINESS**:
1. **CSCD OPERATIONS REPORT**: In Nick Johann's absence, Randy Brumfield provided updates on myriad projects of interest to ECOLOGY including:
    - a. Randy's Animal Control (RAC) has been contracted to perform major **muskrat control** measures on our lakes this fall/winter in conjunction with the deer hunt. Traps are to be set out as early as 30 October. Freeholders are urged to send photos and location information of active muskrat dens to CSCD (Nick Johann) this month.
    - b. A **new gate** is being fabricated for the **Sweetwater boat ramp** and will be installed in November.
    - c. CSCD has initiated a **Hazardous Tree Inventory** in the CSCD to prioritize removals before they cause damage.
    - d. **Cordry Lake Spillway**: The long-awaited rebuild of the Cordry Dam Spillway has been delayed, however a new contractor has been selected to replace the originally-selected contractor who failed to perform on time. The bid for this new contractor is \$ 800,000 higher, but he is moving forward in a more-timely manner. Plans still call for the project to get underway in (late) October, and be completed within 180 days.
    - e. **Status of ECOLOGY Commission Budget Proposals for FY 2025**: At this point, no cuts to ECOLOGY Commission budget proposals have been made.
  2. (6:15 P.M.) **HOLDING TANKS ISSUE**: It was decided to delay deliberations on the issue of "Holding Tanks" usage in CSCD until next month so that more research can be performed. The topic was added to the AGENDA for Nov.
  3. (6:20 P.M.) **CSCD RULES REVIEW PROJECT** (Shena): The joint effort of the SECURITY Commission and ECOLOGY Commission to update and consolidate into one, online, and easily accessible Rule Book, all the "rules" in effect in the CSCD, continues. Commission members reviewed and proposed edits to the first 5 pages of the newly created Draft Rule Book that Shena had created for this purpose. The next 5 pages of her draft will be reviewed and edited next month.
  4. (6:40 P.M.) **DEER REDUCTION HUNT**: (Shena) All is on track for a successful Deer Reduction Hunt in CSCD again this year (1-17 Nov.) and next year (4-12 Jan.). Last month, 20 hunters "qualified" for the hunt after demonstrating to Rusty Fields (our hunt coordinator), their ability to safely and accurately use their archery equipment to hunt.
  5. (6:45 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE** (Brenda): The "Pollinator Habitat Committee" continues to develop a comprehensive plan for the creation of this Pollinator Habitat resource. To date, \$ 885 in donations have been received from 10 contributors to help defray the cost of this project. Brenda continues to promote freeholder donations for this project. She is also seeking the use of a "seed drill" for seed dispersal this fall to ensure maximum germination. The required, **full-day training session** for CSCD employees and freeholders (a prerequisite for award of the America the Beautiful Grant), has been postponed to **Saturday, 23 November** from 9 A.M- 4 P.M. More details to follow...

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H. ( 6:55 P. M. ) **NEW BUSINESS** : A summary extract of the MINUTES form a recent Garden Club meeting was provided by Brenda Maulden. She outlined a very successful growing season for the CSCD Garden Club as they made full use of their 35 rebuilt garden beds. She reported that user fees for new members will be \$ 40 next season. Of concern, there was a recent water line break at one of the spigots provided by CSCD for Garden Club use and it was unclear as to who is responsible for its repair. Randy Brumfield agreed to discuss this with Nick Johann to ensure its timely repair.

I ( 7:10 P. M. ) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS**: One commission member inquired about the rules regarding mountain bikes and snow mobiles on the CSCD Nature Trails. While there was no firm confirmation of what is currently authorized/unauthorized, it was agreed that this issue will be addressed in the ongoing “Rules Review” process being conducted by the ECOLOGY & SECURITY Commissions.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**: Charlie Tinkle moved to adjourn the 3 October, meeting of the Ecology Commission. Shena Johnson seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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