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MINUTES ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District AUGUST 7, 2025

1. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:15 P.M., in the CSCD conference room.

Members Present: Randy Brumfield, Harold Crooks, Tom Golias, Brenda Maulden-Interim Recorder.

Members Absent: Shena Johnson, and Matt Rotelli. Others In Attendance: Nick Johann, Troy and Cindy Roth

- 2. REVIEW AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGENDA: No changes were made.
- 3. <u>REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Brenda Maulden moved to approve the Minutes of the July 3, 2025 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Mr. Golias seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.
- 4. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS**: Troy and Cindy Roth (SW257/258) 7607 Grizzly Drive, brought up concerns about the back of the cove where their property sits, filling in with silt. The property opposite belongs to the CSCD. The stand-pipe that was placed during the construction of the coffer dam back around 2016 has filled up with debris causing the surrounding area to become marshy. The open top stand-pipe is causing potential safety concerns with children living and playing nearby. Ecology will investigate further.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **CSCD Operations Report:** (Nick Johann)
 - Cordry Lake Spillway: Several Cordry freeholders have made comments online that the water level seems to be several inches lower since the completion of the dam project. Mr. Johann said that the engineers still need to verify the project before it is certified as completed.
- b. **Weed Treatment:** Spot treatment will take place on Tuesday August 12 on Sweetwater; the lake will be under "Yellow" status until 4pm. The question was asked about the lake treatment company adhering to our rules regarding no wake areas in coves during the course of treating the lakes. Mr. Johann advised that the company has been informed that they are to adhere and abide by all our rules and that they are not exempt from our no-wake rule.
- c. **Pollinator Habitat Update**: Brenda Maulden and Harold Crooks were the attendees of the August 2nd Weed Wrangle held at the north entrance of the pollinator habitat. The goal for the 2 hours was to cut back and stump treat the woody invasives that had sprouted up since last September. The goal area was completed.
- d. America the Beautiful Grant Update: No updated information regarding the status of grant funds.
- e. **Port-O-Pot Surround Mural Update:** The surround at the Sweetwater boat trailer parking is in its final stages of completion. Ms. Susi Williams has painted a large fish on each of the three sides; bluegill, bass, and northern pike. She is currently working on the finishing details. The mural is getting a lot of complements from the freeholders, and adds to the improvement of the area.
- f. Eagle Scout Project: (Brenda) our scout is currently in the process of creating his project plan and will keep us advised.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Dredging Applications: None
- b. **Dredging Discussion** (Randy) Major dredging project of the lakes was done back around 2014. Planning needs to begin for CSCD dredging projects for the 2027 budget year.
- c. Weed Wrangle: Next scheduled is September 6th 9am-11am at the Pollinator Habitat area.
- d. Commission Member Concerns:

Ms. Maulden was given a copy of the Annual Volunteer Monitoring Report with the Secchi-Disk Summary Data that freeholder Dave Jarrett has been collecting samples of for years. There has been a notable and unexplained decline in water clarity of both lakes in the past 6 years. The commission will review and discuss the data over the next few months and decide how to proceed in determining the cause and solutions to improve the issue.

Tom Golias brought up the concern of seeing so many boats on the lake at night that are not using their navigation lights.

Ms. Maulden was asked to have the CSLOA come up with their written plan no later than October, for the 2026 Fire Works/Ox Roast in regards to the shelter house and beach area being kept for private use only of freeholder and personal guests of freeholders. Ms. Maulden will report back to the Ecology Commission with the CSLOA's plans.

e. Freeholder After-Thoughts: NONE

REVISE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN: Review tabled until September

ADJOURNMENT: Brenda Maulden moved to adjourn the meeting of the Ecology Commission. Mr. Crooks seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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