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Minutes

ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

August 6, 2026

The July meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Randy Brumfield at 6:10 PM

Members Present: Randy Brumfield, Matt Rotelli, Harold Crooks, Tom Golias, Shawn Rexroth

Members Absent: Brad Hancock

Freeholders in Attendance: Ken Reinstrom, Dale Hatfield, Jayme Golias

Guests: None

REVIEW AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGENDA: The draft agenda was reviewed and approved. Motion by Shawn, seconded by Harold. All were in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July meeting minutes were reviewed, minutes approved unanimously after a motion by Tom, seconded by Harold.

FREEHOLDER COMMENTS: Jayme Golias was present representing the CSLOA and requested that the Commission list the top 3 accomplishments to be reported at the CSLOA annual meeting. The commission listed bringing weed spraying inhouse vs. contractor, weed wrangle/pollinator habitat work, and largemouth bass management control. She also noted that there is not currently a Commission member attending the CSLOA meetings. Randy also stated that there is a CSLOA seat on the Commission not filled. He also announced that Brad Hancock is resigning from the Commission, resulting in two open spots.

Ken Reinstrom followed up from last month's meeting regarding issues a failed dam impacting their property at 6550 Cougar, noting the recent heavy rain had pushed even more silt into the cove. Randy noted that the dam was on CSLOA property, Nick had looked at it and it is an old, dilapidated silt dam and that ABG had provided a quote for $42,500 which was likely to be approved. Ken said there is an old kayak with lot number WS509 on it in a pile of debris, Randy will let Nick know so ABG can handle it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summary Review of CSCD Water/Grounds Superintendent Report: Randy reported on Nick's behalf that the work continues to get 2 easements on the northern end of

Sweetwater from Avery Gamble and Rodney Gunnar. The goal is to build silt retention areas on the 2 inlets there.

Pollinator Habitat: Matt reported that the area was coming back fairly well from the recent mowing and that the walking trail would need to be mowed again. Randy stated he would speak with Nick to schedule laying mulch on that trail. Matt noted that some invasives are still present and he was willing to spot treat them; Randy said a backpack sprayer would be most efficient.

Weed Wrangle: Harold said that the July wrangle was just him due to some rainy weather, but he managed to clear out some honeysuckle along the road near the area that they have been working on. Saturday, September 5th, is the next weed wrangle.

Randy also mentioned that the America the Beautiful grant would be used to treat a large area, and that quotes were being received from Progressive Solutions, Habitat Solutions, and Midwest Spray.

Dredging Discussion: Matt and Randy were able to measure the silt depth in 24 coves on Cordry on July 25th, finding silt ranging from 2 feet to over 18 feet deep. They noted a real difference in coves that had silt retention dams. There are about 25 more coves on Cordry to be measured then Sweetwater will be addressed; next day is to be scheduled.

Deer Hunt: Tom reported that the CSCD Board of Directors approved unanimously expanding the controlled fall archery hunt to the hiking trails. The hunt will be limited to selected, proficient hunters hunting from designated tree stands at least 30 yards from trails, wearing an item of fluorescent orange clothing, tree stands marked with orange flagging, and with daily check in/out and harvest reporting. The hiking trail hunt will start the first two weeks in November (to avoid any conflict with the Haunted Trails event) and also the first week of January. The trail hunt will be Monday through Friday, with the trails closed those days and clear, professional signs posted at all relevant parking areas and primary trail access points on active hunt days, stating that hunters are present in the area and advising caution/exercise appropriate awareness. Hunters will adhere to strict conduct, parking, and access rules to ensure minimal disruption.

Tom also reported that Brittany had sent out property access cards to inform residents about hunting permissions on their land.

Fish Population Management: Randy reported that 1,131 largemouth bass have been caught year to date by the Anglers Club, with all being used for human consumption. Shawn expressed her willingness to get a freezer for the public to use to donate fish for the raptor center, Randy encouraged her to follow up with Mike at the fire station.

Budget Update: Randy reported that the CSCD Board has completed it's first review of the submitted budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dredging Applications: One application for 7934 Duck Drive was reviewed bye tehg commission. Matt made a motion to approve, Shawn seconded, and all approved.

Commission Member Concerns: None

Freeholder Afterthoughts: None

Adjournment: The meeting concluded following completion of all agenda items at 7:29 PM with a motion by Matt, seconded by Shawn, with all in favor.

Submitted by Tom Golias, Secretary