

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Security Commission Meeting
December 10th, 2024
“DRAFT MINUTES”

1. **Members Present:** Jim Maulden, Cathie Brown, Brian Clancy, Steve Burke, and Tom Quill
2. **Members Absent:** Carrie Vavul
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
 - b. 2 freeholders in attendance (Sharon Vankooten and Nancy Quill)
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. Mr. Clancy requested to add the pledge of allegiance to the beginning of the agenda and 9.e. Start audio recording the commission meetings through vimeo to be more transparent.

MOTION: Mr. Clancy motioned to approve the agenda modifications seconded by Mr. Burke. Motion passed 4-0.

6. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. The Commission reviewed the August Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Clancy motioned to approve October 8th, 2024, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Quill. Motion passed 4-0.

7. **Freeholder Concerns:**
 - a. Sharon VanKooten (I65) noted there is a 25 foot rule for swimming. Mr. Quill noted the rules would be discussed tonight. Mrs. Vankooten noted that in their cove in the afternoon if they are 25 feet from the shore, they are in the shade which is not very enjoyable, she also noted she is all for safety but wasn't sure how crazy they're going to get with the rules, and if this is going to be enforced. Mr. Clancy noted he didn't believe there was anyone enforcing that rule, as long as you are not a navigational impediment. Mrs. Vankooten then asked if it is a full calendar year for violations, should people be reminded if they have had 2 or more violations. Mr. Clancy noted that there is a google sheet available on the website that will show every freeholder violation that has been issued. Mrs. Bay noted that the violations are attached to the minutes each month there was not a link on the website. Mr. Clancy asked Mrs. Bay to make a link available on the website to show freeholders all of the violations that have been issued. There was a discussion about sending a reminder to freeholders once they received 2 violations. The commission requested Mrs. Bay to send a letter at the beginning of the next season to

freeholders with 2 violations to remind them. Mr. Maulden noted that in the rule book it says it's for 365 days and it is ultimately the freeholder's responsibility. Mr. Clancy noted it could be sent after they receive their 2nd violation and, in that letter, note the day the violation falls off, and then have the violations google sheet accessible on the website to everyone because it has the dates.

8. Director of Finance & Admin Report:

- a. Mrs. Bay reviewed her report, went over the new body cameras, and noted the beach shelter is winterized and closed until next season. Mrs. Bay discussed the lighted toppers for the buoys. There was discussion over buoys. It was asked when buoys were ordered, Mrs. Bay noted she orders them in early spring. Mrs. Bay discussed the maintenance crew numbering the rest of the buoys in the next season.

9. Old Business:

a. ADA/Loading & Unloading Zone

1. Mr. Maulden noted at the last meeting that Mr. Burke gave a report on what he thought they could do, and they should keep it the same as it is now; but make boat patrol available to assist people. Mr. Burke noted not to physically assist anyone, just to have their physical presence there. Mr. Maulden noted they discussed there had not been too many calls on this topic. Mr. Burke noted once you start designating handicapped areas it is going to be a mess, with the expenses and requirements.

b. Boat Patrol Cameras Review

1. Mr. Clancy asked about the new cameras. Mrs. Bay noted that they received them at the end of the season, so they have not got to truly utilize them but will be able to next season. Mr. Maulden noted he had asked Mrs. Brown about them and she thought they were better but with the lack of traffic at the end of the season they did not really get to test them out. Mr. Clancy discussed a couple of the commission members taking one and testing the body cameras out. There was discussion of the return window on the cameras.

c. Buy Numbers/Tape Review

1. Discussed during the Director of Finance & Admin Report.

d. Budget Review- 5 year

1. Mrs. Bay discussed the very preliminary 5-year budget that had been put together based on previous equipment replacement schedules and anticipated increases. Mr. Clancy discussed the patrol vehicles that Mr. Sherman had discussed in the past and their age and mileage and noted if the CSCD were to get Marshalls he didn't believe they would want to start with the older vehicles. Mr. Maulden asked if Mr. Johann had tried to get rid of any of these vehicles. Mrs. Bay noted that they had

listed the oldest 3 via online auction and they had sold, they had not listed the 2 newest ones the 2019 Durango and 2021 Ram. There was discussion over what price the older ones sold for. Mr. Clancy asked about the police equipment in the vehicles, Mrs. Bay noted that all of the vehicles still have police equipment they have just been disabled. Mr. Maulden asked what the vehicles were costing the District, and Mrs. Bay noted insurance and occasional fuel is what they are costing the District currently. There was discussion over the MOU with Nashville. It was requested by the commission to see if there was interest and starting an MOU with their new department. There was discussion over if Marshalls happen and in the future to have a pros and cons discussion over this and the costs of services.

e. Temporary Speed Bumps at Grizzly

1. Mr. Maulden noted that he spoke with Mark Rasdall, on the roads commission, and he is all for speed bumps, and what he would like to do is see 6 speed bumps on Sweetwater and 6 on Cordry; that way both sides are happy. Mr. Maulden noted that when he spoke with Mark, what he wanted to see happen in the future when a road paved that would be automatically included in it. There was discussion of the commission going out and picking roads to install the speed bumps on and then attending the roads commission meeting to present this to the roads commission.
2. There was discussion on changing the date of the February security commission meeting due to attendance.
3. There was discussion of renewing commission terms for Brian Clancy and Steve Burke, both agreed to continue serving on the commission. There was discussion of the open seat on the security commission since Harry Sherman recently resigned. Mrs. Bay noted she could post the security commission opening with the other commission openings this week to the website and Facebook. Mr. Maulden noted that whoever would be taking Harry Sherman's seat would only be for a 1-year term as they are filling the rest of Harry's position, Mrs. Bay noted that yes it would be for 1 year as they would be finishing Harry Sherman's term. Mrs. Brown noted her term was done at the end of the following year and asked if she could continue to serve at that time, as she would like to. There was discussion on the term end dates for current commission members.

f. Adding Buoy Northwest End of Sweetwater Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted that this would be discussed in the spring and to live it on the agenda until it was fulfilled. Mr. Quill noted currently there are no buoys available to add on the lake so it would need to be discussed in the spring. Mr. Maulden noted

that since re positioning the buoy it looked good, Mr. Quill agreed.

g. Rule Book Update

1. Mr. Quill noted that they went through the first 5 pages and identified changes at the last meeting. Mr. Quill noted on page 2 they wanted to reword warnings, because it is not a warning, it is a violation. Mr. Quill noted that it does state in the rule book that each lot owner is responsible for informing their guests of the lake rules. Mrs. Brown noted that as lake safety she always lets people know this is a no payment ticket when she stopped people.
2. There was discussion over dredging, and it was noted that ecology and building commission look over dredging application requests.
3. Mr. Quill noted that on page 4 there was some security verbiage that needed to be changed.
4. Mr. Quill noted the section discussing off road vehicles and turned this section over to Mr. Maulden as he was more familiar with this section. Mr. Maulden noted that a lot of these rules were because they used to allow off-road vehicles on the trails. Mr. Maulden noted that an off-road vehicle is no different than a regular vehicle and as long as they are tagged, they follow the same rules. Mrs. Bay noted that it should be made aware they are not allowed to drive them on CSCD properties such as parks, the beach, trails, etc. Mr. Maulden agreed and noted they should be treated the same as an automobile. Mr. Maulden noted that snow mobiles would also fall under off road vehicles.
5. Mr. Quill discussed next the firearms section. Mr. Clancy agreed that the section could be updated.
6. Mr. Quill discussed the leash section. Mr. Quill noted that maybe they should include the animal control officer's contact information in this section. Mr. Clancy noted he would not be opposed to adding the animal control officer's contact information, the Brown Sheriff's Department contact information, etc.
7. Mr. Quill went over the use of the lakes section. Mr. Maulden noted a lot of this will be changing with Resolution 2024-20. Mr. Clancy noted that when they get into new business, they could discuss the resolution at length, but then for homework they could go over the resolution and correct/suggest updates to the spelling errors that are in the resolution.
8. Mr. Maulden noted that under the non-motorized he did not see anything about paddleboards, so that it would need to be updated. There was discussion over paddleboards and paddleboats.

9. There was discussion over requiring lot numbers on watercraft. Mr. Quill noted that paddleboards needed to have lot numbers on them.
10. Mr. Quill noted that people on paddleboards should have a life jacket on the watercraft, a whistle and a light if it is at night.
11. There was discussion of the maximum number of boats per freehold. Mrs. Bay noted that they can have a maximum of 9 boats per freehold, with only 1 speed, 1 pontoon, 1 fishing boat and up to 6 nonmotorized watercraft.
12. There was discussion of the decal placement on watercrafts. Mrs. Brown noted that sometimes it is hard to see the decals at the front and/or back of the watercraft. Mr. Maulden noted he believed that location was chosen because that is where boat registration typically goes.
13. Mr. Quill discussed the decal revocation section of the rule book. Mr. Quill discussed limited use of watercraft. Mrs. Bay explained that the freeholder made the violation on the speed boat; they would not be allowed to use the motorized boats, but they could still use the non-motorized watercraft. Mr. Maulden, that is what the Board just did with a freeholder who received three violations, they took away use of the power boat for a year but let them keep the nonmotorized watercraft decals. Mr. Maulden noted that the security commission can make recommendations to the Board but ultimately the Board decides on this. Mr. Quill discussed revocation of decals for up to a year. Mrs. Brown noted that she has had freeholders' comment and ask if it's up to a year, maybe they won't take away their lake use for a full year and then asked the commission if it was one year from when the freeholder received their third violation. Mr. Quill agreed that it was correct. Mr. Maulden noted that with the freeholder they just revoked privileges from their lake use was suspended till the date of the first ticket.
 - i. Mr. Quill discussed the operation of the watercraft section. Mrs. Brown asked if she could refer back before they moved on to the next section. Mrs. Brown asked if they had two tickets and they are stopped for their third, when they are off the lake for 365 days. There was a discussion. Mr. Clancy noted he understood what Mrs. Brown was bringing up if they received their first ticket, July 3rd of 2024 and their third ticket, July 1st of the following year, if they were going from the time, they received their first ticket they would only be off the lakes a couple of days. Mr. Clancy noted that in the book it says the Board can revoke up to a year so in the case the Board took on at the last Board meeting the freeholder received a deal, but he believes it should be 365 days. Mrs. Brown agreed she believed it was the 365 days and that is

what she has been telling people. Mr. Maulden noted that it should be correct but that is not what the Board did, and he understands what she is saying. Mr. Maulden noted that he doesn't remember the exact dates but what the Board did at the last meeting was the freeholder lost boating privileges from August until June. Mrs. Brown noted that she believed they should lose privileges from August until next August. Mr. Burke agreed. There was discussion about the last Board meeting and there were some Board members who did not want to punish the freeholder at all. There was discussion of the recommendation of the security commission to remain consistent in that they will always recommend 365-day privilege loss as their recommendation to the Board. Mr. Quill noted that they could still downgrade the ticket from a warning but if they decide lake privileges are to be revoked because they are 3 valid tickets then they recommend 365 days, and they can appeal to the Board.

14. Mr. Quill went over the operation of the watercraft section. Mr. Quill discussed boat wakes. Mr. Maulden noted that he believed that section was addressed in Resolution 2024-20.
15. Mr. Quill discussed the age for required life jackets. Mr. Maulden noted the Board just discussed this and kept it aged 6.
16. Mr. Quill discussed the requirement for liability insurance. Mrs. Bay noted that it was included in Resolution 2024-20.
17. There was discussion of the number of people allowed on a towing device. Mrs. Bay discussed adding no towable devices in the marina area. Mr. Clancy noted maybe it should state that no person should be outside the watercraft, no rope or towable outside the watercraft entering into the marina.
18. Mr. Quill reviewed the swimming rules. Mr. Quill noted the rule was, if not in the prescribed beach area swimming should be 25 feet from the shoreline, or 15 feet from the watercraft in the idle or no wake zone. Mr. Clancy noted that the verbiage needs to be cleaned up. There was discussion over swimming in coves.
19. Mr. Quill discussed the floating platforms rule and noted he believed buoy needs to be added.
20. Mr. Quill noted the fishing rules would all be the ecology commission.
21. Mr. Quill reviewed the sign rules. Mr. Maulden noted that they can eliminate signs on CSCD property but anywhere else they cannot.
22. Mr. Quill reviewed the watercraft inspection rule.

23. There was discussion about whether the commission was ready to give their modifications of the rulebook to Sheena Wheeler. The commission agreed to meet with Sheena at a TBD date.

10.

a. Executive Board New Resolution Review

1. Mr. Clancy noted they should table this topic and add it under old business for their next meeting, after the commission reviews.

b. Grandfathered Boat Decals

1. Mr. Maulden noted that since there are so many boats that will now be grandfathered, they were looking at getting a different decal for all grandfathered boats. Mr. Clancy noted that he was all for this idea and they had discussed it during wake committee meetings. Mrs. Bay discussed what the current grandfathered decal for jet skis looks like. There was discussion of a grandfathered pontoon not being allowed on the lakes this year because the property name changed from his name to an estate. Mrs. Brown noted she did not think it was right. Mr. Clancy noted maybe this is a topic the commission and the Board could revisit regarding grandfathering watercraft. Mr. Maulden noted that when you grandfather a boat you are trying to get it off the lake but allow the person who currently owns it to keep it and be able to use it, when you transfer from their name into an estate, then the kids would be the owners and it could be on the lake for 30 more years. Mr. Clancy noted that and maybe they don't allow that exception but maybe there should be if you're transferring it from you to you and noted he would be ok. Mrs. Bay was asked what she pays for a decal currently and noted that she pays more for the grandfathered decals because she orders less than she does of the motorized, and nonmotorized. Mrs. Bay noted that the price per decal for the grandfathered would decrease in cost if more were ordered. Mrs. Brown asked if that many boats would be grandfathered. Mrs. Bay noted that the office was going through the list of watercrafts registered this year currently, but believed there would be a decent amount with the new restrictions.

c. Boat Weight

1. Mr. Quill noted that the weight restriction of 3495 pounds might have been more than necessary but allowing the 4000-pound boats will allow larger boats to be on this lake and put out a decent sized wake. Mrs. Brown noted but noted if they take pontoon boats and allow them to have up to 150 HP and cause a bigger wake than that. Mr. Maulden noted that he had already talked to another Board member about the weight restrictions and reducing it 3750 and he said to not try to change it right now since it was left at 4000 pounds, they

should see how it goes, and the commission should just table it for now. The commission agreed.

d. Possible Boating Violations

1. Mr. Clancy discussed a freeholder who posted a video of her son and dog tubing on the lake and neither of them were wearing life jackets. Mr. Clancy noted this is not only a violation of the CSCD rules it is a state rule. Mr. Clancy noted they do not know when the violation occurred. Mr. Clancy requested a letter be sent to the freeholder reminding her of the rule. The commission asked Mrs. Bay to draft this letter and send it to the freeholder.

e. Audio Recording meeting

1. Mr. Clancy requested to give full transparency to freeholders and allow freeholders who could not attend the meeting that the meeting be audio recorded through Vimeo and posted to the website.

MOTION: Mr. Burke motioned to approve audio recording the commission meetings starting in February and stream them online through Vimeo, seconded by Mr. Quill. Motion passed 5-0.

11. Commission Member Concerns:

1. Mr. Maulden noted that he appreciated everyone's hard work.
2. Mr. Clancy acknowledged the passing of Jimmy Green's son, Nick Green; he was a law enforcement officer in Kentucky.
 - i. Mr. Clancy noted that absentee ballots were sent out today and he wanted to make it noted and he will also mention this at the Executive Board meeting but his some of his research led him to possibly believe absentee ballots are only allowed to be turned in two ways; one way is turning it into the mail, or dropping it off at the office; and asked Brittany to consult with CSCD lawyer Roger for his legal opinion. Mr. Clancy brought this up as he stated freeholders provided him documentation of a non-freeholder who solicited on social media sites their willingness to harvest ballots. Mr. Clancy expressed major concerns about if CSCD and state law permitted non freeholders to partake in that activity and believed it was something CSCD needed to discuss if state law does allow ballot harvesting for the CSCD ballots.
 - ii. Lastly, Mr. Clancy thanked Harry Sherman for serving on the security commission, and all of his knowledge and expertise related to security and boats.
 - iii. Mr. Clancy went over the items to remove from the agenda, and the commission members homework for next time.
2. Mr. Maulden asked about the voting process with the voting box. Mrs. Bay noted the box is on the counter for people to drop off their

votes during business hours. Mr. Maulden noted the reason for the concern is if someone is harvesting ballots, who is to say that person is not filling those ballots themselves out and turning them in. Mr. Quill noted the box could be behind the counter, you hand your ballot to one of the people working, and they would be able to see if you were dropping off 6 ballots at once. Mr. Clancy noted that he believed this was a good idea and if they handed the CSCD employee 6 ballots then those would be put to the side.

12. Adjourn (8:45 PM)

MOTION: Mr. Clancy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Maulden. Motion passed unanimously.