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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
2 December, 2021

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Recorder, Jim Donnell, at 6:20 P.M. on 2 December, 2021, in the CSCD office.
- B. Members Present: Jim Donnell (Recorder), Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield, & Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA)
- C. Members Absent: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), & Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: 2 freeholders
- E. *Randy Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the 4 November meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS**: Freeholder Doug Collins appeared before the Commission to request CSCD action to have a tree stump, which had fallen into his cove on Cordry Lake due to bank erosion, removed by the responsible freeholder so that contracted dredging of that cove could begin. After hearing the history of that bank erosion and tree stump issue and viewing photos of that history, it was clear to the Commission that CSCD action to resolve this issue was now necessary. *Ty Cooper moved to recommend that the CSCD Director of Operations deliver a demand letter to the responsible freeholder to have the tree stump removed from Cordry Lake within the next 30 days, as is stipulated in Building Rules of CSCD. Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*
- G. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:30 P.M.) **CSCD OPERATIONS REPORT**: The Director of Operations provided engineering concept maps to the Commission detailing the general plans for repair of the deteriorating spillways of both Cordry Dam and Sweetwater Dam. Jim Donnell provided an explanation of those Burke Engineering concept maps from information he had received from Nick Johann earlier in the day. Both a paper copy of each concept map and a digital version of each complete “Dam Inspection Safety Report,” were provided to each Commission member to become fully aware of the dam spillway repair issues facing the CSCD over the next few years. The current plan for addressing these issues includes: Detailed engineering design of Cordry Spillway in FY 2022; Repair of Cordry Spillway in FY 2023; Engineering design and repair of Sweetwater Spillway in the out years (TBD) beyond 2023.
 2. (6:40 P.M.) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE**: In a phone call to our CHAP Coordinator, Mr. Rusty Fields, it was learned that the ongoing Deer Reduction Hunt in CSCD is proceeding smoothly with a multitude of safe and incident-free hunting. To date, 26 deer (mostly does) have been taken by hunters in this year’s Deer Reduction Hunt with several weeks of hunting in December and January still ahead. It was also reported that 32 muskrats have been trapped and removed from our lakes so far this Fall, with the goal of 150-200 muskrats being removed under our contract with “Rusty’s Animal Control (RAC)”. .
 3. (6:45 P.M.) **ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION INITIATIVE UPDATE**: Work is finished on the creation of an online Zebra Mussel Boater-Aware Education & Certification Course and Test, modeled after the one used in the state of Utah for boater access to their lakes. The link to this newly created educational course (both a Video format and a Text-only format) , with a 20-question certification test, will be posted to the CSCD website this week and will be made available for freeholders to complete from that point forward. Anticipating glitches in the fielding of this new digital educational course, the course creators (2 teachers from Shelbyville Elementary School) have offered to resolve those issues as they arise, moving forward. *All boat-owning freeholders are required to successfully complete this online course and score a 100% in the 20-question certification test will be required in order to be eligible to purchase boat stickers for the 2022 and 2023 boating seasons.*

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H. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. (6:55 P.M.) **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None

2. (6:55 P.M.) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** Randy Brumfield offered some insights into the quality of fishing experiences in our lakes from an Anglers' Club perspective. Several ideas regarding future restocking of fish species were briefly explored. Further discussion on this topic will be scheduled for the upcoming budget planning season.

3. *There will be NO January 2022 meeting of the ECOLOGY Commission.* The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **3 FEBUARY, 2022**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Sunny Leerkamp moved to adjourn the 2 December meeting of the Ecology Commission. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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