

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. **Board Members Present:** Herb Benshoof, Matt Petersen, Pat Sherman, Aaron Parris, Mark Rasdall, and Ted Adolay
2. **Board Members Absent:** Josh Edwards
3. **Also, Present:**
  - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay and Nick Johann
  - b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young
  - c. 9 freeholders in attendance & numerous online viewers
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Benshoof called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
  - a. Mrs. Benshoof added line item 7.a Hiring Ian Gillen, 7.b Resolution 2022-9, and 7.c Resolution 2022-10.
6. **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall motioned to approve the June 21<sup>st</sup> Board Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. **Freeholder Concerns:**
  - a. Marcia Harper introduced herself and noted that she sent out a video and some questions to the Board. Her two concerns are not obeying speed limits in the coves and the large wakes. Mr. Petersen noted that this was spoken about in the Security Commission meeting and that Boat Patrol is now taking a more active role. Marcia then asked with our ballast and wake enhancing device restrictions why are v drive boats allowed on the lake. She said you can tell the difference between a ski boat and a v drive boat because those waves do not dissipate. Then she asked about how can we enforce the rules regarding the wake enhancing devices.
  - b. Libby Saunders introduced herself and said she wanted to talk about the way people drive, they hug the buoys. Then she mentioned they are missing a buoy right now. She said she saw an incident where a tuber was so close in her cove on Gopher Dr that they could have been impaled on her boat lift; it was very frightening. She said that freeholders need to take a test in the same fashion that there was a Zebra Mussel test about safe boating. Mr. Petersen responded that right now you can buy a boat without having any knowledge of how to drive it

or even turn it on. He does not think there is anything that can be done because they cannot prevent people from buying a lake home or boat just because they do not know how to drive one. He then mentioned that at the security commission meeting they had talked about incorporating a boating safety course that you could take like defensive driving. Roger Young, the CSCD attorney, spoke about enforcement of the lake rules.

- c. Marcia then spoke about how she feels boat patrol has been directed to give warnings, not tickets. Roger then said it is simple to have the Boat Patrol enforce the rules in the no wake area, that violation is self-explanatory. Roger then explained the complications with writing a rule to say on the main body of water you cannot create a wake. Mr. Rasdall explained he did not think that was her issue her issue is the v drive boats that create the wakes. He noted that we banned jet skis except for what was grandfathered, so why not try to prevent more of these types of boats from being on the lake. Michelle Meredith then asked if you can just ban it, ban wake boarding. Roger then noted that something lake Monroe does is designate half their lake as a slow area. Mr. Benshoof mentioned that it is not only wake boarding causing the issue he sees boats all the time going 10 mph pulling tubers and creating a wake. Marcia then mentioned scientific studies that show that wake boats need to be operated 100 feet from the shoreline. Mr. Parris said the study he would like to see is a study that has been done using the same rules we have in place now about wake boarding boats without the wake enhancing devices enacted and how far they should be from the shore or the damage those boats with the devices disabled are causing; he then noted he doesn't think that study exists which is why it's not an apples-to-apples comparison.
- d. Michelle Meredith introduced herself and mentioned that she lives on Gopher drive and that she has a couple of neighbors who are nuisance makers, and the sheriff department is called on them quite often. She said there was one house and that they shoot bomb like fireworks off and they are so large they caught a neighboring property on fire. She said that her other neighbors put it out noted that the fire department was not contacted but she did contact the owners because it was a good-sized fire. Her question is when we are in a drought like we were 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend why nothing went out regarding fireworks. Mr. Young answered that, that is outside the districts authority to regulate; but if a Fire Marshall or Fire Chief were to issue a no burn, then you could regulate it that way.

## 8. Management Reports:

### a. Director of Finance & Administration:

1. Mrs. Bay summarized the fund report. The current balance is \$2,279,173.02.

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the financial report subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Mrs. Bay summarized the appropriation report and monthly claims list. The monthly claims total is \$331,326.20. The unexpended remaining balance is \$1,371,321.21 or 55.86% remaining.

**MOTION: Mr. Parris motioned to approve the monthly claims subject to audit; seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Director of Operations:**

1. Mr. Johann summarized his report.
  - i. Mr. Johann noted that he is seeking bids for crack sealing and line striping.

**9. Commission Reports:**

**a. Building:**

1. Mr. Sherman reviewed the building applications.

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve building application 22-059 and 21-116 for approval from the CSCD Board contingent upon lot owners obtaining all permits required by Brown County and meeting all conditions by the Building Commission, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Ecology:**

1. Mr. Johann summarized the Ecology Minutes.

**c. Security:**

1. Mr. Petersen summarized the Security Minutes.

**d. Roads:**

1. Mr. Rasdall summarized the Roads minutes.

**e. Water:**

1. Mr. Parris summarized the Water minutes.

**f. Financial Advisory Committee:**

1. Meeting canceled.

**10. New Business:**

- a. Hiring Ian Gillen as a full-time maintenance operator.
  - i. Mr. Johann summarized Resolution 2022-06 Zebra Mussel Cleaning Requirements.

**MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to hiring Ian Gillen as a full-time maintenance operator, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Resolution 2022-9 Performance Pay Increase

**MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve Resolution 2022-9 Performance Pay Increase, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Resolution 2022-10 Transfer of funds within the budget

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve Resolution 2022-10 Transfer of Funds within the budget, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously.**

**11. Board Members Concerns**

- a. Mr. Rasdall wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that there is not a handicap accessible way to enter the beach. He thinks that we should investigate handicap accessible mats for the beach.
- b. Mr. Benshoof mentioned that they will continue to work on the 2023 budget.

**12. Adjourn (9:08 PM)**

**MOTION: Mr. Petersen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Ted Adolay, Board Secretary  
Date Submitted: