

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 18th, 2021

1. **Board Members Present:** Herb Benshoof, Josh Edwards, Pat Sherman, Jay Nogan, Matt Petersen, Chad Crimmins, and Ted Adolay

2. **Also, Present:**

a. **Staff:** Josh Hawley, Brittany Bay, Jimmy Green, Nick Johann

b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young

c. 5 Freeholders in attendance

3. **Call to order at 7:00 PM**

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve the April 20th, 2021 Board minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Crimmins. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Freeholder Concerns:**

a. Josh Evans presented a request to utilize the CSCD Hiking Trails and Sweetwater Beach to host military training for his regiment. Mr. Evans is a Freeholder that is stationed at Camp Atterbury and quarterly they try to do training outside the base in order to improve morale. The training will be on Tuesday, May 25th from 8 AM to 10 AM and will require no additional maintenance or activity from the CSCD.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the training subject to a signed Facility Use Agreement, seconded by Mr. Nogan. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Management Reports:**

a. **Conservancy Manager**

1. Mr. Hawley submitted his report to the Board. Mr. Hawley alerted the Board that Aquatic Control would be treating Eurasian Milfoil on June 1. He also updated the Board on the current district metering water project.

b. **Financial Report:**

1. Mrs. Bay summarized the fund report. The balance at the end of April was \$1,889,576.19.

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

2. Mrs. Bay summarized the appropriation report and monthly claims list. Mr. Sherman requested that all new Marina attendants watch the internal controls video. Mr. Hawley stated that they all have watched it and signed the necessary paper work for internal control purposes.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the monthly claims subject to audit; seconded by Mr. Crimmins. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Chief Deputy:

1. Chief Deputy Green summarized his report. Mr. Green has changed the idle lights to go idle at 8 PM for the boating season.

d. Building Compliance Officer:

1. Mr. Johann reminds Freeholders that he is available for pre-construction meetings to assure that projects are permitted correctly.

7. Commission Reports:

a. Building:

1. Mr. Sherman reviewed the pending building applications.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve building applications 21-045, 21-049, 21-050, 21-051, 21-052, 21-056, 21-058, 21-059, and 21-060 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. Crimmins. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Johann reviewed the pending dredging application.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve dredging application 021-003, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

3. The Board discussed the stop work order for 8255 Sweetwater Drive regarding the erection of a privacy fence. Mr. Sherman emphasized the need to form the Advocacy Committee in order to work with Brown County to create our own zoning capability and allow the CSCD to enforce code related to unkempt properties. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Crimmins expressed empathy for the owners due to an unkempt property across the road.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to allow an 18-month variance to Mr. Ferguson in regard to the fence while the Board continues review of new rules, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Ecology:

Mr. Adolay reviewed the actions of the last Zebra Mussel Prevention Committee. There was discussion on what should be done about transient boats in the CSCD that go to other bodies of water. It was decided to allow the ZMPC to complete their research and finalize their plan for transient boats at their May 20th meeting.

c. Security:

1. Mr. Petersen reviewed the actions of the Security Commission. There was a short discussion on the buoys at "Party Cove" on Sweetwater. Mr. Adolay has heard complaints from neighbors about the new positioning of the buoys. Mr. Petersen affirmed that the Security Commission requested the moving of the buoys to remain consistent with the distance from shore of all other buoys and to create an easier turn for boats.

d. Roads:

1. Mr. Crimmins reviewed the request from lot owners on Birch Drive to pave their gravel road. The lot owners are willing to pay for a portion of the cost; however, there is not money currently in the budget for the paving. If lot owners are still willing to pay for the same portion it will be budgeted for 2022.

e. Water:

1. Mr. Hawley submitted the water commission report to the Board.

f. Financial Advisory Committee:

1. Mr. Nogan summarized the monthly meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee.

8. New Business:

a. Advocacy Committee:

1. There are only two applications at this time. The deadline will be once again extended.

b. Full-time Hiring of Skylar Reeves

1. Mr. Hawley requested the full-time hire of Skylar Reeves to the Water and Grounds Department. Mr. Reeves has been a great addition to the team and this full-time position has been budgeted and open since the beginning of the year.

MOTION: Mr. Crimmins motioned to hire Skylar Reeves full-time with all benefits afforded in the Employee Handbook at \$15 per hour, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Members Concerns

- a. Chief Deputy Green requested that homeowners put their addresses at the front of their property. He's concerned that EMS and first responders can't find emergencies due to lack of address signs.

10. Adjourn (8:50 PM)

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Nogan, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: 15 JUNE 2021