

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District**  
**Security Commission Meeting**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. **Members Present:** Brian Clancy, Jim Maulden, Steve Burke, Tom Quill, Cathie Brown, Matt Murtha, and Carrie Vavul
2. **Members Present Virtually:** None
3. **Members Absent:**
4. **Also, Present:**
  - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
5. **Welcome:** Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
6. **Agenda Modifications:**
  - a. Mr. Maulden asked to add removing personal buoys to the agenda. Mr. Clancy noted to add personal buoys under new business as line item c.
7. **Appointment of Commission Officers**
  - a. Mr. Clancy noted that they needed to set a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Mr. Clancy noted that in 2024 he was Chair, Mr. Maulden was Vice Chair, and Mr. Sherman was Secretary. Mr. Clancy noted they should discuss whether anyone had any nominations.
  - b. Mr. Maulden noted that he had first right of refusal as the Chair since he was the Board Member on the commission. Mr. Maulden noted he would like to refuse the Chair position.

**MOTION: Mr. Maulden motioned to approve Mr. Clancy as the Chair, Mr. Maulden as the Vice Chair, and Mr. Quill as the secretary.**

**Discussion: Mr. Quill noted he would serve as the secretary but this was not his strong suit so he would use a voice recorder. Mr. Clancy noted he used a recorder when serving as the secretary for the wake committee. Mrs. Bay noted she was willing to continue doing minutes for the commission. Mr. Maulden noted if Mr. Quill was not comfortable, Brenda is an excellent secretary and would not mind attending meetings and taking minutes when Mrs. Bay is unavailable.**

**Motion seconded by Mrs. Vavul. Motion passed 7-0.**

8. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. The Commission reviewed the March Commission Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION: Mr. Burke motioned to approve March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Maulden. Mr. Clancy abstained. Motion passed 6-0.**

## **9. Freeholder Concerns:**

- a. None

## **10. Director of Finance & Admin Report:**

- a. Mrs. Bay reviewed her report. Mrs. Bay noted that the CPR training would be taking place on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station at 11 am and it was open to freeholders for a fee of \$25.
- b. Mrs. Bay noted that the power is out at Cordry for the Spillway Project, so the light is not working. There was discussion over green light times. Mrs. Bay noted from Memorial Day to Labor Day it was green light from 10am-8pm. Mr. Clancy asked if as it got closer if alerts can be sent out reminding freeholders of green light hours. Mrs. Bay noted that she would.
- c. Mrs. Bay noted that weekly rule reminders have been being sent out.
- d. Mrs. Bay noted all personal buoy reminders and ticket reminders have been sent out.
- e. Mrs. Bay noted that in March there were 240 hours of coverage by the deputies and 234 in April. There was discussion over deputies. Mrs. Vavul discussed a dangerous situation where a motorcycle passed multiple cars including a truck and trailer, and the deputy who was in the line of cars did nothing. It was asked what day this occurred. Mrs. Vavul noted she did not recall the day and noted she was irritated with the situation because it's like anyone can do anything. Mr. Clancy noted that he may have had a call that might not have required him to go lights and sirens, but he wasn't available to make a traffic violation stop. Mr. Burke noted he may have been making sure the truck and trailer got to where they were going safely. Mrs. Bay noted that she did not see the deputies choosing not to respond to something and gave an example of a few calls into them the District has made recently and how responsive they were. Mr. Burke noted that you don't really see a lot of traffic stops anymore. Mr. Clancy asked with the recent uptick of juvenile issues in the area if they could ask the deputies while they're working in the District if they could go chat with the parents of some of the juveniles. Mrs. Bay noted that the deputies have said if anyone has video footage of the kids that have been knocking on the doors they would like to know. Mr. Clancy noted he appreciated the deputies wanting to get video evidence so that they could put a juvenile charge against them, but noted he believed that sometimes just having a cop come and talk to a kid's parents can rectify the situation.

## **11. Old Business:**

### **a. Boat Patrol Body Cam Review**

- 1. Mrs. Bay noted as the season is starting up, she is asking for updates from both boat patrol trainers on their review of the cameras.

### **b. Buoy Numbers/Tape Review**

- 1. Mrs. Bay noted that 25 buoys have been delivered and will be placed in the coming weeks.

**c. Budget Review**

1. Mrs. Bay discussed the rhib on Sweetwater and that she was reaching out to the vendor it was purchased from to see if there is a patch that they recommend to repair an ongoing leak, as the patches maintenance has used on it are not working. There was discussion over the rhib boat. Mrs. Bay noted she did not know why the rhib was leaking or its life expectancy but could reach out to the vendor about that as well. Mrs. Brown reached out to Search & Rescue, and they said life expectancy is 10-15 years. Mr. Clancy asked for this to be added as a separate item for the June Meeting.
2. Mr. Maulden noted he attended ecology, and they do a budget review of everything they are responsible for how it's going and how it can be improved and asked if the commission would like to do a session like this where they go over everything the security commission is responsible for. Mr. Clancy noted that they could use the line-item budget as the bones to do this. Mr. Clancy asked what the situation was for the 2 patrol vehicles the District still currently has. Mrs. Bay noted that last year they Board approved the selling of the 3 oldest patrol vehicles through govdeals. Mrs. Bay noted that if security wanted to recommend something be done with the 2 patrol vehicles still owned by the District they could recommend to the Board for them to be considered surplus property and list them on govdeals, like what was done with the other 3. Mr. Clancy noted the possibility of selling both vehicles and using that money towards covering the cost of a boat. There was discussion over purchase bids received from selling the 3 vehicles last year. Mrs. Bay noted that minimums can be set on govdeals for selling the vehicles. Mr. Maulden noted he believed they were keeping those 2 vehicles because of the possibility of Marshalls but he now believes they are past that and there is no longer a reason to keep these vehicles. Mrs. Bay noted that if that was the plan then they could have two rhibs on Sweetwater and the pontoon could be utilized by the maintenance staff. Mr. Clancy noted that with the leak on the current rhib if it must be pulled off the lake to be repaired there would only be a pontoon on Sweetwater on busy weekends.

**d. Temporary Speed Bumps**

1. Mr. Maulden noted that this was turned over to roads and was waiting to see what they wanted to do.

**e. Green Rule Book**

1. Mr. Maulden noted that this has been turned over to the Board and there will be a special session on it before the Board meeting next Tuesday. There was discussion over the special session being open to the public.

**f. Updated Boat Safety Test**

1. Mr. Clancy noted that after reviewing the test, and after making changes to the green rule book, a couple of questions will need to be updated once the proposed rule book is approved by the Board.
2. There was discussion over the automated flags.

**12. New Business**

**a. Beach Shelter Rental Policy & Fees**

1. Mr. Maulden noted he attended the ecology meeting, and this was on their agenda but since he was present, they sent this topic over to Mr. Maulden and the security commission. Mr. Maulden noted that the beach shelter house was built with freeholder tax dollars, and it used to be free. Mr. Maulden noted that there were some issues with people tearing things up, Mrs. Bay agreed. Mrs. Bay noted that there were large events there such as weddings, and the septic tank issues, and believed 2021 is when the Board implemented the \$400 refundable deposit and the \$25 or \$50/an hour fee for use depending on the time of day. Mr. Clancy asked what the main concern was about bringing this topic up in ecology. Mr. Maulden noted that people were complaining that it was too expensive. Mr. Maulden noted that he used to be the CSLOA clubhouse manager and they would rent the clubhouse out at a \$200 deposit and \$100 for a 24-hour period and noted that it has been raised now with the updates but still in that area. Mr. Maulden noted he pulled parks up in the surrounding areas and got prices. The prices were as follows:
  - Johnson County Park Shelters \$60/day
    - There was some discussion. Mr. Burke noted that they do not have a lake. Mrs. Vavul noted that they are not private. There was discussion over non-freeholders using family freeholders passes. Mr. Burke noted that he believed \$400 was cheap and some commission members agreed. Mr. Burke noted you receive the deposit back if nothing is damaged.
  - Franklin City Park Shelter Creekside/Blue Herron \$120/day or Sunset/Robin Shelter \$90/day or King/Youngs Shelter \$50/day
  - Any State Park or DNR area shelters \$25-\$75/day
2. Mr. Burke noted what the CSCD offers here is pretty nice; it's a beach, shelter, nice restrooms, it's safe, and it's a controlled environment. Mr. Burke noted he believed the deposit was low. Mr. Burke noted that if he has a family reunion on a weekend it could be 40 people with him, and they can use the beach and none of them own property here, but they could all be present. Mr. Maulden noted that by charging this he believed what

they're stopping is kids' birthdays at the beach. Mr. Burke noted that they could look at different rates for different events. Mr. Clancy noted that from his viewpoint he didn't believe the rates were crazy and noted he rents it for a t-ball year end party. Mr. Clancy noted that everything Mr. Maulden listed off was per day and he believes a per day rental would hinder freeholders because someone would rent it for a day and only use it for a couple hours and that would prevent others from utilizing it. Mr. Clancy noted he believed the hourly rate was better and he did not like the day rental scenario at all. Mr. Clancy noted he did not like the idea of lowering the rate and gave the scenario of if it's only \$25 bucks someone could decide to rent it every single weekend. Mr. Burke agreed. Mr. Burke noted that they could price weddings and kids' birthday parties differently. Mrs. Vavul noted that if alcohol was going to be at an event there, it should be a higher cost. Mr. Clancy noted that he believed the numbers aren't unreasonable right now but agreed with Mr. Burke that if they wanted to have a wedding with multiple people it should be more. Mr. Maulden asked if they should set a limit on the number of guests. Mr. Clancy noted there could be a limit and if they had more guests then the limit should cost more money. Mrs. Vavul asked what ecology's purpose was for having Mr. Maulden bring this to security. Mr. Maulden noted it was because someone brought it up to them. Mrs. Vavul asked if it was because someone thought it was too expensive. Mr. Maulden noted that yes it was on their agenda. Mrs. Bay noted non-profits do not pay the fees and gave examples of the CSLOA, the church, etc. Mr. Quill noted he believed if alcohol was going to be there the deposit and rates should be higher. Mr. Quill noted that the difference in party sizes should be different fees based on the number of people. There was discussion over weekend vs weekday rates. There was discussion of researching this for 2026. Mr. Murtha asked what the problem was that they were trying to solve and how many people had brought this up as an issue. Mr. Maulden noted that it was on the ecology agenda, someone had brought the issue up. Mr. Murtha noted this may not be a problem and Mr. Maulden noted that they're just discussing it. Mr. Maulden noted it did not matter if just one person or multiple people brought the issue up, it doesn't mean they can't revisit it and talk about it as a group. Mr. Maulden noted that if they knew everything, they were supposed to look at it then they could see what is working right and what isn't working right. Mr. Maulden noted that is what ecology does.

**b. Tickets/Warnings Accessibility**

1. Mrs. Bay noted that she had shared this link multiple times since the commission first asked last summer. Mr. Clancy noted that the old tickets on the list should be removed if there are

still records of the old tickets. Mr. Clancy asked if boat patrol would still want to have access to the tickets that are more than 365 days old. Mrs. Brown noted that she would like to leave them there so they can see the repeat offenders. Mr. Clancy noted that he was fine with that and suggested shading them a different color. Mr. Maulden asked why this needed to be shared to Facebook. There was discussion over the link. Mrs. Bay noted that it is an interactive link that is updated as tickets are sent over. Mr. Maulden asked if they had more than one ticket, they could go in the link and search for themselves. Mr. Murtha showed the commission what it looks like when the link is posted to Facebook, and that it shows a small version of the spreadsheet. Mr. Clancy noted that he doesn't see this as a problem. Mr. Burke noted that people are always asking for transparency and this is transparency. Mr. Clancy noted this helps the freeholders in being able to look themselves up for violations and holds people publicly accountable to their neighbors and freeholders; because if they have a neighbor who thinks they are a horrible boater then they can now access this list and see that person is being held accountable. Mr. Burke noted he believes it is a great resource. Mrs. Bay noted that the security commission first requested to share this list last summer and it has been shared multiple times since then. Mr. Maulden noted he didn't believe people would have a problem with it being on the website and he believed it should be on the website; and noted the way the link shows on Facebook is what people are complaining about. Mr. Maulden noted that the link looks like they are sharing all these people's names. Mr. Clancy noted that is what they are doing. Mr. Maulden asked if they should be posting that. Mr. Burke noted that any person in this room can go on my case and look up any person who has a record. Mr. Maulden noted that even if you didn't click the link, you could still see some of the names. Mr. Quill asked if that was not the reason why it was there. Mr. Murtha noted that some complained because of all the details of the name, address, and lot number being listed. Mr. Clancy noted that if they are going to have a list of people who broke the rules, they are going to need their name, lot number, violation, and the date. Mr. Maulden noted lot numbers and addresses can be found on GIS. There was discussion of not putting the link on Facebook. Mr. Clancy noted that he agreed with Mr. Murtha that maybe it is possible to remove their address and leave their name, lot number, date, and violation. Mr. Maulden noted that he is fine with it he was just expressing why he believed people were mad. Mr. Maulden noted that if everyone else on the commission is fine with it being posted that way he is too. Mr. Maulden asked if they were going to keep this as it is for sharing, and Mr. Clancy agreed that they should keep posting it as it is.

**c. Personal Buoys**

1. Mrs. Bay noted that the buoy letter had been sent out and shared and boat patrol could start pulling them. Mr. Clancy asked if this included every buoy in violation. Mr. Maulden asked if the buoys could be brought to the office. Mr. Clancy asked when boat patrol would start pulling the buoys. Mrs. Bay noted the first week of June is when they will probably start pulling them, so people have time to get to the lakes. Mr. Maulden noted he had seen some of the buoys out all winter long. Mr. Maulden asked if there was any way, they could start pulling them sooner. Mr. Maulden noted they have been out all winter long, nobody has been swimming, and then they can just get them out of here now, because they went through this last year too. Mr. Maulden noted he asked for the buoy letter to go out sooner, so they could go through and pull the buoys that were out and were probably out there all last year too. Mrs. Bay asked if he knew which ones were out all winter and they could start pulling those. Mr. Maulden noted that they should pull every one of them out there right now and mentioned that no one is swimming right now. Mrs. Bay asked if she should give notice, they are pulling them now because she did not include a date in the buoy letter. There was discussion over sending out another email alert. Mr. Maulden noted the issue of waiting until June is that they will run into the person being back home and out there swimming with the buoy, when it has been out all winter. Mr. Maulden noted that they must start enforcing the rules they have, so that new owners know the rules.

**13. Commission Member Concerns:**

1. Mr. Murtha asked why the quorum had to be in person with today's technology. Mrs. Bay noted per the Open Door Law that you must have 50% of sitting board members in person. Mr. Murtha noted that it was April 22<sup>nd</sup> when freeholders were told personal buoys would be pulled. Mrs. Vavul noted that there was plenty of time. Mrs. Brown asked if another notice even needed to be sent out because one has already been sent. Mrs. Bay noted that she did not include a date this year. Mr. Maulden noted to just start pulling the buoys then. The commission agreed.
2. Mrs. Vavul had to leave the meeting at 7:58 pm.
3. Mr. Maulden noted that he believed boat patrol did a great job last year, there were good comments, there were some complaints, but he liked the complaints they were getting. Mr. Clancy noted he received a lot of compliments from people last year on the spreadsheet being public and seeing the work boat patrol was doing. Mr. Maulden noted that he received a lot of compliments on the boat patrol actually giving out tickets because that's what they want them to do. Mr. Maulden noted

that he spoke with a boat patrol member and mentioned if boat patrol wasn't warning people and giving out tickets the lakes would be a free for all, and they are paying for boat patrol to make the lakes safe. Mr. Maulden noted he wanted them to continue doing that and the security commission has their back. Mr. Maulden noted that it is at the discretion of the boat patrol whether they give a ticket or warning and they are not telling the boat patrol to give tickets, but they would like for them to warn with a ticket sometimes. Mr. Clancy noted that a ticket is a warning because they can get 3 of them.

4. Mrs. Brown asked if she was not on the clock and she saw a violation from her boat, could she issue a ticket. Mr. Maulden noted that what they decided last year was to take a picture of the violation, get their lot number, and send it to the boat patrol. Mr. Clancy agreed. Mr. Maulden noted that he didn't want people out issuing tickets while not on duty.

#### **14. Adjourn (8:08 PM)**

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