

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District**  
**Board of Directors Special Session**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1pm

1. **Board Members Present:** Josh Edwards, Herb Benshoof, Pat Sherman, Aaron Parris, Mark Rasdall, Michal Leavitt, and Ted Adolay
2. **Board Members Absent:** None
3. **Also, Present:**
  - a. **Staff:** Nick Johann
  - b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young
  - c. freeholders in attendance & numerous online viewers
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM
5. **Agenda Modifications**
  - a. Mr. Edwards added line item 3. Approval of Baker Tilly Proposal and line item 4. Wake Committee Recommendation.
6. **Freeholder Concerns**
  - a. Sharon Van Kooten (I65) introduced herself, asked about dam funding, and wanted to know the terms for the bonds and interest. Mr. Sherman answered and said that is why they are hiring a financial advisor so that they can look at costs associated with bonds and other funding options. Mr. Sherman also noted that if the option of bonds is the best funding option it would be a municipal bond and freeholders could purchase them.
  - b. Larry Trueblood (Elk Dr) he mentioned most people that are here want to hear about what is being proposed with security. Mr. Edwards noted that security was discussed at the executive session and that will be discussed at the Tuesday Board meeting.
  - c. Denise Caudill (I14) asked if the Board considered starting with the financial advisory committee to discuss the dam funding. Mr. Sherman said this has nothing to do with the financial committee this funding has to do with bond issues.
  - d. Jamie Golias (Robin Dr) asked about meeting notices and asked if the Board had considered posting meeting notices in any other way than by newspaper. Mr. Rasdall answered by saying that it was on the website. She asked if the Board considered making it required to publish the meeting notices to more than just the newspaper. Mr. Johann asked what would make it easier for her to find. She then asked if it was just required to post in the paper. Mr. Young answered yes and explained how notices must be posted.
7. **Public Hearing of Additional Appropriations**
  - a. **Mr. Edwards opened the Public Hearing on the request for additional appropriations.**
  - b. Mr. Young stated that they are requesting an additional \$300,000 in appropriations out of the Rainy-Day Fund to cover the Cordry Dam Spillway Project and since those funds were not appropriated in 2022 for the 2023 Budget there needs to be an additional appropriations request. Then asked if anyone had a comment or question about these additional appropriations now is the time to ask.

- c. Mike Gaither asked what the money was being appropriated from. Mr. Sherman answered the Rainy-Day Fund. He then asked which includes what? Mr. Young said it was a surplus of money from prior years. He then asked where the money for the sheriffs was at. Mr. Young responded it is in the budget it is just not being spent. Mr. Sherman explained what had been spent so far out the security budget such as flock cameras, part time deputies, and accrued vacation time of the CSCD deputy employees through 12/31/2022.
- d. Denise Caudill asked if the Board could share the balance of the Rainy-Day fund. Mr. Sherman said that the Board would get her that number.
- e. Tom Golias (Lion Dr) asked if the dam repairs are already done or if they are to be done. Mr. Edwards answered there has been some progress on the dam repairs. Mr. Johann responded with what has been done this far on the dam. Tom then noted that this is something that we anticipated last year when building a budget. He said if we know that these things are coming, we should be budgeting for them. Mr. Rasdall clarified with Mr. Young that we are just borrowing this money from the Rainy-Day Fund. Mr. Young agreed and explained the Resolution that was signed at the April Board Meeting.

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5: Additional Appropriations, seconded by Mr. Benshoof. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **8. Approval of Baker Tilly Proposal**

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall made a motion to approve the Baker Tilly Proposal to not exceed the cost of the contract, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **9. Wake Committee Recommendation**

- a. Mr. Parris thanked everyone for attending the wake committee meeting. He noted that the committee is not ready to submit a finalized recommendation but wants to submit a guidance for this boating season. The wake committee asked him as the Board member on the committee to recommend to the Board that wake surfing occur near the middle of the lake not hugging the buoy line, and ongoing education online and from boat patrol. It would not be an enforceable rule but may become a rule when recommendations to the Board are complete.

**MOTION: Mr. Parris made a motion to recommend freeholders wake surf near the middle of the lake not hugging the buoys, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Mr. Parris mentioned the wake committee wanted to do a wake study to demonstrate the different sizes of the wakes produced by the different types of boats and measure the waves. Mr. Parris asked the Board for permission for the wake committee to perform this study Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm on Sweetwater Lake and to be allowed to turn the yellow light on for two hours, place temporary buoys, and to allow a wake boat to utilize the ballast or turn on the wake enhancing devices.
- c. Mr. Rasdall asked which lake, and Mr. Parris answered it would be on Sweetwater Lake and described where the study would take place. Mr. Parris explained they are trying to establish if certain boats are producing a larger wake overall.
- d. Mr. Benshoof asked if there would be a video. Mr. Parris answered they would be making a video and encouraged everyone to come out.

**MOTION: Mr. Parris made a motion to allow the wake committee to conduct a study on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm where there will be a yellow light enacted for all boats except the ones taking part in the study, to place temporary buoys during the study, allow the committee to use ballast tanks, and have boat patrol there to enforce yellow light to all boaters not taking part in the study. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.**

**10. Mr. Edwards announced that to be transparent Mr. Sherman and himself would be the Board contacts for Baker Tilly, and if anyone had questions regarding that they could contact them.**

**11. Adjourn (1:45 PM)**

**MOTION: Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Benshoof. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Leavitt", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Leavitt, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: