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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

1 NOV, 2018

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 1 November, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Randy Brumfield, Brenda Maulden, Ty Cooper & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: NONE
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (Superintendent) + 3 Guests
- E. *Sunny Leerkamp moved to approve the Minutes of the 4 October, 2018 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Ty Cooper seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: None
- G. SPECIAL SESSION: (6:05 P.M.) The Deer Reduction Committee took time to review new information provided by a freeholder bearing on the issue of a previous hunter disqualification decision made based on allegations of trespass made by another freeholder. It was determined that the CHAP Coordinator should review the new information and reconsider the fairness of the week-old disqualification action taken in light of the new facts in the case. After reconsideration, the CHAP Coordinator's decision will be considered final.
- H. OLD BUSINESS :
- (6:15 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** (*Provided earlier by email*) (**Josh H.**): Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: Trail 5 Extension work progress; a planned sediment pond to catch silt before it enters the lake on Sweetwater Lake; plans for coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive; updates on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly/Elk Drives; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam. The initial design phase of the Sweetwater Dam repair is now complete and plans were reviewed. The project is expected to go out to bid in December or January. Also, it was reported that the Leaf Compost Area is open for deliveries and the Beach/Restroom facilities have been winterized for the off-season.
 - (6:25 P.M.) **ECOLOGY BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE** (**Josh**): The final reading and adoption vote of the FY 2019 CSCD Budget will be held at the next CSCD Board meeting in November. Significant cuts to the proposed ECOLOGY budget for FY 2019 remain in place.
 - (6:30 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT UPDATE** (**Brenda**): Brenda briefed the Commission that work has begun to eradicate the invasive species on a 1-acre plot of land across from the beach designated as a "pollinator habitat." Mowing will be completed soon, and then Randy Brumfield will spray for weeds, after which the soil will be tilled for seeding this Fall/Winter.
 - (6:35 P.M.) **COMMON CSCD TRASH COLLECTION INITIATIVE** (**Randy**): There was a brief discussion about the status of a possible "common trash collection program" in the CSCD. Not much movement on this initiative is reported from the last meeting update.

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5. (6:35 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick)**: The Commission reviewed the status of the ongoing Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) hunt in the CSCD. No safety violations have occurred, and 40 deer have been harvested to date. The health of the deer looks good so far, with the average weight of each harvested deer coming in at around 140 lbs., live weight. The hunt resumes on 5 November. Several freeholders continue to express their concern with the hunt and it is reported that 2 TV stations have been contacted to do a story on the negative aspects of the CSCD hunt. The CHAP Coordinator has spoken with both TV channels and answered all their questions.

I. NEW BUSINESS : (6:45 P.M.) WALKING/JOGGING TRAIL INITIATIVE (Jim): Jim Donnell asked the Commission members if they wanted him to continue to pursue the “Walking/Jogging Trail Initiative” he was asked to head up some 2+ years ago in light of the continued Board disapproval of funding for this project for two (2) consecutive budget years now. After a brief discussion and unanimous support was expressed for this project, ***Sunny Leerkamp moved to have the Conservancy Manager include this Initiative on the ballot for the upcoming CSCD Election Cycle so that freeholders can have the opportunity to convince their Board representatives of the significant interest they have in getting this project started ASAP. Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion passed unanimously.***

Jim Donnell and Josh Hawley were asked to brief Stacy Wethington on this Commission ballot initiative ASAP this week in order to get it on the ballot for the upcoming elections.

J. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 6 December, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**: ***Josh Edwards moved to adjourn the November meeting of the Ecology Commission. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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