

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19th, 2021

1. **Board Members Present:** Herb Benshoof, Pat Sherman, Josh Edwards, Matt Petersen, Chad Crimmins, and Ted Adolay
2. **Board Members Absent:**
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay, Jimmy Green, and Nick Johann
 - b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young
 - c. Estimated 30 Freeholders in attendance and 7 watching via Vimeo.
4. **Call to order at 7:03 PM**
 - a. Mr. Benshoof called a for a moment of silence for Mike Clark's family loss.
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. None
6. **Ratify appointing Matt Petersen as the acting secretary of the Board.**

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve Matt Petersen as the Acting Board Secretary, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously

7. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve the September 21st, 2021, Board Minutes, and the October 7th, 2021 Executive Session Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Freeholder Concerns:**

- a. Melissa Swineford introduced herself and announced she was running for District 5. She was curious as to what the reason was for not replacing Jay's position for the remainder of the year. At this time Mr. Benshoof expressed with it being so close to the end of the year and election coming up they were not going to fill the position until after the election in January.
- b. Michele Meredith introduced herself and noted she also lived in area 5 and has lived in this area for 20 years. She then stated in the past they would fill the position temporarily and she would vote that Mrs. Swineford should be allowed to fill this position temporarily.
- c. Keith Martin introduced himself as living at 8215 Centerlake and asked if anyone had to buy ice because they can't stand to drink water here because of the chlorine taste. He then noted he was having his water tested. Mr. Adolay noted he had not had anyone call him and

complain about this before and he is the Board member on the water commission. He also asked if he could get a copy of his test results once he received them. Mr. Benshoof then noted that we purchase the water from Prince's Lake.

- d. Marcia Harper brought up a memo that the FAC presented to the Board regarding pricing change for watercrafts over the next for years.
- e. Jim Donnell's introduced himself and then noted there are a lot of rumors out there about the changes in revenue collections and the uncertainty. His comment regarding the changes in the ditch tax/or collection of revenues would be that something this huge should be decided by the freeholders as opposed to a small group of people such as the Finance Committee or even the Board of Directors.
- f. Charlie Tinkle introduced himself and said at the last meeting someone was giving Jimmy Green a hard time and he wanted it to be known no one can do what a police officer does. He wanted to just counteract that negativity.
- g. Michele Meredith wanted to address a rumor she heard regarding OT pay with our Officers and that it might go away, she was just curious about that and if that were true. She would like to see that we keep our officers, she does not want to have to call Brown County and have to wait. Mr. Petersen addressed this concern and noted that we are currently down an officer. He also stated that we just hired and are in the process of training a new officer and that will help to get our shifts covered. He assured it was not going away it is in the budget for next year but with being down and officer and other unforeseen circumstances this year the monies within the budget have already been used and taken from other line items to fund the budget.
- h. Kathy Brown asked about the \$40,000 allocated for the boat steward and if that was going to be funded through a grant or how that will be funded. Jim Donnell's answered the question and said that \$24,000 was for labor and the rest was for a vehicle to travel back and forth from lake to lake.
- i. Michael Leavitt introduced himself as the Fire Chief and questioned if we were going to be without officers why no one notified the Fire Department of that.

9. Management Reports:

a. Financial Report:

1. Mrs. Bay summarized the fund report. The current balance is \$2,295,673.82

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

2. Mrs. Bay summarized the appropriation report and monthly claims list. The monthly claims total is \$238,851.82. The unexpended remaining balance for 2021 is \$483,287.85 or 24.74% remaining.

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

3. Mrs. Bay summarized Resolution 2021-11: Transfer of Appropriations within a Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve Resolution 2021-11 Transfer of Appropriations, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Chief Deputy:

1. Chief Deputy Green summarized his report.

c. Building Compliance Officer:

1. Mr. Johann went over an easement that is by Sweetwater Dam. The Board is going to look into this further.

10. Commission Reports:

a. Building:

1. Mr. Sherman reviewed the building applications.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve building application 21-100 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. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Sherman reviewed the dredging application.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve dredging application D21-010, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Ecology:

1. Mr. Edwards summarized the ecology minutes.
 - a. Mr. Edwards thanked Jim Donnell's for all of his hard work with the Clean Lakes Project.
 - b. Mr. Edwards noted that they denied 2 out of 3 dredging applications that were submitted to ecology.

c. Security:

1. Mr. Petersen summarized the security minutes.

d. Roads:

1. Mr. Crimmins summarized the roads minutes.
 - a. Mr. Crimmins noted that the Roads Commission meeting time will be changed to 6pm for future meetings.

e. Water:

1. No quorum.

f. Financial Advisory Committee:

1. The FAC meeting is set for the 21st.
2. Ratify adding Matt Petersen as the second Board Member on the FAC.

11. New Business:

a. Adoption of 2022 Budget

1. **Mr. Benshoof opened the public hearing for the 2022 budget at 8:01pm.**
2. Mr. Benshoof read the proposed 2022 Budget total of \$2,143,174 with a \$300,000 Rainy Day Fund withdrawal for the Cordry Dam Spillway Replacement Project.
3. Mr. Benshoof opened the floor To Public Comment:
 - a. Mr. Sherman said that Denise Caudill of FAC submitted an analysis of the budget with some questions and that Mr. Crimmins would be addressing these questions.
 - i. Mr. Petersen answered Denise Caudill's questions and explained how the commissions and the Board came up with each line-item amount.
 - b. Dale Sears asked if there was a contractual agreement if the CSCD paid for the new police officer academy fees. Jimmy Green answered no there is not.
 - c. Melissa Swineford asked about why Brown County does not pay for our road signs.
 - i. Michael Gaither asked why Brown County does not clean, clear, and maintain CSCD roads. Roger Young answered because they do not want to.
 - ii. Carrie Vavul asked if anyone regularly goes to council meetings and tries to advocate. The Board Members stated they do not they are during the day and at hard times to attend.
 - d. Denise Caudill asked about the Security gates and the placement and type of gates. Mr. Petersen answered.
 - e. Mr. Young asked if there was anymore public comment.
4. **Mr. Benshoof closed the public hearing of the 2022 budget at 9:01pm.**

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to move \$16,000 from the 117 account and move it to the 429 account, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to move \$5,000 from the 351 account and \$1,300 from the 215 account and move it to the 383 account, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 and adopt the amended proposed 2022 budget; seconded by Petersen.

b. Brian Miller's Resignation

1. Mr. Benshoof presented Brian Miller's resignation from the CSCD Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve Brian Miller's resignation, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Personnel: Oliver Hitz

1. Mr. Petersen presented Oliver Hitz as the candidate for the open CSCD Deputy position.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve hiring Oliver Hitz at an annual rate of \$43,380 and that will increase at the 1st of the year to match the Brown County's starting rate of \$52,784, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

d. CSLOA Committee Appointees to CSCD Commissions

1. Security – Kaye Gaither
Roads – Chip VanSyckle
Building – Craig Deiner
Ecology – Sunny Leerkamp
Water – Angie Von Hoven

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve adding the CSLOA Appointed Members to the CSCD Commissions seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Members Concerns

- a. Mr. Edwards noted right now its tough times. He mentioned worrying about Jimmy and he was thankful for the Sheriff helping. He thanked Jimmy for all his hard work. He then thanked Nick and Brittany for jumping in and stepping up.
- b. Mr. Benshoof thanked everyone for attending the meeting and presenting their thoughts and comments and he believes a lot of good stuff came out of this meeting. He appreciates everyone's time and investment. Mr. Benshoof then discussed splitting up the duties of the Conservancy Manager amongst Brittany, Nick, and Josh as a trial for 3-4 months.

13. Adjourn (9:16 PM)

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

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Petersen, Acting Board Secretary

Date Submitted: