

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District  
Security Commission Meeting**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**“DRAFT MINUTES”**

1. **Members Present:** Jim Maulden, Steve Burke, Tom Quill, Cathie Brown, Matt Murtha, and Carrie Vavul
2. **Members Present Virtually:** None
3. **Members Absent:** Brian Clancy
4. **Also, Present:**
  - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay
  - b. 3 freeholders in attendance (Shena Wheeler- Ecology Commission, Nancy Quill, & Sharon VanKooten)
5. **Welcome:** Mr. Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
6. **Agenda Modifications:**
  - a. None
7. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. The Commission reviewed the February Commission Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION: Mr. Quill motioned to approve February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Security Commission Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Brown. Motion passed 6-0.**
8. **Freeholder Concerns:**
  - a. None
9. **Director of Finance & Admin Report:**
  - a. Mrs. Bay reviewed her report and noted that they are currently accepting applications for seasonal staff positions. Mrs. Bay noted that seasonal staff training had been scheduled with staff starting dates of April and May. Mrs. Bay noted letters would be sent to freeholders who received two tickets last season in April.
  - b. Mrs. Bay noted that the buoys have been ordered and will be here by the end of March with a ship date of the 18<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion over the numbers and tape for the buoys. Mrs. Bay noted that she and Josh Bryant were going to go out and see which ones still need numbered and they will number the ones at the office when they come in before they are placed. There was discussion on lighted buoys. Mr. Maulden noted that he believed the last time buoys were discussed they had decided to hold off on ordering lighted buoys until we had enough buoys to cover all of the current missing buoys.

## **10. Welcome New Commission Member**

- a. Mr. Maulden welcomed Matt Murtha to the Security Commission. The other commission members introduced themselves to Mr. Murtha.

## **11. Old Business:**

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

1. This was discussed under the Director of Finance & Admin Report.

### **b. Budget Review- 5 year**

1. Mr. Maulden asked if anyone had anything for the budget. Mrs. Bay noted that she had sent over the proposed 5-year budget and would send it over to Mr. Murtha.

### **c. Speed Bumps at Grizzly**

1. Mr. Maulden noted that they had turned the speed bumps over to the Roads Commission now. Mr. Maulden noted that the roads commission is looking to see what dimensions should be used for speed bumps; so that they are not too steep or too long. Mr. Burke asked if they were still thinking of adding the speed bumps as they pave new roads and just build them into the paving. Mr. Maulden noted yes if a speed bump is needed on that road.

### **d. Grandfathered Decals**

1. Mr. Maulden noted that he wanted to add grandfathered decals to the rule book. Mrs. Vavul asked if grandfathered decals were not already included in the rule book. Mrs. Bay explained there is not a classification for grandfathered decals, there is just an explanation under each classification that has grandfathered decals and that jets skis (personalized watercraft) are the only classification with a different decal. Mr. Maulden noted that under each of the different classifications there is a stipulation for grandfathered. Mr. Maulden noted that with moving all the grandfathered stipulations under classification 4 personalized watercraft and changing it to grandfathered watercraft it would just make those decals for personal watercraft the grandfathered boat decals. Mrs. Bay noted that this would go along with the list the office is currently working through of all watercrafts registered last season to create a new grandfathered list of current boats. Mrs. Bay noted once the grandfathered list is finalized, they could share it to the website and Facebook and people could see if their boats are now grandfathered. Mr. Maulden noted that right now the grandfathered boats will still have the same sticker on them, they won't have a grandfathered sticker and gave the example of a grandfathered pontoon having a pontoon sticker. Mrs. Bay noted that it would just be noted on their paperwork that it was grandfathered. Mr. Maulden explained that currently there is not a grandfathered decal there is a personal watercraft decal but if they changed personal watercraft to grandfathered there would be a

grandfathered decal. Mr. Quill noted that so whether they are class 1,2,3, or 4 they would all be listed under class 4. Mr. Maulden noted there would only be one sticker so you could keep track of them. Mrs. Bay noted that the software keeps track of the grandfathered boats, it's a check box on the decal form. Mr. Maulden noted that the boat patrol would be able to tell as well. Mr. Maulden noted that any boat over 21 feet, 4,000 pounds, would get one; any jet ski would get one, any pontoon over 24 feet would get one.

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**e. Green Rule Book**

1. Mr. Maulden noted that the commission would start at the beginning of the rule book with any changes.

i. Mr. Maulden discussed the firearms and noted they could either leave it in here or take it out. Mr. Maulden noted that most people will follow what the rule book says even though it's not enforceable. Mrs. Wheeler noted that there was a third option which she presented in an email. Mr. Maulden noted that they could discuss it with Roger but if they won't enforce a 25mph speed limit he doesn't believe they will enforce someone shooting guns. Mr. Maulden noted that he saw a Facebook post that there was an incident in Brown County with someone shooting guns and they called the Sheriff's Department, and the deputy came out and told them they cannot do anything about them shooting guns unless they shoot something on their property. There was discussion over hunting and firearms. Mrs. Wheeler noted they need to focus on what they want the rules to be right now, not the enforceability; that is for the attorney. Mr. Burke noted he understood what he was saying but he believes there needs to be something in there. Mr. Burke noted there has to be something in there or there could be someone shooting on a little piece of property and stray bullets are dangerous. Mr. Burke discussed state law. Mrs. Brown asked what if someone brought a gun to the beach and left it under their towel and a child picked it up. Mr. Burke noted the beach is private property, you could put up a sign saying no firearms and that is enforceable. Mr. Quill discussed the proximity of his neighbor, and he believes there needs to be something in there.

**MOTION: Mr. Maulden motioned to approve leaving the firearm section as written, seconded by Mrs. Vavul.**

**Discussion: There was discussion over adding on the verbiage of CSCD property. Mr. Burke noted that if you recklessly discharge a firearm anywhere, you're going to meet a state statute. Mrs. Wheeler noted that state law will always supersede.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- ii. Mr. Maulden discussed was classification of watercraft section. Mr. Maulden noted they briefly discussed this section before Mrs. Wheeler arrived. Mr. Maulden noted that class 1,2, and 3 all have a grandfathered watercraft section. Mr. Maulden noted class 4 is the grandfathered watercraft because you are not allowed to have those. Mr. Maulden noted they previously discussed moving the grandfathered watercraft from class 1,2, and 3 to class 4 and changing it from personal watercraft to grandfathered watercraft. Mr. Maulden noted that if they have everything in a grandfathered class, they would all have the same sticker and they can keep track of them, and everybody will always know how many they have and they will all be in one class. Mrs. Brown noted that it would be one sticker for every category. Mrs. Bay noted that the office is going through all currently registered boats to create a grandfathered list based on the new rules. Mr. Burke asked if they could leave it the way it is currently written and just note the grandfathered boats in each class will have a grandfathered decal. Mrs. Brown asked if this would mean they would have 2 decals. Mr. Burke noted that they would only have one sticker, it would be the class 4 sticker, and it would be the same for all classes of watercraft. Mrs. Wheeler noted that there would be a verbiage change because currently you are allowed to decal one boat from each watercraft class of 1,2,3, and 4. Mrs. Vavul noted for boat patrol it would be easier for them to identify. It was asked why boat patrol would need to know that it is grandfathered. Mrs. Wheeler noted if it has a current decal then someone approved it. Mrs. Brown noted that they just needed to know the boat was legal on the lake. Mrs. Bay noted that there was a list of grandfathered boats previously kept that included pontoons and jet skis; and now the office is working to update that list with every watercraft registered last year so they have a working list. Mrs. Vavul noted that as long as the office has done what they are supposed to do then

it doesn't matter. Mr. Maulden asked if at any time they could get a report of the grandfathered boats if they called and asked. Mrs. Bay noted once the grandfathered list is complete, she intends to post it to the website and Facebook so everyone can access the list. Mr. Maulden noted that the grandfathered sticker was just so they would know exactly how many grandfathered boats we have. Mrs. Bay noted that they had to create that list of currently registered boats that would be grandfathered, moving forward, so that CSCD staff would know if the watercraft were grandfathered before the next season. Mrs. Brown noted that as boat patrol she didn't see why they would need to know that. Mr. Maulden noted that it wasn't just for boat patrol, they wanted to make sure they knew how many were in the system all the time.

- iii. Mr. Maulden noted the weird wording under the pontoon classification. Mrs. Wheeler noted the verbiage change she was making to make this section less confusing. There was discussion on the verbiage for the pontoon section. Mrs. Bay noted that with the pontoons over the 100 HP being classified as powered watercraft, if they kept the decals as they currently are it would be easier for boat patrol to identify if they had the wrong class of decal on their boat. There was agreement that this made a lot of sense.
- iv. Mr. Quill discussed the paddleboard section. Mr. Quill noted he did not like the verbiage of carry a life jacket, they need to have it with them on the paddleboard. There was discussion on the verbiage. Mr. Murtha noted that there is sometimes more than one person on the paddleboard and there should be a life jacket for each of them. Mrs. Vavul asked if they were floating around in a cove, and if they had a paddleboard using it as a bar would they have to have life jackets. Mrs. Bay suggested using the verbiage of if the paddleboard is underway. Mrs. Wheeler added that verbiage and read it.
- v. Mr. Quill noted the difference in the verbiage on requirements for the zebra mussel test and the boat safety test. Mr. Quill discussed clarifying that if the freeholder doesn't pass the test the first time, they can take it again until they do.
- vi. Mrs. Vavul asked to back up and noted the area where it says when a freeholder sells a lot it

should say property, because it is more encompassing.

- vii. Mr. Maulden discussed the section allowing 3 months for freeholders to obtain their grandfathered watercraft decal section. Mr. Maulden noted if they took their watercraft on the water, it would not prevent a ticket; this just extended the time they were allowed to receive their grandfathered watercraft decal. Mrs. Brown asked if they could go back out after getting the initial ticket and not renewing the decals. Mr. Quill answered no they would get another ticket. Mr. Maulden noted that they wouldn't lose their privilege to purchase a sticker, because it used to be that if you didn't get your decal by June 15<sup>th</sup> you lost your privilege to purchase a decal and would no longer be allowed on the water. Mr. Maulden noted this only saved you from losing your boat, it doesn't allow you to take it out on the water without the new decal. Mr. Quill noted he personally believed it should have stayed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. Mr. Quill noted he believed the grace period should be at the most 30 days. Mr. Maulden noted he agreed but the Board voted on this two months ago. Mr. Quill noted he knew that but the person who fought for this was no longer on the Board.

**MOTION: Mr. Quill motioned to approve changing the grace period of renewing grandfathered decals from 3 months to 30 days, seconded by Mr. Murtha.**

**Discussion: Mr. Maulden noted he was fine with it staying the way it was, and he asked Mrs. Bay when decals came in and they have 2 or 3 months to get decals before they expire. Mr. Quill noted that Mrs. Bay gets the stickers in March. Mr. Maulden noted that there was a person on the Board that doesn't like people being held responsible for their own actions. Mrs. Vavul noted that that person was gone. Mr. Burke noted that he felt it was reasonable as well to say 30 days. Mr. Burke noted the Board may disagree and leave it the way it is. Mr. Maulden noted that is what they are here for, to make recommendations to the Board.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- viii. Mr. Maulden discussed the towing devices section. Mr. Maulden noted that it said the rope has to be 40 feet in length and they also have where wake surfing is not allowed. Mr. Maulden

noted that wake surfing is prohibited and read the rule and asked if the 40-foot rope length should be included in this section. Mrs. Brown noted there are several people on wake boards, and they want shorter ropes, and Mrs. Vavul agreed. Mrs. Brown noted their ropes are not 40 feet, and they are not riding the wave or anything like that. Mr. Burke noted he believed the point of the 40-foot rope is to stop anyone from wake surfing. Mrs. Vavul noted there is a difference between wake surfing and wake boarding. Mr. Maulden noted when the Board was reviewing this, they asked the question, and it seemed like everyone was using a 40-foot rope. Mrs. Vavul noted she thought it was more like 25, and she asked a friend who does a lot of wake boarding. Mr. Quill noted that the question was asked of Dave Jarrett, and he referred only to skiing at the time. Mr. Quill noted that water skiers normally use a 60-foot rope unless you're really good. Mrs. Vavul googled it and google says 65-75 feet and noted that she thought it was shorter than that. Mrs. Brown noted the wakeboarders use a different type of rope. Mr. Maulden noted that they did some research, and they thought 40 feet would be a good length.

- ix. Mr. Quill asked if someone was wake surfing, what happens. Mr. Maulden noted that they can't, and they will get a ticket. Mr. Quill asked if they had to make this violation 3 times before they were kicked off the lake. Mr. Maulden answered that this would be like anything else. Mr. Maulden noted if someone is out there wake surfing it's no different than if they are out there breaking another rule.
- x. Mrs. Brown discussed the no more than 2 on a tube or a boat rule.
- xi. Mr. Quill discussed the fishing rules. Mr. Quill noted that he thought ecology should review the fishing violations or someone from ecology should be at the security meeting to advise the security commission if someone wanted to dispute the fishing violations.

**MOTION: Mr. Quill motioned to approve anyone appealing for violation of the fishing rules should appear before the ecology commission at a regularly scheduled meeting and the ecology commission will make a recommendation for their appeal, seconded by Mr. Maulden.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

- xii. Mr. Murtha discussed the wake surfing section. Mr. Murtha noted people learning to wake surf do utilize a rope and some verbiage should be added.

**MOTION: Mr. Murtha motioned to approve removing without being pulled directly by watercraft in the wake surfing section, seconded by Mr. Burke.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- xiii. Mr. Quill discussed paddleboats prohibited in the beach area. Mr. Quill asked if paddleboards should be included. Mrs. Brown noted she just sees inflatables in that area.
- xiv. Mr. Quill discussed the enforcement section. Mr. Quill noted that it says warning and it needs to say ticket. Mrs. Wheeler suggested putting any violation of the rules documented. Mr. Maulden noted that freeholders can get warnings still. Mrs. Bay gave an example of some instances when the boat patrol gave a warning versus a ticket. Mrs. Bay noted that she always lets that be at the discretion of boat patrol.
- xv. Mrs. Wheeler noted that she would suggest new rules should be referred to the commissions and the commissions making recommendations to the Board. Mr. Maulden noted that they were thinking about holding an executive meeting to review all of this and they wouldn't be able to make any decisions, but they could review. Mr. Maulden noted he recalled at the last meeting that Mrs. Wheeler asked him if someone had come to the Board with something to send it back to the commission. Mr. Maulden noted he would recommend they do that but with some of the previous Board, one reason he is on the Board is because he doesn't feel like some of the previous Board Members paid attention to what the commissions came up with. Mr. Maulden noted that wake boats and wake surfing had been beat to death. Mr. Maulden noted he really believed the commission should be making the recommendations. Mr. Maulden noted that it had been in committee for a year with wake boats and nothing happened, the previous Board didn't pay attention to what the committee had said. Mrs. Wheeler noted it is still up to the Board to take the recommendations or not. Mr. Burke discussed freeholders being able to come to a meeting and



express their concern and be heard. Mrs. Bay noted they could establish a procedure for rules.

xvi. There was discussion on power loading.

xvii. Mr. Murtha discussed s turns. Mr. Maulden noted no erratic patterns would cover this. Mr. Murtha noted he felt it should be worded stronger or clearer. Mrs. Vavul suggested zigzagging. Mr. Murtha suggested 90 degree turns while tubing. Mr. Maulden noted he believed it was fine as is. Mr. Burke agreed it all fell under erratic and will be at the discretion of boat patrol.

xviii. Mr. Murtha discussed the verbiage under towing devices where it mentions the watercraft is occupied by the driver and at least one competent observer. Mr. Murtha noted that he believed there should be an age restriction for the observer. Mrs. Vavul discussed the height of the person holding up the flag up. Mr. Maulden noted he believed this was directed by the state or Coast Guard. Mrs. Brown noted that if the flag doesn't go up immediately it is a ticket. Mr. Burke asked what age the observer should be. Mr. Murtha noted that would be consistent with other parts of the rule book.

**MOTION: Mr. Murtha motioned to approve adding at least 12 years of age to the competent observer section, seconded by Mrs. Vavul.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

xix. Mr. Murtha noted he wanted to discuss the automatic flags on behalf of Brent. Mr. Murtha noted it currently read that the flag must be displayed by the observer. Mr. Murtha noted that there is a system where freeholders can hit the flag, so it is displayed but it's not being held by the observer. Mrs. Brown asked about the operator displaying the flag. Mr. Murtha noted to him it did not matter who was displaying the flag just that it was up immediately. Mr. Maulden noted the driver was triggering the flag, and they are supposed to be paying attention to the water. Mr. Murtha noted that sometimes it was the driver triggering it, sometimes it's on the passenger side and the observer triggers it. Mr. Murtha noted he did not care either way as long as the flag was displayed. Mrs. Vavul noted that she always tries to be in the middle of the boat when she displays a flag and suggested using that verbiage. Mr.

Maulden noted that the driver should not be the one flipping the flag because he is paying attention to driving. Mr. Burke asked if the observer could be the one triggering the flag. Mr. Burke noted that if the flag goes up and is visible it has served its purpose. Mr. Murtha suggested that it say the flag must be displayed immediately when a person is down in the water, and that the operator should not be displaying the flag. Mr. Maulden asked where the flags were on the boats and how they are installed. Mrs. Brown noted that they are where the windshield comes down. Mr. Murtha noted that he did not know how they are installed but they work well. Mr. Maulden asked if they could easily be moved to the passenger side, that is why he asked how they were installed. Mrs. Brown noted she did not have a problem with the flag being displayed this way, she just didn't believe the operator should be the one triggering it. Mr. Quill noted that he believes they should leave it as the observer. Mr. Murtha noted that these are more visible and work better than an observer holding a flag manually.

**MOTION: Mr. Murtha motioned to strike the verbiage displayed by the observer, seconded by Mr. Burke.**

**Discussion: The commission discussed the photo of one. Mr. Quill noted that his concern if they took out "by the observer", in his opinion it would be eliminating the observer. Mr. Burke noted it did not eliminate having an observer because number one says there has to be an observer in the boat. Mr. Maulden noted that if he had the flag in his hand, he is going to be paying attention because he knows he must display the flag. Mr. Burke asked if they were towing someone and they have an observer and the flag goes up and they saw the automatic flag go up would you write them a ticket. Mrs. Brown noted that she wouldn't be she would let them know they need an observer to put the flag up. Mr. Murtha noted that the flags that he saw that do this are on a much longer pole. Mr. Quill noted that he just has a problem if the driver is the one who sets it off, Mr. Maulden agreed. Mr. Murtha noted that if the concern is having it by the driver the verbiage could say if using an automatic flag it cannot be operated by the driver. Mr. Maulden asked if they could leave it as with the observer having to do it. Mr. Quill asked if they could change the verbiage to the observer must activate the flag. Mrs. Wheeler made the modification. Mr. Maulden noted he had no problem with it being put up automatic, he just didn't like the**

**driver doing it. There was discussion over flags being displayed in the no wake zone.**

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Update Boat Safety Test (Resolution 2024-7)**

1. Mr. Maulden noted he would like to discuss this topic at next month's meeting when Mr. Clancy will be present. Mr. Quill asked if this was just to make the changes to coincide with the new resolution like age and things. Mrs. Bay noted yes there would be changes because of the new resolution modifying the previous rules. Mr. Maulden noted that the resolution says if it changes you must give the test again. Mr. Maulden noted that because of this they could review the whole test and see if there are any other changes that they wanted to make and put several updates on the test.

## **13. Commission Member Concerns:**

1. The commission thanked Mrs. Wheeler for working on this.
2. Mr. Quill asked Mrs. Bay if they had a list of boats that are not allowed on the lake. Mrs. Bay noted there is not a list of boats that are not allowed on the lake. Mrs. Bay noted that they are working to create a list of grandfathered boats from the currently registered watercraft, but that would not be a list of all boats not allowed on the lake. Mr. Quill noted a lot of people had been asking him what kind of boat they can get to wakeboard, and he noted that he can give them the specs. Mrs. Bay noted that she has asked for a list of what is considered wake boats as people have asked them; they do not have a list of every wake boat. Mr. Maulden noted what he would recommend is the office doesn't tell anybody what kind of boat they can get. Mrs. Bay noted that the office doesn't tell anyone what kind of boat they can get they read the rules on length and weight to them, and if they have further questions, they send the call to Nick Johann or myself and if we can't tell if it is a wake boat or not, we send the information to the Board. Mrs. Vavul noted that they should start minimizing or deleting the words wake boat and say if it's a boat that has wake-enhancing devices it's not allowed. There was discussion over the boats designed to create a wake. Mr. Maulden noted that some manufacturers specify some boats as a wake boat. Mr. Quill noted that what he could tell them then is here is the rule, do your research, after they do their research they can call the office, and if the office can't answer your question, they will send you to the Board. There was discussion on eliminating the verbiage of wake boats. Mrs. Bay noted that they can also check the specs on jd power to see if the boat meets the requirements. Mr. Maulden noted that they

could go by jd power specs or the manufacturers specs. Mrs. Bay noted the manufacturer specs is a little bit harder because typically on the boat websites it only keeps the current year, so they could reference for new models, but older models can typically be found on jd power.

3. Mrs. Vavul asked if they could see the deputies pulling people over. Mrs. Bay noted that she could ask them if the commission wanted her too but it's at the deputy's discretion. Mr. Maulden noted that he knows they work for the Sheriff, but we are paying them overtime and they should do what we ask them to do. Mr. Murtha noted that he doesn't believe they can tell them what to do because we pay for them, Mr. Burke agreed. There was discussion over telling deputies what to do before and that being an issue as to why there are not full-time deputies here. Mr. Maulden asked but to stop speeders they couldn't ask them to stop them. Mrs. Bay noted that they follow the county laws on speeding, which she believed to be 40 or 45mph. Mrs. Vavul noted that she sees the deputies out, but she never sees anyone pulled over. Mr. Burke noted the speeders he sees are contractors, vendors, and amazon. Mr. Maulden noted that they used to write tickets years ago because he got one. Mrs. Bay noted that she would ask if that's what they wanted her to do. Mr. Burke noted they would ask them to stop people, and he didn't write a ticket he would just give them a verbal warning if he saw them moving fast and let them know they're going to start enforcing traffic laws. There was discussion over a safety factor with just stopping people. Mr. Maulden noted he thought they should be asked to stop people, because we are paying them, and the biggest problem here is speeders. Mrs. Vavul noted they could find drunk drivers. Mr. Maulden noted that if there wasn't a speeding problem they would be putting speed bumps in. Mr. Maulden asked Mrs. Bay to just see what they say.
4. Mrs. Brown noted that Sheena has put in multiple hours free of charge and it would be nice to chip in and do something for her. Mr. Burke suggested a gift card. Mrs. Brown asked if they should ask the Board to chip in too. Mr. Maulden noted that ecology might like to as well or they may want to do their own thing. Mr. Maulden noted that they could talk to everybody and see what they wanted to do.
5. Mr. Murtha noted that Mr. Clancy's presentation at the last Board meeting where he had the statistics and numbers was very impressive, informative, and answered a lot of questions.

**14. Adjourn (8:39 PM)**Mr. Murtha noted that it was very well done.

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

