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**ECOLOGY** COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

**4 March, 2021**

1. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick

 Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 4 March, 2021, in the CSCD conference room.

1. Members Present: Rick Normington, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Randy Brumfield, & Jim Donnells (Recorder ) ,
2. Members Absent: Josh Edwards ( Board ), Brenda Maulden, & Ty Cooper

1. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley + 3 guests
2. ***Sunny Leerkamp moved to approve the Minutes of the 4 February, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission;***

 ***Randy Brumfield seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.***

1. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS : None

1. **OLD BUSINESS :**
2. ( 6:05 P.M. ) **DEER CONSERVATION HUNT UPDATE :** Our CHAP Coordinator, Mr. Rusty Fields, was in attendance and provided a summary After Action Review of this year’s Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP)

 hunt. In his words, all went well in this year’s deer reduction hunt. No freeholder or hunter issues arose. This year’s hunt saw 18 hunters harvest 20 deer over a 4 month period. In three years, the CSCD deer herd has been reduced by 118 deer ( **66** in 2018-19; **34** in 2019-20; and **18** in 2020-21 ).

1. **COYOTE REDUCTION INITIATIVE:** After a planned discussion to address freeholder concerns over increased sightings of coyotes in the CSCD:

***“Jim Donnells moved to authorize the trapping and permanent removal of 10-12 coyotes from the CSCD community this spring by Rusty’s Animal Control. Randy Brumfield seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.”***

1. ( 6:15 P.M. ) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT***(* ***Josh H.)*:** Josh’s update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including plans for the continuation of work on the Cordry Dam Spillway project. Christopher Burke Engineering begins estimate work on the Cordry Dam Spillway tomorrow. The goal is to have a firm estimate of work to be done and cost figures by the end of 2021, with actual repair work to be performed in 2022.
2. ( 6:20 P.M. ) **UPDATE ON IU CLEAN LAKES PROGRAM PROPOSAL *( Josh H. )*:** The initiative to employ a volunteer group of Indiana University students to perform formal studies of watershed management and zebra mussel mitigation efforts is underway. In support of this effort:

“***Jim Donnells moved to have the CSCD Manager explore lake water sampling opportunities this spring and summer in order to establish base line data for ensured, long term safe and sanitary recreational use of our lakes by all stakeholders. Sunny Leerkamp seconded. After brief discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.”***

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1. ( 6:30 P.M. ) **ZEBRA MUSSEL STUDY COMMITTEE** ( ***Randy & Jim*** )**:** Randy Brumfield & Jim Donnells briefed the Commission on the progress, to date, of the CSCD Zebra Mussel Study Committee (ZMSC). The Committee has met once since being “chartered” by the ECOLOGY Commission, and they have established a Mission Statement, identified the many “Enablers” ( potential sources ) of a mussel infestation, and they have identified myriad stakeholders in the CSCD Zebra Mussel Mitigation Effort being undertaken by the ECOLOGY Commission, CSCD Board and the Conservancy Manager. The next committee meeting on 11 March, will focus on brainstorming possible courses of action to prevent an infestation of zebra mussels in CSCD lakes. Commission members provided new “enabler” information and new “stakeholder” information overlooked by the ZMSC.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
2. ( 6:45 P.M. ) **FREEHOLDER DREDGING APPLICATIONS:** *(* ***Rick )*:**

 **Cully KINNICK –** 7621 Indian Cherry Drive; The Commission reviewed an updated application for dredging received from the CSCD Building Control Officer on behalf of freeholder Cully Kinnick. In that the updated application satisfied the Commission’s concerns over the initial application:

 **“*Jim Donnells moved to approve the Kinnick application as resubmitted and to support his variance request to have this dredging accomplished in April, 2021, outside the authorized CSCD window for private dredging; Randy Brumfield seconded. Motion Approved.”***

1. ( 7:25 P.M. ) **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS: None**
2. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, **1 APRIL, 2021**, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I.  **ADJOURNMENT:  *Randy Brumfield moved to adjourn the March meeting of the Ecology Commission.***

 ***Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion passed****.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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