Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
Financial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021 – CSCD Office

1. Members Attending in person: Carrie Vavul, Sharon Ketner, Anita Sears, Rex Keck, Denise Caudill
2. Others attending in person: Jay Nogan, and Pat Sherman.
3. Attending via computer: Ronald Rayl and Josh Hawley.
4. Members Absent: Scott Nickerson

5. Meeting began at 7:09 PM
   Minutes reviewed. No changes recommended.

6. Discussed versions of the mission statement that had circulated prior to the meeting.   The agreed upon mission statement, drafted by Pat Sherman, was: "Explore ways to fund the approved budget and eventually decouple from the reliance upon value-based assessments for the collection of CSCD revenues."

7. The current sources of revenue, outside of the property tax levy, include: boat decal income; work boat permits; marina income; Verizon tower; building permits; New Wave Communications franchise fee; and allocation from the Water department.   These items will require additional analysis to determine how we may be able to equitably increase rates where possible.

   An idea that got some traction was to retain a flat levy assessment for all freeholders that would be tied to Roads and Security expenses. The thought was everyone uses these works of the CSCD. Revenues from the lakes and parks/trails could be more user based. However, it is noted that even those who live off lake and do not "use" the lake, do benefit from it as an integral part of the community.

8. The need to educate the freeholders on the benefits they receive from the CSCD was apparent. It was suggested that we conduct a Survey Monkey survey to get freeholder input and buy-in into the process.   The idea of the survey was well received.   For our next meeting, FAC members should be prepared to brainstorm questions that could be asked in the survey.   Ketner volunteered to find out more about the Survey Monkey process.   It was also suggested that as we move through this process we should hold one or more "freeholder meetings" as another way to get input and support.