

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

1. **Board Members Present:** Josh Edwards, Herb Benshoof, Pat Sherman (virtually), Aaron Parris, Mark Rasdall, Ted Adolay, Mike Leavitt
2. **Board Members Absent:** None
3. **Also, Present:**
  - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay and Nick Johann
  - b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young
  - c. Approximately 15 freeholders in attendance & numerous online viewers
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Mr. Rasdall discussed that motion 5.c in the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes did not occur at the annual meeting. There was some discussion.

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall motioned to strike 5c from the January 14<sup>th</sup> Board minutes, seconded by Mr. Leavitt. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Yes**  
**Mr. Rasdall: Yes**  
**Mr. Adolay: No**  
**Mr. Benshoof: Aye**  
**Mr. Edwards: Aye**  
**Mr. Parris: Aye**  
**Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 6-1.**

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall moved to approve Josh Edwards as Chairman of the Board, Aaron Parris as Vice Chairman of the Board, Ted Adolay as Secretary of the Board, Aaron Parris on the Water Commission, Mark Rasdall on the Roads Commission, Pat Sherman on the Building Commission, Herb Benshoof on the Ecology Commission, and Mike Leavitt on the Security Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Yes**  
**Mr. Rasdall: Yes**  
**Mr. Adolay: No**  
**Mr. Benshoof: No**  
**Mr. Edwards: No**  
**Mr. Parris: No**  
**Mr. Sherman: No**

**Motion failed 2-5.**

**MOTION: Mr. Parris moved to approve Josh Edwards as Chairman of the Board, Aaron Parris as Vice Chairman of the Board, Mike Leavitt as Secretary of the Board, Aaron Parris on the Water Commission, Mark Rasdall on the Roads Commission, Pat Sherman on the Building Commission, Herb Benshoof on the Ecology Commission, and Ted Adolay on the Security Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: No  
Mr. Rasdall: No  
Mr. Adolay: Yes  
Mr. Benshoof: Yes  
Mr. Edwards: Yes  
Mr. Parris: Yes  
Mr. Sherman: Yes**

**Motion passed 5-2.**

**5. Agenda Modifications:**

- a. Mr. Parris removed line items 6.e.ii and 7b from the agenda.**

**MOTION: Mr. Benshoof motioned to approve the agenda modifications, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**6. Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall motioned to approve the amended January 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Leavitt. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Benshoof motioned to approve the February 11<sup>th</sup> Special Session Meeting Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**7. Freeholder Concerns:**

- a. Marcia Harper introduced herself and said she lives at WS 387. She discussed the December Security Minutes that were abbreviated and her conversations prior to the December Board Meeting with the Director of Finance and Administration. She also discussed the conversations regarding whether or not she was approved by the Board on the Security Commission and how to ratify that.
- b. Greg Harper asked if he could continue past Marcia Harper's 3 minutes. He stated his name and that he lives with Marcia Harper. He discussed the rule book, enforcement of rules, and whistleblowers.
- c. Carrie Vavul introduced herself and did not know her lot number. She was at the annual meeting and watched the recording. She wanted to know the process to determine the Chairman, Vice Chairman, etc because it seemed predetermined. She also noted there was no motion made it was just stated the positions at the annual meeting.
- d. Jimmy Green introduced himself and did not know his lot number. He wanted to ask where we stand on the contract with the Sheriff's Department since the freeholders are paying for a service they are not receiving. Mr. Young discussed the Indiana Acts of Public Records Act.

**8. Management Reports:**

**a. Director of Finance & Administration:**

1. Mrs. Bay summarized the fund report. The current balance is \$2,817,151.83.

**MOTION: Mr. Parris motioned to approve the financial report subject to audit, seconded by Mr. Sherman. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Mrs. Bay summarized the appropriation report and monthly claims list. The monthly claims total is \$676,349.15. The unexpended remaining balance is \$1,833,811.98 or 82.53% remaining.

**MOTION: Mr. Benshoof motioned to approve the monthly claims subject to audit; seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**b. Director of Operations:**

1. Mr. Johann summarized his report.

- i. Mr. Johann discussed surplus property.

**9. Commission Reports:**

**a. Building:**

1. Mr. Johann reviewed the building applications.

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve building applications 23-001, 23-002, 23-004, 23-006 and 23-008 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. Rasdall. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Abstained  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 6-0.**

2. Mr. Johann reviewed variance requests.

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the variance request at 6850 Eagle Drive 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. Rasdall. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the variance request for 7446 Honey Locust 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. Leavitt. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**3. Mr. Johann reviewed Resolution 2023-3: Authorizing Sale of Property**

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve Resolution 2023-3 Authorizing Sale of Property, seconded by Mr. Benshoof. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**b. Ecology:**

- 1. Mr. Benshoof summarized the Ecology Minutes.**

2. Mr. Benshoof discussed the Aquatic Control Contract.

**MOTION: Mr. Benshoof motioned to approve the aquatic control contract not to exceed \$86,500.00, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Mr. Benshoof discussed an eagle scout who wanted to do a purple martin box project at the beach.

**MOTION: Mr. Rasdall motioned to approve allowing the eagle scout to build a purple martin house at the property described by Herb and that at any point removal is deemed necessary by the Board the person who reckoned the structure will remove it at their own expense, seconded by Mr. Parris. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Mr. Benshoof discussed flock cameras.

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the purchase of flock cameras, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**c. Security:**

**1. No meeting, lack of quorum**

**MOTION: Mr. Adolay motioned to approve reappointing Cathie Brown and Harry Sherman to the Security Commission for a 3-year term, seconded by Mr. Parris. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Abstained**

**Motion passed 6-0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Adolay motioned to approve adding Brian Clancy and Steve Burke to the Security Commission for a 2-year term and adding Matt Petersen to the Security Commission for a 1-year term seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: No  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 6-1.**

**2. Mr. Sherman discussed the December security minutes and why they were abbreviated.**

**MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned for the Board to recognize and retroactively approve Marcia for her service on the security commission from the time Greg left until the December 2022 meeting and recognize her service for that commission, seconded by Mr. Parris. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: No  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 6-1.**

**d. Roads:**

1. No meeting, lack of quorum.

**e. Water:**

1. Mr. Parris summarized the Water Minutes.
2. Mr. Parris discussed a water rate study.

**MOTION: Mr. Parris motioned to approve a water rate study, seconded by Mr. Adolay. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

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**f. Financial Advisory Committee:**

1. No meeting.

**10. New Business:**

**a. Marina Fuel**

1. Mr. Johann discussed the two different fuel contracts from Premier and Co-alliance.

**MOTION: Mr. Leavitt motioned to approve a contract with Co-Alliance, seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Leavitt: Aye  
Mr. Rasdall: Aye  
Mr. Adolay: Aye  
Mr. Benshoof: Aye  
Mr. Edwards: Aye  
Mr. Parris: Aye  
Mr. Sherman: Aye**

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**11. Board Members Concerns**

- a. Mr. Leavitt thanked the freeholders for being active participants.
- b. Mr. Rasdall thanked everyone for coming and all the online viewers.
- c. Mr. Edwards noted that everyone is not going to agree on everything, but slander, libel, and defamation of character cannot happen. He noted that the Board does not always agree with each other but they are entitled to their own opinions; they just need to remember that they are public officials.



- d. Mr. Sherman spoke about the dam repairs and wanted Board permission to work with Brittany Bay to reach out to several banks to seek funding. The Board granted permission.

**12. Adjourn (8:52 PM)**

**MOTION: Mr. Benshoof moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously. No Roll Call.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: