

Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 20th, 2022

1. **Board Members Present:** Herb Benshoof, Matt Petersen, Pat Sherman, Aaron Parris, Mark Rasdall, and Ted Adolay
2. **Board Members Absent:** Josh Edwards
3. **Also, Present:**
 - a. **Staff:** Brittany Bay and Nick Johann
 - b. **CSCD Attorney:** Roger Young
 - c. 20 freeholders in attendance & numerous online viewers
4. **Welcome:** Mr. Benshoof called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
5. **Agenda Modifications:**
 - a. None
6. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Mr. Rasdall motioned to approve the August 16th Board Meeting Minutes, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Freeholder Concerns:**
 - a. Merrill Moores introduced himself and said that he was trying to sell a property, an 18-acre piece of land by the dam where the red barn is located to Liz & Merrill Janney. The Janney's own property across the street but cannot put a septic on it. They would like to put a septic on the property they are considering purchasing, but the Conservancy may own a portion of it so they would have to request an easement. They are still waiting on the survey to find out, they just wanted to make the Board aware prior to.
 - b. Marcia Harper introduced herself and asked if there was a way to communicate to other freeholders the reports regarding wake boats that she had brought to the August Board Meeting. She suggested posting on the website or Facebook, Mr. Johann said we were still in the early process of getting people to join the wake boat committee and once that is established, we will put a dedicated section up about wake boats and what the committee has found.
 1. Mr. Petersen spoke about the wake committee. He suggested that for the committee there should be 3 people recommended from security and 3 from ecology and 1 board member; which is different from Mr. Rasdall's motion at the

August meeting of 4 people recommended by the ecology commission and 3 recommended by the security commission.

- c. Jon Gossett introduced himself and asked about the tabled flagpole discussion from last month's meeting. Mr. Parris said he spoke with Dave Jarrett about the height rule and he believed the rule was put in place to prevent obstruction of view of the lakes.

8. Management Reports:

a. Director of Finance & Administration:

1. Mrs. Bay summarized the fund report. The current balance is \$2,951,639.85.

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

2. Mrs. Bay summarized the appropriation report and monthly claims list. The monthly claims total is \$428,691.66. The unexpended remaining balance is \$875,693.50 or 35.67% remaining.

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

3. Mrs. Bay summarized Resolution 2022-11: Transfer of Appropriations.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve Resolution 2022-11: Transfer of Appropriations, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Director of Operations:

1. Mr. Johann summarized his report.
 - i. Mr. Johann had Mr. Rasdall go over some quotes he received for the ZMP gates at the ramps.
 - ii. Mr. Johann discussed the bids he received for crack sealing and line striping he only received one because every other company said it wouldn't be until next year.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the line striping by Indiana Sign Barricade in the amount of \$24,998.00, seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the crack sealing bid from HSC Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$49,307.00, seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Commission Reports:

a. Building:

1. Mr. Sherman reviewed the building applications.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve building application 22-066, 22-067, 22-071, 22-072, 22-073, 22-076, 22-078 and 22-079 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. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Ecology:

1. Mr. Johann summarized the Ecology Minutes.
 - i. Mr. Johann discussed the deer reduction hunt. Mr. Johann said that the qualification is October 14th at 6pm. The hunt date is October 31-November 15 and January 1- January 8.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve the deer reduction hunt, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously.

- ii. Mr. Johann requested Sheena Johnson be added to the ecology commission.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen motioned to approve adding Sheena Johnson to the ecology commission, seconded by Mr. Parris. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Security:

1. Mr. Petersen summarized the Security Minutes.

d. Roads:

1. Mr. Rasdall summarized the Roads minutes.

e. Water:

1. Mr. Parris summarized the Water minutes.

f. Financial Advisory Committee:

1. Mr. Petersen summarized the FAC meeting.
 - i. Mr. Petersen summarized that based off the financial model it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to raise the equal assessment from \$269 annually to \$370 annually.

- ii. Mr. Sherman spoke about the equal assessment; he said that the end goal would be for funds to be collected 50% Ad Valorem and 50% Equal Assessment.

10. New Business:

a. The Public Hearing of the 2023 Budget

1. Mr. Benshoof opened the public hearing for the 2023 budget at 8:22pm.
2. Mrs. Bay read the proposed 2023 General Fund Budget Total of \$2,156,721.
3. Mr. Benshoof opened the floor to Public Comment:
 - i. Denise Caudill wanted to make it clear that the revenue stream calculation that was developed by the Financial Advisory Committee was ultimately decided by the Board not the Financial Advisory Committee.
 - ii. John Gossett asked if we were going to have 24/7 coverage. He was wondering if there was enough money in the budget for the Sheriff's this year, Mr. Petersen responded that there was.
4. Mr. Benshoof closed the public hearing of the 2023 budget at 8:29pm.

11. Board Members Concerns

- a. Mr. Sherman said he would like to set a fixed fee for the equal assessment.

MOTION: Mr. Sherman motioned to approve increasing the fixed fee from \$269 annually to \$370 annually, seconded by Mr. Petersen. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn (8:37 PM)

MOTION: Mr. Parris moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rasdall. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ted Adolay, Board Secretary

Date Submitted: