

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

Scott Wilmouth	Present
Mike Barone	Present
Dave Ardrey	Present
Tony Mileur	Present

Also present: Carrie Likins, Jim Pribble and Charlie Neace.

Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2024: Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Barone seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Electric Rates: Manager Wilmouth reported after looking back at the electric charges, the District has been paying 14 cents per kilowatt to the electric company and not 7 dollars per kilowatt as he reported last month. Manager Wilmouth stated when Mac owned the marina, he did not have a set price per kilowatt but calculated the usage by hand. Manager Wilmouth stated in 2019 DAR started charging metered customers 12 cents per kilowatt as they were paying the same to the electric company. Manager Wilmouth stated in 2019 the water and trash fee charged to metered customers was \$9.75 per month and that rate increased to \$10.75 per month in 2020. Manager Wilmouth stated these are the same rates that the District is charging today. Manager Wilmouth stated he believes the District should raise the electricity rates a bit higher than the 14 cents per kilowatt that is being charged by the electric company because of the infrastructure that is deteriorating and will eventually need replaced. Manager Wilmouth stated there is time to decide upon a new electricity rate to be implemented next Spring. Trustee Ardrey asked if the current monthly water and trash fee is enough to cover the cost of those services. Manager Wilmouth stated he will have to look over those numbers and let the Committee know next month. Mr. Pribble stated the water and trash fee is not covering those costs at this time.

Electric Shock Hazard Signs: Manager Wilmouth reported the Conservancy Committee has been sent a proof from Prism Designs of the electric shock hazard signs for the marina. Manager Wilmouth stated the signs are for safety reasons and will not need action for approval. Manager Wilmouth stated he wanted to make sure all members reviewed them before having the signs made and installed on the marina docks. Chairman Mileur stated the signs look good and the District already has an ordinance about swimming around the docks, and now they will have the signage that states the risk and lists the Ordinance number as well.

Shed Request for CA37: Manager Wilmouth stated this is a new shed request from CA37 and this request is for an 8x10 commercially built shed with a shingled gable roof with a 2/12 pitch. Manager Wilmouth stated the only possible issue is the shed would be ten foot tall. Manager Wilmouth stated he was not able to find anything stating a height requirement less than ten foot and so this shed request does comply with the current shed policy. Chairman Mileur asked if all members agreed to recommend approval of the shed request to the Board. Trustee Ardrey stated as long as the shed is 8x10, he agrees to the recommendation.

New Business:

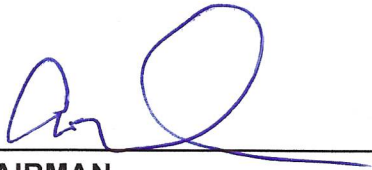
Boat Shop Building Proposal: Manager Wilmouth reported that Jim and himself met Brian Pigg at the boat shop and requested a proposal in writing from Brian, and the Conservancy Committee have been sent that proposal to review. Manager Wilmouth stated he thinks the proposal is requesting too many business operations at the marina. Trustee Barone stated he agrees with Manager Wilmouth and his opinion is that the District already has an agreement with a concessionaire at the marina, who sells alcohol, packaged liquor and ice to customers and does not think the District should infringe upon that by allowing someone else to sell those items on the premises as well. Trustee Barone stated the District has put a lot of money into the fuel dock and hires high school and college students to work there and he doesn't want to take that away from them. Trustee Barone stated his understanding from Mr. Pigg at the July Board meeting was that he wanted to lease the boat shop to repair, winterize, reupholster boats, and sell some camping supplies which he has no issues with Mr. Pigg doing any of that. Trustee Ardrey stated he would like the Conservancy Committee to request a more in-depth proposal from Mr. Pigg that includes information regarding liability insurance and a more detailed business plan. Trustee Ardrey stated he agrees that the proposal should only include operations at the boat shop. Manager Wilmouth stated this item is tabled for now pending more information.

Annual Camper Poker Run: Manager Wilmouth stated that Lisa Kellerman has requested permission to hold the annual golf cart poker run at the marina campground that she organizes to raise money for the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Trustee Barone stated this is a great event that raises a lot of money and food for the local pantry. Chairman Mileur stated the Conservancy Committee members all agree in favor of recommending to the Board the approval of the annual camper poker run.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Barone stated when he went to look at the inside of the new bathroom at Gleen Seeber Memorial Campground, the light did not come on when he walked inside like it should have. Trustee Barone stated he had to walk across the dark room to find a switch. Manager Wilmouth stated the light has a motion sensor and most likely just needs adjusted which he will look into. Manager Wilmouth reported he has reached out to Egyptian Electric about getting a security light installed by the new campground. Trustee Barone stated it is pretty dark throughout that entire area and the damaged light by Ed Bottom Campground is also still out. Mr. Pribble stated he has already made three phone calls trying to get that light fixed. Trustee Ardrey stated he thinks the District needs to develop a helicopter policy at some point for both private and public helicopters. Trustee Ardrey stated there is an annual camper that has been landing his private helicopter by his camper and there are FAA Rules that apply to pilots. Trustee Ardrey stated a public helicopter policy for Life Flight should also be put in place to ensure that there is a designated landing spot for Life Flight should a situation arise. Mr. Pribble stated the open area to the right of the workshop would be a good space for that. Trustee Ardrey stated he has talked with Jim and Charlie about an incident that happened involving a drunk and unruly camper in Ed Bottom Campground. Trustee Ardrey stated this is an issue of security and safety of the marina staff and it is unacceptable for anyone to make threatening gestures, to put hands on the staff, touch their vehicles or to tell the staff what they are going to do. Mr. Pribble stated the Jackson County Sheriff's Department came out when he called, however he made the decision not to make the unruly camper leave because he did not want him to drive while he was intoxicated. Trustee Barone stated any campers that engage in that type of behavior should not be allowed to book

a campsite in the future. Mr. Pribble stated he does not know if there is currently anything in the campsite rules for transient camping that gives the District the right to refuse the booking of a campsite to any person at this time. Trustee Ardrey stated he would like the policies regarding public intoxication to be strengthened to protect the marina staff. Trustee Ardrey stated the District needs to get advice from legal counsel on this matter as well.

ADJOURNMENT: There being nothing further to discuss Trustee Ardrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Barone seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by a large, circular initial or surname.

CHAIRMAN