

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 05, 2024**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Monday, February 05, 2024. Chairman Tony 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 and Jim Pribble.

Approval of Minutes for November 28, 2023: Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Dock Project: Manager Wilmouth reported the District did not receive the 0% REDGL loan and he has spoke with the bank regarding a loan for funding the dock renovation project. Manager Wilmouth stated First Southern Bank is offering a 10-year term loan with a 3/3 adjustable-rate mortgage at a 5.95% interest rate with a monthly payment of \$13,325. Manager Wilmouth stated this item is on the Special Board meeting agenda for tonight. Manager Wilmouth stated Greg Ingram from First Southern Bank will be taking this to their Loan Committee on Thursday and he doesn't anticipate any problems with the loan request being approved. Manager Wilmouth stated David Fox with Lake of Egypt Docks is ready to begin work on the dock project as soon as they receive the down payment and can order the materials.

New Business:

Marina Manager Contract: Manager Wilmouth stated he would like the Conservancy Committee to recommend to the Board that Jim's contract price be increased from \$46,800 per year to \$54,600 per year. Manager Wilmouth stated that Jim deals with many issues at the marina and continues to deal with everything head on. Manager Wilmouth stated he doesn't believe the District could find anyone to take on the Marina Manager position for the price Mr. Pribble is asking, and he is an asset to the District. Trustee Barone stated Mr. Pribble's job at the marina is a big undertaking and the people like him. Manager Wilmouth stated Mr. Pribble's contract increase should include retroactive back pay from the beginning of his 2024 contract. Trustee Barone made a motion to recommend to the Board to raise the Marina Manager Contract to \$54,600 per year with retroactive back pay from the beginning of the 2024 contract. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Houseboat Inspections: Manager Wilmouth stated that the Houseboats at the marina have not been inspected since the District took ownership with the exception of a few houseboats. Mr. Pribble stated he received an initial quote from Brian Pigg to perform the inspections of the septic systems on the houseboats for \$30.00 per boat. Mr. Pribble stated after discussing this with Manager Wilmouth, they both believe the inspection cost is the responsibility of the boat owner. Trustee Ardrey stated there was already a resolution passed with the review of the strategic plan that it is the obligation of the boat owner to pay for their own boat inspection. Trustee Ardrey stated we have an obligation to notify the boat owners about the inspection and the date the inspection must be completed by. Trustee Ardrey stated this policy should be in the lease agreement. Trustee Ardrey stated if a boat has a valve that dumps directly into the lake, then that valve must be locked and secured, and it is a federal violation to have an open sewer line in a waterway. Trustee Barone stated the current lease agreement states the District reserves the right to have the boats inspected but does not specify the persons obligated to pay for the inspections. Manager Wilmouth stated the Conservancy Committee should table this item until the next meeting to allow time for gathering more information.

Rental Boat RFP: Manager Wilmouth reported there are two proposals for the Conservancy Committee to look over regarding the rental boat request for proposal. Manager Wilmouth stated one proposal is from Playport Marina, who had the rental agreement last year with the District, and the other proposal is from Lake Stride. Manager Wilmouth reported the current Lake Stride proposal asks for exclusive rights to all boat rental inquiries at the marina. Manager Wilmouth stated last year he sent out a letter to parties interested in boat rentals at the marina with certain criteria that must be included in the proposal to the District. Manager Wilmouth reported that Brian Pigg with Playport Marina supplied all the documentation required and Playport Marina was awarded the boat rental contract for the 2023 season. Manager Wilmouth stated the two proposals here do not have the documentation required by the District and he could send out a letter to the interested parties again this year with the requirements for the boat rental proposals. Trustee Barone asked Mr. Pribble how many slips are available on the courtesy docks. Mr. Pribble replied there are eighteen slips and last season four of those slips were used by Playport Marina for their rental boats. Mr. Pribble stated if the District wanted to enter into a rental boat agreement with more than one company then the use of eight courtesy dock slips would not be a problem. Mr. Pribble stated the only time the courtesy dock is at full capacity is on major holidays, however the marina has daily rental slips available. Mr. Pribble stated the rental boat slips should cost \$1,200 each to reflect the new rate that the marina customers are paying. Trustee Ardrey stated he suggests that the Manager send a letter to each interested rental boat company and ask for a full proposal that reflects the requirements and requests from the Conservancy Committee. Manager Wilmouth stated he will follow up with the rental boat companies this week.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Ardrey stated he would like to see the new signage put up at the Marina. Mr. Pribble stated he will buy some new posts and start getting the signs up. Manager Wilmouth stated at the beginning of the season when the lease payments start coming in, he would like to put the twelve months of loan payments in a bank account that would be used specifically for that purpose. Manager Wilmouth stated this would keep that money out of the marina's general fund.

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



CHAIRMAN