

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 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	Absent
Dave Ardrey	Present
Tony Mileur	Present

Also present: Carrie Likins and Jim Pribble.

**Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2024:** Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024, Conservancy Committee meeting. Chairman Mileur seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Electric Rates:** Manager Wilmouth reported the Conservancy Committee members have an analysis on the electric rates in their packets. Manager Wilmouth stated the electricity billed to the marina restaurant is calculated by subtracting the monthly readings of the boat slips that are on the same electric meter as the restaurant. Manager Wilmouth stated the restaurant is being billed 0.14 and the marina customers are currently being billed 0.12 cents per kilowatt, and the District is losing money on the electric bills because the rate the District pays the utility company is higher than the amount being charged to the customers. Manager Wilmouth reported the District is currently paying fourteen cents per kilowatt and in the month of July the District was billed almost \$10,000 and recouped only \$6,400 of that from customers. Manager Wilmouth stated he would suggest raising the electric rates to sixteen or eighteen cents per kilowatt because the District has infrastructure costs as well. Trustee Ardrey stated the three things the District needs to consider is the actual cost the utility company charges the District, the infrastructure, and the cost for billing done by the marina office. Trustee Ardrey stated the electric rates are not going to go down and he recommends setting the rate at twenty cents per kilowatt so the District will recoup the actual cost of the electric. Mr. Jim Pribble stated every time the marina has to replace an electric meter it costs \$230 to \$250, and \$104 an hour for the electricians to install the meters. Chairman Mileur stated he also agrees in favor of recommending to the Board the raise in electric rates to twenty cents per kilowatt to help recoup the electric costs. Manager Wilmouth reported the District is recouping the water and trash costs from the customers and that fee does not need to be raised at this time. Manager Wilmouth stated this item is not on the Board meeting agenda for this evening so it will be added to the October agenda for the recommendation to be made from the Conservancy Committee.

**Boat Shop Building Proposal:** Manager Wilmouth reported a letter was sent to Brian Pigg a letter requesting more specific information regarding his boat shop building proposal. Manager Wilmouth stated at this time Mr. Pigg has not responded to the letter.

**New Business:**

**Helicopter/Plane Landing Policy:** Manager Wilmouth reported this item is tabled for now while he gathers more information.



**Website Booking Rule:** Manager Wilmouth stated the Conservancy Committee discussed at last months meeting that the transient campground rules need to be amended to include unruly language and behavior towards marina staff. Manager Wilmouth reported the campground rules will also have an acknowledgement box that states the guest have read and agrees to follow the rules which will have to be checked by the guest in order to book a campsite. Manager Wilmouth reported he has drafted the language for the new rule, and he would like feedback from the Conservancy Committee. Trustee Ardrey stated the only change he sees would be to add the word language along with behavior to the rule. Trustee Ardrey stated the wording would then read “any flagrant, abusive, threatening and/or disruptive language or behavior directed at any staff.” Trustee Ardrey stated the rule Manager Wilmouth drafted sets a clear policy on the matter and agrees with adding the acknowledgement box to the website as well. Trustee Ardrey asked if this rule was going to become an ordinance to assure the District has the authority to enforce it. Manager Wilmouth stated he thinks the Conservancy Committee should review the existing transient campground rules for any further changes that need to be made before passing an Ordinance to cover the complete list of rules.

**Additional Items for Playground:** Manager Wilmouth reported the new playground has been completed using funds from the Energy Transition Grant which was received to install the playground equipment, the rubber tile, the mulch and the concrete work for the playground. Manager Wilmouth stated the District still has a little over \$17,000 to use from that grant for additional items for the playground. Manager Wilmouth stated he has discussed using some of those funds for a couple of park benches for parents to use while their kids are playing. Manager Wilmouth stated he is going to look into the possibility of installing a small shelter for shade and adding a couple picnic tables under the shelter. Manager Wilmouth stated that himself and President Barone would need to be given authority by the Board to modify the Energy Transition Grant for these items to be added. Chairman Mileur stated the Conservancy Committee agrees to recommend to the Board that Manager Wilmouth and President Barone be given authority to modify the Energy Transition Grant.

**Meter Install for Restaurant Building:** Manager Wilmouth reported that the restaurant lease agreement with Bill Thompson states the District should be billing Mr. Thompson for the water usage at the marina building. Manager Wilmouth stated up to now the District has not been billing the restaurant because it has been almost impossible to figure out exactly how much of the water usage is their responsibility. Manager Wilmouth stated that he requested that J.T. Jenkins procure a quote to install a water meter on the restaurant building to monitor the usage. Manager Wilmouth reported the Conservancy Committee has that quote in their packets and it would cost \$3,500 for the meter and parts. Manager Wilmouth reported that since the meter would be on the District’s water line the Water Plant staff would be installing the meters and the Water System could pay the cost of the meter. Mr. Pribble stated that in the winter months when the water is turned off, there are a few customers that fill up their houseboat tanks from the spicket on the outside of the marina restaurant building. Manager Wilmouth stated he would let Bill know that and figure out an adjustment amount for that usage on the restaurant water bill.

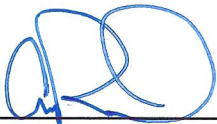
**Trout Line Regulation:** Manager Wilmouth reported that Shawn Hirst with IDNR talked to Trustee Barone about there being an issue with fisherman setting trout lines on Kinkaid Lake and leaving them for a week at a time before coming back to check the lines. Manager Wilmouth stated that Mr. Hirst suggested that the District could have an ordinance stating the trout lines must not be left unattended for a certain period of time. Trustee Ardrey stated he looked this item up online and IDNR has a policy in place already regarding trout lines and the District should adopt that same policy for Kinkaid Lake. Trustee Ardrey stated the policy reads that trout lines must be checked every 24 hours, and the lines must be tagged with a name, address, and phone number. Trustee Ardrey stated the policy also says that the trout line tag must be above the water and visible to the public. Chairman Mileur stated the Conservancy Committee agrees to recommend to the Board adopting the current IDNR policy regarding Trout Lines.



**Jet Ski Lease Prices:** Manager Wilmouth reported that Jim Pribble and Angela Blessing have come up with a proposed price list for Jet Ski Leases at the marina for 2025. Mr. Pribble reported that the marina has some boat slips that cannot fit two pontoon boats and only have about seven foot of space left in those slips. Mr. Pribble stated those slips only have room for a jet ski so many of those slips are sitting empty. Mr. Pribble stated him and Angela are proposing charging \$300 per year for an uncovered slip next to the shore where the water is very shallow. Mr. Pribble stated other uncovered slips that cannot fit a boat would cost \$600 per year, and a covered slip that is too small for a boat would cost \$725 per year. Mr. Pribble stated there have already been a few customers inquiring about a jet ski slip and would be willing to pay that price for one. Trustee Ardrey stated that Jim and Angela have done the research on this item and he agrees with their proposed price list. Chairman Mileur stated the Conservancy Committee agrees to recommend approving the Jet Ski Lease price list to the Board.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Manager Wilmouth reported that Mr. Pribble handed the Conservancy Committee pictures of some issues with the new docks. Manager Wilmouth stated they have a meeting set up with Lake of Egypt Docks to discuss starting the next phase of the dock installation and to discuss these issues and have them fix the problems with the new docks. Manager Wilmouth stated his concerns are the electrical work for the houseboat docks being completed as promised by the dock company, and the issue of the gaps that will occur when transitioning onto the new docks. Mr. Pribble stated he would like to be told a time frame of when the next phase will start because Angela will have to notify all the effected marina customers. Trustee Ardrey stated at some point the Conservancy Committee needs to discuss the length of some of the docks and whether or not that is optimal for the way the docks are built. Trustee Ardrey stated H-Dock is not manageable from a wind and break standpoint. Trustee Ardrey stated there are currently some pontoon boats in the middle of the dock in a houseboat slip, and the largest houseboats are at the end of the dock which could cause serious damage to the dock in harsh weather. Trustee Ardrey stated eventually there needs to be a plan to manage the houseboat docks better as far as distributing the weight and length of the boats correctly on the dock. Mr. Pribble stated that the place on H-Dock where two different breaks have occurred is now in better condition than it has ever been since the District has owned the marina, thanks to Dale Jones for working hard to fix the issues with the dock.

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



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**CHAIRMAN**