

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:

JT Jenkins	Present
Mike Barone	Present
Dave Ardrey	Present
Tony Mileur	Present

Also present: Carrie Likins, Ed Heller, Brett Doerr, Charlie Neace, James Russel, and three unknown attendees.

Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2026: Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Barone seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Deck/Shed Requests: Manager Jenkins reported there are two deck requests for consideration from the annual campsite lessees in site C-5 and site C-12. Manager Jenkins stated that the first deck request from the annual lessee at site C-5 is a request to relocate an existing deck from site CA-36 to their site and then build steps for the deck. Manager Jenkins stated the second deck request from the annual lessee at site C-12 is a request to build an addition to their existing deck. Manager Jenkins reported that both deck requests meet the approved guidelines. Trustee Ardrey made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of both deck requests. Trustee Barone seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Dock Discussion and Update: Manager Jenkins reported the underwater anchors for H-dock will be delivered to the marina this week for installation. Manager Jenkins stated that after the anchors are installed, the dock company will begin the repair work on the damaged fingers and install additional cleats. Manager Jenkins reported that last Thursday there was another finger damaged by a boat that broke loose.

Mr. Russel, a boat slip lessee on H-dock, stated he has been at the marina for twenty years now and he feels the integrity of the docks has declined since the wooden planks were taken out. Mr. Russel stated the docks are very bouncy and wavy now, and before it was pretty solid. Mr. Russel stated he thinks the end of those need to be tied together. Mr. Russel stated the only other issue he remembers was caused by the May 8th inland hurricane when most of the fingers at the end of H-dock got a little crooked. Mr. Russel stated that a lot of the issues he is hearing from other boat owners on the docks is the problem is the new pavers and the way they are tied together are not strong enough. Mr. Russel stated that he believes maintaining a schedule of replacing the boards on the docks would have been sufficient.

Trustee Barone stated that the Committee has now learned that the major problem with H-dock is the anchoring system. Trustee Barone stated that the existing anchoring system is rusted, corroded and broken. Trustee Barone stated that the dock company has advised that the current anchoring system is what has created a lot of problems with H-dock. Trustee Barone stated the District is in the process of installing a new anchoring system per the dock companies' recommendation. Trustee Barone stated that most lakes are now getting away from wooden docks and using concrete now. Mr. Russel stated that H-dock is much longer than those docks on other lakes and there are a lot of moving parts involved with the integrity of H-dock because of the length. Trustee Barone stated there are a lot of big boats, 50-foot or longer on the end of the dock as well. Mr. Russel stated that when he got his boat slip, there was a 50-foot maximum size and that is what his boat is. Mr. Russel stated there is not larger boats than 50-foot at the end of H-dock. Mr. Russel stated he doesn't believe the size of the boats is the problem, he thinks the issue is the anchoring and the structure of the dock.

Mr. Russel stated he worked as a craftsman for the prison for eleven years before he retired and believes the craftsmanship of the work recently done on the docks does not look like it is going to last. Mr. Russel stated the electrical boxes on the dock are very loose from where the dock contractor drilled through them and cracked the corners, and that issue could have been fixed by spending a few more dollars to install a plate over the base. Mr. Russel stated he just wanted to point out that him and other people on the dock see some issues with the craftsmanship.

An unknown attendee stated that the main runway of H-dock is not level, it is at an angle in some areas. He stated some of the fingers are also tilted which is a safety issue, especially for older people. He stated he doesn't know why the fingers are tilted but they should not be. Trustee Barone stated that the dock contractor has said that when the dock renovation is completed, everyone will be very satisfied with the finished product, and the District is going to hold them to that statement and not sign off on anything until everything is satisfactory. Trustee Barone stated the Committee is seeing the same issues that the dock customers are seeing and will be conducting walk throughs of the docks to ensure these issues are addressed before final approval. Trustee Barone stated that most of the dock renovations went well, however H-dock has the most pre-existing issues and some new ones due to storms.

Trustee Ardrey stated that there have been seven storms that have damaged H-dock, as well as two relocated boats put back into slips on H-dock that should not have been put back, that also caused damage to two brand new fingers. Trustee Ardrey stated that everyone needs to be patient and give the dock contractor time to complete the renovation and repairs on H-dock. Trustee Ardrey reported that the latest damage to one finger was definitively attributed to a boat's tie-down malfunction, which resulted in the vessel colliding with the dock and twisting the entire structure of that finger. Trustee Ardrey stated that this type of damage could be prevented if people tied their boats down correctly. Trustee Ardrey stated that he walks the docks frequently and today the marina staff and himself tied up four boats. Trustee Ardrey stated that these docks are forty years old with a lot of deferred maintenance. Trustee Ardrey explained that the underwater anchor system that is about to be installed on H-dock will tie together every finger to create stability of the dock.

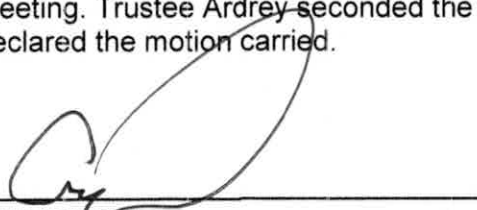
An unknown attendee stated that his boat was moved to the other side of a finger and was not tied back. He stated that when he went to the marina and discovered this, his boat was swinging from one side to another and that could have easily damaged his boat or the dock. He stated that he ties his boat down with four or five lines, and when someone moves a boat during this dock project, it should be properly secured. Trustee Ardrey stated that there will be a discussion with the dock contractor about this issue to ensure they are tying boats down properly in the future when relocating the boat.

Campground Update: Manager Jenkins reported the camper at site C-15 has finally been removed from the property. Manager Jenkins reported that the staff removed the camper from the campsite and the owner came and picked it up a couple of days later. Manager Jenkins stated that all of the damaged faucets in Ed Bottom Campground have been replaced, and the water has been turned on for the season.

New Business: Nothing

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Ardrey announced that Brett Doerr will contact boat lift owners to schedule either proper reinstallation or removal if their lift is damaging the docks. Manager Jenkins stated that the dock contractor is also going to be installing a ramp box at the entrance to B-dock, and a little bit of damage at the end of A-dock is also going to be repaired.

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