

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 1:00 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, Brett Doerr, and Ken Carr.

Approval of Minutes for April 7, 2026: Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 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 and one shed request for consideration. Manager Jenkins stated the first request is to move an existing deck from site CA-38 to site CA-06. Manager Jenkins reported the deck is sitting on the ground and not in great condition to be moved to another site. The Committee members looked over the pictures and agreed the deck is not in good condition.

Manager Jenkins stated the second deck request is from the lessee at campsite CB-24. Manager Jenkins stated that they currently have a deck that has deteriorated throughout the years and now the joists are rotted and no longer safe. Manager Jenkins stated they are requesting to build a new deck with the same dimensions as the existing deck which is 240 square feet.

Manager Jenkins stated there is one shed request to move the existing shed from site CA-38 to site CA-01. Manager Jenkins stated that the lessee currently has a shed at site CA-01 that he would like to remove from his site and use the shed from site CA-38 because it is in better condition than his current one. Brett Doerr stated that he talked to the couple that moved out of site CA-38 and they are an elderly couple that has moved to Florida and wants to give away their deck and shed on the site to another lessee if approved by the Board.

Marina/Campground Update: Brett Doerr reported that three of the boats deemed for removal from the marina are gone and two more boats are scheduled to be removed. Mr. Doerr reported that one lessee in C-loop was evicted last week for tampering with their sites electrical box in the middle of the night. Mr. Doerr stated that their actions caused a power outage in about half of the campground. Mr. Doerr reported that the marina restaurant is planning a soft opening on May 16th.

Mr. Doerr reported they have began contacting boat lift owners and getting them in contact with the companies that can repair or reinstall their boat lifts. Mr. Doerr stated there has recently been a silver fox around the campground. Mr. Doerr reported that it is a domesticated fox and is someone's pet that they let loose. Mr. Doerr stated that IDNR has been trying to catch the fox.

Mr. Doerr stated that if the District applies for and receives a grant, he recommends using some of the funds to install some larger trees around the new Glenn Seeber Campground and playground area. Mr. Doerr stated the area currently does not have any shade. Mr. Doerr stated he is looking into getting some signs stating the rules for the campgrounds and would also like to replace the poles made of pvc pipe in Ed Bottom Campground with 4x4 wooden posts.

Dock Repair Quotes: Manager Jenkins reported there was one quote received from Lake of Egypt Docks for additional repairs to H-Dock, however he has requested a different quote from them and is still waiting on that one as well as a quote from another dock company for the needed repairs. Manager Jenkins stated the requested quotes are for removing the broken end section on H-Dock, salvaging the usable fingers and parts from that section, and reinstalling sections to some of the 36-foot fingers to make them 56-foot fingers to accommodate some of the bigger boats. Manager Jenkins reported there is also another finger that is broken on H-dock that he has requested a repair quote for as well.

Trustee Barone stated that the District needs to start emphasizing that the boat owners are responsible for their boats and the damage to District property caused by them, for example, when their tie downs come lose and damage the marina docks. Trustee Barone stated this is why every marina lessee must carry insurance on their boats. Trustee Ardrey stated that he supports holding the lessee responsible for damage caused by their property. Trustee Ardrey stated there are four distinct areas on the dock that have had significant damage and two of those areas were brand new installed sections that were damaged and now are in need of repair. Chairman Mileur stated that he remembers some damage occurring because marina customers relocated their boats back to slips that were still being repaired. Trustee Ardrey stated those boats were moved back before the anchors had been installed and those customers had been told not to put their boats back in their slips yet until the repair had been completed. Trustee Ardrey stated that a windstorm came through and those boats caused damage to two fingers and the walkway because they were in slips when they should not have been. Trustee Ardrey stated that absolutely no boats should be moved back into damaged areas until all repairs have been made.

New Business:

NRED Grant: Manager Jenkins stated the members have a copy of the application for a NRED grant in front of them for review. Manager Jenkins reported this is a small grant with an award range from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 and is awarded through the Jackson County Natural Resource Economic Development Board. Manager Jenkins reported the grant is fully funded and the recipients do not have to have match contributions, but it is encouraged for the grant. Manager Jenkins reported the criteria for matching funds include in kind labor, so work performed by employees on the project would qualify as part of the District's fund match. Manager Jenkins stated he agrees with Mr. Doerr's sentiment of planting mature trees around the Glenn Seeber Campground and playground to provide shade. Trustee Barone stated that another idea that could be funded from the grant money is a walking trail between Ed Bottom Campground and the playground. Trustee Barone stated the walking trail was originally planned when the District designed the construction of the Glenn Seeber Campground and the playground. Manager Jenkins reported the deadline to apply for the NRED Grant is June 15th.

Tree Removal Quotes: Brett Doerr reported there are two trees that need to be removed from Marina property. Mr. Doerr stated both trees are between the marina building and the boat docks. Mr. Doerr stated that on windy days these trees are losing limbs and will need to eventually be removed. Mr. Doerr reported he has received quotes from Midwest Tree Service and Kasky Tree Service to remove those two trees and five large tree stumps as well. Mr. Doerr stated that both companies have included their certificate of liability with the quote as well. Chairman Mileur stated that the quote from Midwest Tree Service is \$850 higher than Kasky Tree Service.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Ardrey stated that in the past this Committee has approved fire lane signs to be bought and installed around the boat loop using District funds because it is on District property, and he would like those signs to be ordered and installed soon. Trustee Ardrey stated that the Fire Chief was at the marina the other day and mentioned the need for fire lane signage. Trustee Ardrey also mentioned that we also need signage for the service ramp area.

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