

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Chairman Tony Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Charlie Neace, Ed Heller, and Patrick Horstmann.

Approval of Minutes for February 5, 2024: Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Rental Boat RFP: Manager Wilmouth reported the Conservancy Committee has received two completed proposals from Playport Marina and Lake Stride, LLC. Manager Wilmouth reported that neither company carries the amount of Liability insurance that the District required for the proposals. Attorney Ed Heller stated the District could lower that required amount, but he suggests Manager Wilmouth speak with the District's insurance company about what they feel is a suitable liability insurance policy requirement. Mr. Heller stated he has reservations about the waiver and release of liability agreement that Lake Stride, LLC has their customers sign upon renting their boats. Mr. Heller stated he does not know if that agreement is in the best interest of the District because it releases all liability from the rental boat company. Manager Wilmouth reported that Playport Marina is proposing \$1,200 per slip for 4 slips, and Lake Stride is offering \$5,000 for 4 slips. Manager Wilmouth stated if both contracts are awarded, the contract price and insurance coverage must be equal for both companies. Trustee Barone made a motion to recommend to the Board both boat rental companies be approved with the legal council's recommendations included. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Houseboat Inspections: Manager Wilmouth stated the Conservancy District passed Ordinance number 00-104 in 2000 that prohibited the Discharge of Sewage by boats into the waters of Lake Kinkaid and established procedures for inspection of boats and penalties for violations. Manager Wilmouth stated section 3 (e) of that ordinance states the District will have inspections conducted on houseboats every year and charge a reasonable fee to the boat owner. Mr. Pribble stated that Brian Pigg has agreed to conduct the inspections and will charge \$25 per boat. Manager Wilmouth stated letters will be sent out to all houseboat owners giving them notice of the available dates the inspections will take place.

IHSA State Fishing Finals Support: Manager Wilmouth stated Patrick Horstmann is here to clarify the items of support he would like the Conservancy District to contribute to the Proposal for the IHSA Bass Fishing State Finals. Mr. Horstmann stated he is asking for a letter of support from the District and would also like seating, a tent, lighting, sound system, and marina staff to be provided by the District for the event. Mr. Horstmann stated IHSA needs to know details of the insurance coverage they need to require for the event. Mr. Horstmann stated the proposal is due on April 2nd. Manager Wilmouth stated he will write a letter of support and any other information that Mr. Horstmann needs soon.

New Business:

Sheds: Manager Wilmouth stated the District has two pre-approved sheds from two different companies that the annual campers may choose from when submitting a shed request. Manager Wilmouth stated the problem is these companies no longer offer those size sheds. Manager Wilmouth reported one is a 8x6 utility shed and the other is 8x8. Mr. Pribble stated he has called five other shed companies and cannot find one that carries that size of shed either. Mr. Pribble stated the customers want to be able to put a golf cart and a mower inside their shed and really need something bigger. Mr. Pribble stated marina staff just took down a metal shed that was left behind which was 10x12 and he suggests we look into something like that. Trustee Ardrey stated he would like to get more information on shed options from Manager Wilmouth before bringing a recommendation to the full Board. Manager Wilmouth stated this item can be tabled for now and he will look into shed options to recommend for approval.

Real Estate: Manager Wilmouth reported the District has been offered the opportunity to purchase property close to Kinkaid Lake by the current owner. Manager Wilmouth stated that IDNR owns the land between this property and the lake.

Douglas Pipeline Company Easement: Attorney Ed Heller stated he has reviewed the Douglas Pipeline Company Easement agreement and does not believe it would be in the best interest of the District to move forward with the proposed agreement the way it is currently worded. Mr. Heller stated these same documents have already been declined by other landowners. Mr. Heller reported some of the issues are the documents are not clear on where the actual pipeline will be located, and also states that additional pipelines may be added. Mr. Heller stated the documents do not specify anything about boring under the creek or any other necessary above ground facilities. Manager Wilmouth stated he will reach out to the Douglas Pipeline Company with legal counsel's recommendations and have them submit a new Easement agreement that he will bring back to the Conservancy Committee.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Ardrey stated that the District has a contract with Murphysboro Fire Department for the Water Treatment Plant and facilities, but there is no contract at this time for the Marina. Trustee Ardrey stated the Marina currently falls under the jurisdiction of two small volunteer fire departments with a long response time. Trustee Ardrey stated that with all the propane and fuel lines at the Marina it would be smart for the District to have a contract with Murphysboro Fire Department, which has a much faster response time and the equipment and services that the marina really requires in case of an emergency. Manager Wilmouth will be reaching out to Murphysboro Fire Department to begin discussion on a mutual aid agreement for the Marina.

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.



CHAIRMAN