

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025**

The Board of Trustees of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held a special board meeting on Friday, January 31, 2025, President Mike Barone called this meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at 1763 Water Plant Rd, Murphysboro, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL:**

Lisa Byrd	Absent
David Ardrey	Absent
Nate Westphal	Yes
Jay Ziegler	Absent
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Michael Barone	Yes

**Also Present:** Manager Wilmouth, Richard Blake, Joni Bailey, and Andrew Erbes.

**Public Comment:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Grand Tower Energy Center Settlement Agreement:** Attorney Richard Blake stated that the Grand Tower Energy Center Tax Appeal has been ongoing for several years, and there is a potential liability of \$12.8 million to all of the involved taxing districts if this matter continues through the property tax appeal board process. Mr. Blake reported that the Conservancy District's share is a little over \$79,000 over the 8-year period. Mr. Blake stated the proposed settlement agreement, and the Intergovernmental agreement provides different payment options for the District. Mr. Blake stated the amount could be paid back all up front, or over eight annual payments with a 5% interest that would be applied annually. Mr. Blake stated this option also allows for early repayment by the District at any time. Mr. Blake stated the first payment would be due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Blake stated that all involved taxing districts have already approved the settlement agreement this week except for the Conservancy District.

Ms. Bailey stated she handed out information prepared by Liz Stevenson to give the Board better insight into the payment due from each taxing district using their revenue stream for this settlement agreement. Ms. Bailey stated the handouts also explain the recapture mechanism. Ms. Bailey stated the amount owed to Grand Tower Energy will be recaptured from the taxpayers over the next couple of years. Ms. Bailey stated that a group including Liz Stevenson and Andrew Erbes among other members of the Grand Tower Communities are putting together working groups to try and find some relief for the taxpayers who are being burdened with this recapture. Ms. Bailey stated if this settlement was not on the table, and the matter went through the hearing process, then the recapture would be double or triple the amount owed through this settlement. Ms. Bailey stated the projections show that by 2027 the taxing districts should return to normal and there will be a small property tax increase due to the lower property value.

Attorney Richard Blake stated there are three separate documents that need approved, the Settlement Agreement, the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the Resolution.

Trustee Legan made a motion to approve the Grand Tower Energy Center Settlement Agreement. Trustee Mileur seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Nate Westphal	Yes
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Michael Barone	Yes

President Barone Declared the motion carried.

Trustee Legan made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as submitted. Trustee Mileur seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Nate Westphal	Yes
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Michael Barone	Yes

President Barone Declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mileur made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-124 approving the Grand Tower Station Settlement Agreement Concerning Real Property Tax and Equalized Assessed Valuation. Trustee Legan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Nate Westphal	Yes
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Michael Barone	Yes


President Barone Declared the motion carried.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Nothing to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Mileur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Westphal. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

  
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**PRESIDENT – Michael Barone**

  
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**SECRETARY – Anthony Mileur**