

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:15 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, Ed Heller, and Jim Pribble.

**Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2025:** Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2025, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Deck/Shed Requests:** Manager Wilmouth stated there are no deck or shed requests at this time.

**Impounded Boat:** Manager Wilmouth stated that Mr. Garrett's boat has been stored at the Marina boat shop for quite some time. Manager Wilmouth reported that Attorney Ed Heller issued a letter to Mr. Garrett in May, stating the boat must be removed by June 30<sup>th</sup> or the District would arrange for its destruction. Manager Wilmouth reported that the boat is still on the Marina property. Mr. Heller advised that the District may contact towing companies regarding removal and impoundment at their storage facilities. Mr. Heller stated a tow company would have the legal authority to acquire a title lien and charge storage fees to the owner. Mr. Heller stated that while the District is permitted to destroy the boat, it cannot legally sell it. Mr. Heller recommends authorizing Jim to either tow the boat to a storage facility or proceed with its destruction. All Conservancy Committee members agreed to recommend legal counsel's advice to the Board for approval.

**New Business:**

**Johnson Creek Boat Launch Survey:** Manager Wilmouth stated that the Johnson Creek Boat Launch was dredged several years ago and has not been surveyed in a few years. Manager Wilmouth stated the Committee received a proposal from Butch Cheatham of BWC Engineering and Surveying to conduct a topographical survey of previously assessed points at the Johnson Creek boat ramp area to evaluate silt deposition. Manager Wilmouth stated that Butch and himself will conduct the survey. Manager Wilmouth reported the quoted cost from BWC Engineering will not exceed \$2,000. All members of the Conservancy Committee agreed to recommend approval of the Johnson Creek Boat Launch Survey to the full Board.

**Boat Lifts:** Manager Wilmouth stated legal counsel drafted a Boat Lift Policy for the Committee's review. Attorney Ed Heller stated that the District has invested over one million dollars of marina funds installing new docks at the marina. Mr. Heller stated that damage to a 30-foot section of h-dock, costing \$100,000 to repair, was directly linked to improper boat lift installations. Mr. Heller stated he recommends implementing a policy allowing current lifts to remain in place and in use, but does not allow for future boat lift installations. Mr. Heller stated the District would retain authority to require the removal of any boat lift as needed, particularly upon non-renewal of a slip lease. Mr. Heller stated that any owner of a boat lift which has been determined to have caused damage to District docks shall be responsible for reimbursing the District for the cost of any repairs. Mr. Pribble stated that some boat lifts have already caused the new concrete tabs to crack. Trustee Ardrey stated that there are marina customers that want their current boat lift to be reinstalled correctly and have asked for guidance as to what company they should hire to complete the reinstallation, so their boat lift does not put strain on the docks. Trustee Ardrey reported that David Fox with Lake of Egypt Docks stated that the boat lift on H-dock causing dock damage was likely caused by the boat on that lift being too heavy for it. Mr. Heller stated the District should get a written recommendation from Mr. Fox before moving forward with the removal of the boat lift on H-dock. Trustee Ardrey stated that the Conservancy Committee will take legal counsel's Boat Lift Policy recommendation to the Board.

**Abandoned Travel Trailer:** Manager Wilmouth reported that the abandoned travel trailer has been at the marina boat shop for almost two years now. Mr. Pribble reported that the owner of the travel trailer has stated that he does not want the camper and will not be returning to retrieve it. Mr. Pribble stated that the trailer has not been lived in for four years and is falling apart. Manager Wilmouth stated that he recommends destroying the trailer and disposing of it. All Conservancy Committee members agree to recommend approving the disposal of the travel trailer to the Board.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Manager Wilmouth reported there is an invoice from Lake of Egypt docks in the packet for a payment for the completed section on H-dock thus far in the amount of \$73,922.75. Manager Wilmouth stated this amount is part of the original contract price. Manager Wilmouth reported that Lake of Egypt docks has completed the items on the list since last months meeting that needed addressed including installing the cleats on D-dock and H-dock. Trustee Ardrey stated that the dock company has installed additional floats on H-dock as well and it has made a tremendous difference. Mr. Pribble stated that there are a total of 65 lifts on the marina docks which include the platforms that marina customers have built. Mr. Pribble stated that the quote for repairing the walk-in cooler is about \$5,000.

**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.

  
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CHAIRMAN