

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. President Barone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

ROLL CALL:	Lisa Byrd	Absent
	David Ardrey	Present
	Nate Westphal	Present
	Jay Ziegler	Present
	Greg Legan	Present
	Tony Mileur	Present
	Mike Barone	Present

Also Present: Scott Wilmouth, JT Jenkins, Carrie Likins, Jim Pribble, Richard Blake, and Gary Raines.

MINUTES: Approval of Board meeting minutes for October 9, 2024. Trustee Mileur made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of October 9, 2024. Trustee Westphal seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Public Comment: Manager Wilmouth reported that Liz Stevenson attended the Conservancy Committee meeting this evening to update the District regarding a property tax appeal from Grand Tower Energy Corporation. Manager Wilmouth stated the company has won their property tax appeal for the year 2014-2015 and is now appealing 2016-2023. Manager Wilmouth stated the ruling means that taxing entities will owe tax money back to Grand Tower Energy Corporation. Manager Wilmouth reported the payout to the Corporation will begin next year. Trustee Ardrey reported the Illinois Supreme Court has only ruled in favor of Grand Tower Energy Corporation for 2014-2015 so far, and now the years 2016-2023 are in negotiation. Trustee Ardrey stated the Conservancy District does not know at this time how much the District will owe to the company or how the payment plan will be set up. Trustee Ardrey stated that Ms. Stevenson estimates that Jackson County taxpayers will most likely see an increase of 1% to 3% in their property taxes to pay the debt back to the Corporation. Trustee Ardrey stated that Ms. Stevenson also stated that taxpayers in Grand Tower will likely see a 75% to 100% increase in their property taxes until the debt has been paid. Manager Wilmouth reported that Ms. Stevenson stated she will likely request an Executive Session of the Board of Trustee's at next month's meeting to give an update to the ongoing litigation.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Conservancy Committee Report:

Fish Tournament Requests and Fish Tournament Regulations: Manager Wilmouth reported that Mr. Rick Byrnes with Anglers Choice called the District office and has requested Fish Tournament permits

for six dates in 2025. Manager Wilmouth stated those dates are March 29th, April 19th, May 3rd, May 24th, September 13th, and October 18th. Manager Wilmouth stated that Mr. Byrnes has already obtained his permits from IDNR, and those dates are available on the District's calendar. Manager Wilmouth stated he recommends approval of all dates requested by Mr. Byrnes. Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve the Fish Tournament requests from Rick Byrnes. Trustee Westphal seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Deck/Shed Requests: None

2025 Boat Slip and Campsite Lease Agreements: Manager Wilmouth reported that the Conservancy Committee met and reviewed the 2025 Boat Slip and Campsite lease agreements. Manager Wilmouth stated the Conservancy Committee has made some changes to the terms of the lease agreements including the due dates for three installment payments for the boat slip leases, some minor language changes, and have increased the late payment fee. Manager Wilmouth reported the Conservancy Committee also discussed removing the Rules section from the general provisions of the Lease Agreements and making that a separate document for the Lessee's. Manager Wilmouth stated he needs Board approval to work with legal counsel to review the language of the lease agreements and bring the leases back to the Board for approval next month. Trustee Ziegler made a motion to give Manager Wilmouth approval to work with legal counsel to review the 2025 lease agreements. Trustee Westphal seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Marina/Campground:

Marina Report – Jim Pribble: Mr. Pribble reported the water at the Marina will be shut off on Thursday, November 14 for the season. Mr. Pribble stated that the fuel dock will also be closing for the season tomorrow. Mr. Pribble reported the construction on A-dock is almost completed. Mr. Pribble stated there have been a lot of compliments on the new boat docks because they look a lot better and are much safer and sturdier than the old docks.

Manager's Report: Manager Wilmouth reported that the Reiman Farm house will be demolished by the Water Resource crew with IDNR either the week of Thanksgiving or the first week of December. Manager Wilmouth stated the Water Resource crew has also busted out some rock at the bottom of the Spillway that was causing erosion to the banks. Manager Wilmouth reported that he submitted the revised budget of the Energy Transition Grant for approval to be used for additional playground items like benches and covered benches. Manager Wilmouth reported that Bill from the marina restaurant asked if he could build a half wall across a portion of the dining area in the restaurant, and he granted Bill the permission to do so. Manager Wilmouth reported the terms of the restaurant lease agreement state the building must be returned in the same condition it was in, and he saw no issues with installing the wall.

New Business:

Legal Report: Attorney Richard Blake stated he has nothing to report at this time.

Kinkaid-Area Watershed Project: Nothing to report.

USFS – Margaret Anderson: Nothing to report.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Finance Chairman Recommendation

District Account Balances Approval and District Budget vs. Actual Report Approval: Trustee Legan made a motion to approve both the District Account Balances and the District Budget vs. Actual Report. Trustee Ziegler seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Approval of District Bills: Trustee Westphal asked for a motion to approve the District bills. Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the District Bills and Trustee Mileur seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Dave Ardrey	Yes
Nate Westphal	Yes
Jay Ziegler	Yes
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes

President Barone declared the motion carried.

KINKAID AREA WATER SYSTEM

OLD BUSINESS:

Legal Report: Nothing to report.

Manager's Report: Manager Wilmouth reported the Water System took out an REDGL loan a few years ago to do some energy-efficient upgrades to the water plant. Manager Wilmouth stated in the agreement for this zero percent interest loan, the District had to collateralize their Bond Reserve bank account in the amount of \$268,000. Manager Wilmouth reported the loan has been paid down to \$168,000 now, and he has contacted Egyptian Electric and the bank to lower the collateral and free up the excess money in the Bond Reserve account. Manager Wilmouth reported the Water System received a grant from the Delta Regional Authority to be used for a new water line for Gorham that will go around the lake in case there is ever an issue with the current line that runs under the lake. Manager Wilmouth reported the grant will also be used for a section of the water line for Campbell Hill and to upgrade the pumps at the Booster Station. Manager Wilmouth stated when the grant was announced it was listed as Gorham's grant, however it is Kinkaid Area Water System's grant, and he is working on getting that clarified by the Delta Regional Authority. Manager Wilmouth stated there was a huge leak off highway 149 under Beaucup Creek. Manager Wilmouth stated the water plant was able to turn on a water line from Carbondale to keep the water supply flowing for Desoto, Elkville, and portions of Elverado. Manager Wilmouth reported the repainting of the Campbell Hill Water tank is complete on the outside and the inside is being worked on now.

New Business:

Tap Requests: None

Annual Chemical Bids: Manager Wilmouth stated this item is for Board authorization to let the chemicals out for bid, and the bid opening will take place before the December Board meeting. Trustee Ardrey made a motion to proceed with letting the chemicals out for bid, and Trustee Ziegler seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

Emergency Repair Grant: Manager Wilmouth reported this item is for approval to apply for an Emergency Repair Grant to cover the costs of the repairs needed for the leak under Beaucup Creek. Manager Wilmouth reported the cost of those repairs is a little over \$104,000 so far. Trustee Mileur made a motion to give Manager Wilmouth the authority to proceed with applying for the Emergency Repair Grant. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and President Barone declared the motion carried.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Finance Chairman Recommendation

Water System Account Balances Approval and Water System Budget vs. Actual Report Approval: Trustee Westphal asked for a motion to approve both the Water System Account Balances and Water System Budget vs. Actual Report. Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve both the Account Balances and the Budget vs. Actual Report for the Water System. Trustee Legan seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." President Barone declared the motion carried.

Approval of Water System Bills: Trustee Ziegler made a motion to approve the Water system bills. Trustee Legan seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

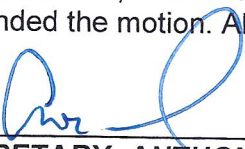
Dave Ardrey	Yes
Nate Westphal	Yes
Jay Ziegler	Yes
Greg Legan	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes

President Barone declared the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Nothing to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Barone asked for a motion to adjourn until next month's regular Board meeting scheduled for December 11, 2024. Trustee Audrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Mileur seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." President Barone declared the motion carried.



SECRETARY- ANTHONY MILEUR



PRESIDENT - MICHAEL BARONE