

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Trustee Ardrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL:**

Scott Wilmouth	Present
Mike Barone	Present
Dave Ardrey	Present
Tony Mileur	Absent

Also present: Carrie Likins and Jim Pribble.

**Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2024:** Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Ardrey seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Trustee Ardrey declared the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Glenn Seeber Campground Nightly Rate:** Manager Wilmouth stated that the Glenn Seeber Campground is almost complete, and the Conservancy Committee needs to decide on a nightly rate for the new campground to recommend to the Board of Trustees. Manager Wilmouth stated the nightly rate for a campsite in Ed Bottom Campground is \$30.00 per night, however he would recommend \$35.00 per night for the Glenn Seeber campground to cover the electricity cost since all sites have 50-amp hookups. Mr. Pribble stated he would like to have a soft opening with only about three or four campers in the new campground in case there are any electrical or waterline issues. Manager Wilmouth stated he does not foresee any issues because the water has already been on for weeks. Manager Wilmouth stated there is currently no electricity running to the new campground bathrooms because the line was struck while installing the new ADA compliant playground. Manager Wilmouth stated Loyd Electric will be coming out and rerouting that electric line around the playground instead of underneath it. Trustee Ardrey stated the opening of the new campground can be scheduled for a Monday so it should not be too busy for the first few days. Manager Wilmouth reported the opening of the campground is dependent upon the launch of the new Kinkaid Marina Website. Manager Wilmouth stated that Alter Ego has the website ready to go but we are waiting on a response from Brad Davis, who runs the current website, to give the domain information to Alter Ego so control of the website can transition over to them. Trustee Ardrey stated the Conservancy Committee will recommend to the Board a nightly rate of \$35.00 per night for the Glenn Seeber Memorial Campground.

**New Business:**

**Fireworks:** Manager Wilmouth reported that Bill Thompson reached out to him and asked if the District would be willing to pay for some of the fireworks that Kinkaid Bar and Grill set off on the 4th of July weekend. Mr. Pribble stated the fireworks were set off in the Marina parking lot and the mess was left there for marina staff to clean up, which was also the case last year. Mr. Pribble stated the Marina is going without equipment they need to buy now and does not have the money to make a large donation to the Restaurant for their firework show. Mr. Pribble stated he would not be opposed to a smaller donation. Mr. Pribble stated there was probably 3,000 people out at the Marina over the Holiday weekend and the restaurant was completely packed from Thursday through Sunday morning. Mr. Pribble stated the restaurant brought in a lot of revenue over the weekend and the District did not. Mr. Pribble stated the District has spent a lot of money having repairs made at the restaurant and does not receive very much rent money to cover the cost of those repairs.



Manager Wilmouth stated he would suggest making a donation of no more than \$500 to the Marina Restaurant for the fireworks display over the weekend. Trustee Barone stated there were many campers and boaters out there over the weekend who do pay money to the District, and he thinks the District should make a donation towards the fireworks. Manager Wilmouth stated the District has to pay real estate taxes on the Marina Restaurant building which is about \$14,000 and pay for insurance on the building. Manager Wilmouth stated the District receives \$500 per month in rent per the Restaurant Lease Agreement. Manager Wilmouth stated at some point he thinks the District needs to renegotiate the contract with Bill because the District is losing a lot of money under the terms of the current contract. Trustee Barone stated that at the time the Restaurant Lease contract was drawn up, the District really needed a restaurant to open at the marina so the contract was very one sided to ensure that would happen. Trustee Barone stated that Bill is doing a wonderful job running that restaurant and has a lot of events to bring people in. Trustee Ardrey stated he would like for Bill to come to the District in May next year with a plan instead of waiting until the Board meeting that falls after the holiday when the firework show has already occurred. Trustee Ardrey stated he does not think the District should renegotiate the Restaurant contract for another year because the restaurant has really only been open one full year at this point. Trustee Ardrey stated after the District receives a few years of information from Bill regarding the restaurant revenue then the District should renegotiate the contract. Trustee Ardrey stated he does not feel the District should donate to the restaurant fireworks since the restaurant made all the revenue that weekend and the marina workers had to clean up all the mess. Trustee Ardrey stated he was out at the marina on the Sunday and Monday after the Holiday and was completely impressed with how clean the property was after a massively busy weekend. Trustee Barone stated the Marina restaurant did a very good job putting on this event and bringing people out that really enjoyed it. Trustee Ardrey stated that after this discussion the Conservancy Committee has agreed to recommend to the Board of Trustees a \$500 contribution to Kinkaid Bar and Grill for the fireworks display on the 4th of July weekend.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Trustee Ardrey stated he believes the District needs to have No Swimming signs installed on the boat docks that warn people of the potential shock hazard of electrical currents in the water that could be harmful or lethal. Trustee Ardrey stated the industry standard is no swimming within 150 feet of a boat dock with electricity. Mr. Pribble stated that both C dock and D dock have no swimming or fishing signs on the end of the docks and those signs are ignored by people every day. Manager Wilmouth reported that the customer from campsite CA37 has submitted another shed request that still does not comply with the shed policy. Manager Wilmouth stated that after last month's Board meeting the customer at CA37 was told to remove the unapproved shed from the property and as of today, that shed is still there. Manager Wilmouth stated he is going to write a letter directly to the camper this time stating the shed must be removed from the property within so many days. Trustee Ardrey stated the letter Manager Wilmouth sends to the Lessee at site CA37 should include that they are in violation of the terms of their lease agreement and if they do not come into compliance their lease will not be renewed for the 2025 season. Mr. Pribble reported that the customer at CA24 had a shed brought in without getting District approval and he has already told them that the shed will not be approved and needs to be removed as well. Mr. Pribble stated the shed at site CA24 also does not meet the requirements of the shed policy. Manager Wilmouth stated he has been going over the electric bills and on average the District has been paying \$7.00 per kilowatt. Manager Wilmouth stated the marina customers are being charged twelve cents per kilowatt and he is going to look into how many years that has been the rate for customers. Manager Wilmouth stated the District may need to consider raising the rates a bit to twenty-two cents per kilowatt. Trustee Barone stated Lisa Kellerman reached out to him and is wanting to organize the poker run again this year to raise money for the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Trustee Barone stated she would like to get the event on the August Board meeting agenda for approval.

**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 Trustee Ardrey declared the motion carried.



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**CHAIRMAN**