

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL:**

Scott Wilmouth	Present
Lisa Byrd	Absent
Dave Ardrey	Present
Tony Mileur	Present

Also present: Carrie Likins, Ed Heller, Tom Roberts, Robi Stephenson, Brian Pigg, Mike Layne, Jason Peach, Dave Yorkovich, Katie Ferkehich, and multiple other unknown attendees.

**Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2025:** Trustee Ardrey made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2025, Conservancy Committee meeting. Chairman Mileur 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.

**Boat Lifts:** Manager Wilmouth stated that this item has been sent back to the Committee for discussion. Manager Wilmouth stated that the board has discussed mandating the removal of all boat lifts from the marina docks. Manager Wilmouth stated that the Conservancy Committee members have two different boat lift policies in their packets drafted by legal counsel. Manager Wilmouth stated that one of the policies would allow for the existing boat lifts to stay as long as they are in compliance with certain requirements. Manager Wilmouth stated that the second boat lift policy requires that all customers remove their boat lifts from the marina docks by the end of their current lease.

Attorney Ed Heller stated that the longer boat lift policy draft is intended to set up the framework to better monitor the existing boat lifts. Mr. Heller stated that items eleven through thirteen on the policy draft would not allow any additional boat lifts to be installed, and in addition, if a marina customer with a lift does not renew their lease, then the owner's boat lift shall be removed and not return or be used by anyone else. These are items that have been discussed before by the Committee and were put in the draft per the discussion. Mr. Heller stated that in addition if a boat lift owner sells their boat and/or lift to another person, they would not have any right to have the boat lift installed or remain at the marina. Mr. Heller stated that this drafted boat lift policy would limit any new lifts and monitor the existing boat lifts. Chairman Mileur stated that he does not have a problem with adopting a boat lift policy that allows for existing lifts to remain and be monitored by the new policy. Chairman Mileur stated that the drafted policy defines that the boat lifts are to only to be used for boats and requires the inspection of a customer's existing lifts to determine proper installation and use of the lift.

Trustee Ardrey stated that he is in agreement with revisiting the boat lift policy to allow existing lifts to remain installed on the docks by putting policies in place that will protect both the boat lift owner and the Conservancy District. Trustee Ardrey stated the full board will need to discuss all items in the drafted boat lift policy, especially items eleven through thirteen, to decide how they will function and be



monitored. Trustee Ardrey stated that having a proper boat lift policy in place will allow the District to address the concerns that they have over damage being caused to the docks by certain boat lifts currently installed at the marina. Attorney Heller stated that since last month's board meeting there has been more clarification made about boat lifts installed on the docks, such as a properly installed boat lift will not cause damage to the dock as long as the boat that is on that lift is the proper size and weight. Mr. Heller stated that obviously not every boat lift installed on the marina docks meets those standards. Mr. Heller stated that this policy was drafted after multiple discussions with Board Members since the last meeting. Trustee Ardrey asked if there was a policy already passed by the Board that would need to be either repealed or revisited. Mr. Heller stated that any new policy adopted by the Board would supersede any past policy put in place.

**Dock Electric Inspection Report:** Manager Wilmouth stated that the Shore Power Inspection Report submitted by A&I Electrical was sent back to Committee to discuss and decide how to move forward with the violations found during the inspection. Chairman Mileur stated that this is an issue that will require a policy in place that would include rules and consequences of customers tampering with and modifying any electric pedestals on District property as this poses a serious hazard. Trustee Ardrey stated the inspection report lists numerous amounts of code violations that have to be repaired and should be completed fairly quickly. Trustee Ardrey stated that the Committee requests that Manager Wilmouth obtain a quote for the necessary upgrades and repairs needed to bring these code violations into compliance. Trustee Ardrey stated that the Committee also requests that legal counsel draft language in the upcoming lease agreements that addresses tampering with any and all District property. Trustee Ardrey asked Manager Wilmouth what the status was on replacing the no swimming, electrical shock hazard signs that have disappeared from the docks, and the status of the fire lane signs requested by the Murphysboro Fire Chief. Manager Wilmouth stated that the signs still need to be ordered. Manager Wilmouth reported that he received a phone call from the mayor of the Village of Gorham giving the District permission to tap Gorham's line and install a hydrant at the entrance to the marina. Manager Wilmouth stated that Mayor Roe wanted to clarify that it would be a flush hydrant installed and not a fire hydrant since they do not provide fire protection. Manager Wilmouth stated that the flush hydrant would only produce enough pressure to fill a tanker for the fire department and could not be used with the fire hoses in the event of a fire. Manager Wilmouth stated that he told Mayor Roe that the District would draft an intergovernmental agreement with Gorham to allow the District to tap their water line. Trustee Ardrey stated that Manager Wilmouth needs to meet with Fire Chief Steve McBride to clarify if a flush hydrant would be efficient. Trustee Ardrey stated that he recollects the memo from Chief McBride was very specific in the type of hydrant he requests being installed.

#### **New Business:**

**Review of Restaurant Proposals:** Manager Wilmouth reported that several people have provided proposals to the Committee regarding operating the currently vacant restaurant building. Manager Wilmouth stated that the Committee has received four proposals as of this morning. Chairman Mileur stated that he has not had a chance to look over all of the proposals. Manager Wilmouth stated that he suggests that the Committee schedules a time to meet individually with the potential restaurant concessionaires to discuss their proposals in depth. Trustee Ardrey stated that the Conservancy Committee needs to ask for direction from the full board after a discussion about the proposals and then move forward with the individual meetings. Chairman Mileur stated that this item is tabled for now pending discussion with the full board.

**Review of Boat Shop Proposals:** Chairman Mileur stated this item is tabled for now pending discussion with the full board.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Nothing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being nothing further to discuss Trustee Ardrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mileur seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

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**CHAIRMAN**