

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 09, 2022**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, February 09, 2022. Trustee Chuck Novara called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., at the KRCCD Office Building at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois. Meeting was also held by Zoom.

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| ROLL CALL: Chuck Novara | Present |
| Steve McGriff | Present |
| Mike Barone | Present |
| Joshua Hellmann | Present |
| Scott Wilmouth | Present |

Also, present: Brittney & Mark Dirnberger, Agan Alkan, Gary Rains and Cathy Rothe

MINUTEES: Trustee Novara made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 08, 2021, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee McGriff seconded motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Chuck Novara | Yes |
| Steve McGriff | Yes |
| Mike Barone | Yes |
| Joshua Hellmann | Yes |
| Scott Wilmouth | Yes |

Chairman Novara declared the motion carried.

Old Business:

Fish Management: Manager Wilmouth reported that the new regulations that Shawn Hirst is proposing is going to be put on hold until 2023.

Fish Tournament Request and Fish Tournament Regulations: Manger Wilmouth reported in the packet is a copy of House Bill 4429. Lawmakers have introduced a bill that fishing tournaments and clubs would be exempt from the fish tournament fees they are charging. Trustee Novara stated that we had hoped to have a representative from IDNR here this evening for the Board of Trustees meeting, however, they were unable to send anyone.

319 Update: Nothing to report

Deck/Shed Requests: Nothing to report

MARINA/CAMPGROUND:

Sewer System Violation/Repair Update: Manger Wilmouth stated that Brittney Dirnberger is on Zoom and asked if they had an update. Mrs. Dirnberger stated that Agan has all the updates, and I am assuming that he is on the meeting. Manager Wilmouth asked Mr. Alkan if he had any updates? Mr., Alkan reported that it is very much the same as when we all meet. They are working on putting in the meters, the flow going into the lagoons. That is pretty much the last thing that needs to happen. To the best of my knowledge we are just waiting for them to decide which way they want to go with the installation. I expect that to happen as soon as the weather gets better. Trustee Novara asked Mr. Alkan, who is they? Mr. Alkan replied, Kyle and JW with Heartland Plumbing. They are checking into this, and Jeff Collins is also working with them. The last message that I got from Jeff was that they were still working on installing. I'm at their mercy, however, I'm sure it will get done. Manager Wilmouth asked Mr. Alkan, about resizing the Ed Bottom lagoon, has anyone decided what is going to have to be

done there? Mr. Alkan replies, I don't believe that the Health Department has made a call on which way to go and exactly what to do. I told them whatever needs to be done, we are on board. I do think they are looking into options to see what the best method is. Manager Wilmouth thanked Mr. Alkan.

American Rescue Plan: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Phragmites Plan: Manager Wilmouth reported that in your packet, I have started an outline of a plan based on the information that I have gotten. I did find out today, we will have to apply for an IEPA permit to be able to apply the herbicide. I will get started on that. The USFS is definitely interested in being involved and fighting it on their property as well. We know that Mr. Shawn Hirst is, but I need to contact other persons in IDRN who would be willing to partner with us. The first thing is when the weather warms, is to get out and get the areas located and see how big of patches they are. Then we can determine how to treat them. If we can just go out on a boat and spot spray them. I have the numbers for the helicopter company that Rend Lake uses. Trustee McGriff stated that we probably are not big enough for a helicopter. Manger Wilmouth stated, yes that and the terrain. I am working on a plan.

Water Source Protection Program – USFS: Manager Wilmouth reported that this is a source of funding that Brooke Hagarty from the USFS came to us with at the beginning of the month. The deadline to apply was the end of the month, so we had to jump on it. Ms. Hagarty stated yesterday that we are apparently going to get that funding. It is \$150,000 for survey work to identify gullies and get them surveyed through HMG. The District has always budgeted \$20,000 a year for USFS work, and this is a five-year program, I offered that up and it's on the Board agenda for approval. That would be another \$100,000. It is a dollar per dollar match. Ms. Hagarty will speak more about that at the regular meeting.

Farmhouse Rental Lease: Manager Wilmouth stated that he was looking through the farm ground leases and happened to look at the rental house lease and it expired in 2001. Ed told me again this year that this is probably his last year there. I didn't know if the Committee thought we need to do another lease. He has actually been living there since 2001 without a lease. Trustee Novara stated that first we need to find out if he wants to stay there or is there something that can be done to keep him living there. Manager Wilmouth stated that he wants to stay but the house is falling in around him. Trustee Novara stated that one time we talked about a mobile home. Manager Wilmouth stated that he tried to get ahold of Mr. Peach and that deal fell through. We also looked at building a small structure there. I don't now how the committee and the Board feels about it. Trustee Novara stated that he felt we needed to look into it. It is nice that we have somebody there, a presence there. I don't know how anybody else feels about it. Trustee McGriff stated that we were looking at getting a mobile home and knock the old house down and give him a better living quarters. He likes living out there. That is a plus for the District. Trustee Novara stated that the other thing that we could look at is a pole barn. Where he could basically have an apartment and we would have a little bit more storage area. Working it out so he could reimburse us somewhat, not necessary pay for the whole thing but something along those lines. Say you had a 30 x 30 and if it was constructed in such a way that if he decided to move out you could take the interior out and you could just have more storage space. Trustee McGriff asked what the rent was. Manger Wilmouth replied, \$125.00 per month but he is willing to pay more if it's a better place to live. He is basically living in one room in the middle of the house because the rest of the house is just bad. He is happy there. Trustee Barone asked how bad is the house, is the roof gone? Manager Wilmouth replied that on the two-story part, the roof is leaking. It's probably not safe to get on, it's in bad shape. Trustee Novara stated he thinks that we should look at it and see if there is anything that we can salvage, and as far as keeping him there, getting something better. Manager Wilmouth stated that if that is what the committee wants, he can look into options.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Trustee Novara stated that he didn't know if Brittany and Mark could hear him, but he is wondering what they thought about Agan being the spokesperson. I'm not unhappy

with the job they have done, it's just there is a lag time between questions asked and when we get answers. I would like to see how they feel about that. Mr. Dirnberger stated they are fine with that, it's probably a good idea. Trustee Novara asked do we need to ask them to send a letter, or do we need to go before the full Board on that? Manager Wilmouth asked if the Dirnberger's could send a letter requesting that we switch back to Agan and we can take it next month to the Board meeting and get that approved. Mrs. Dirnberger asked if an email was okay, or do you need it in the mail? Manager Wilmouth replied to Mrs. Dirnberger, that an email is fine. Trustee McGriff thanked Mrs. Dirnberger.


Trustee McGriff commented on the chain and binders that are out there on the boat dock. Trustee McGriff stated he has read what his reasoning is, that they use that a lot on H Dock, but there is a reason on why they are having to use them, it's because the spuds are broke off. We counted possibility six spuds that are not erected. Trustee Novara stated that from slip 23 to the end on the north side. Trustee McGriff stated those spuds are all gone. Like it says here in his response, the people are using their own chains and binders at times just because their boat is so big, they don't want anything to happen to it. It sounds to me like we have a bad opposition going out there that needs to be repaired instead of just putting a band aide on it. Trustee Novara stated he felt it is a safety issue. Mr. Alkan asked what we are talking about as far as spuds go? Manager Wilmouth replied to Mr. Alkan, what they are calling spuds, which is the vertical pipe which goes down into the lake bottom. Mr. Alkan stated that those docks do not have spuds, the spuds are only used when it is deep. When it's not deep, when they can drive them in as the farther it goes down which is the area that you are talking about, they have underwater bracing that attaches to them. I actually had the manufacturer who built that dock, come and inspect that docks and if you guys would like, I can request that they come and look at them again. But what you guys are telling me that it is broken, is actually not broken, it is designed in such a way. Trustee Novara stated that he would be interested in what the manufacturer has to say. Mr. Alkan stated that he can give the committee the contact information and you can talk to them. I have physically had them come here to inspect them. I attend a dock expo every year and talk to them personally myself. Trustee McGriff stated that it looked like there had been some new brackets made in the corners. Mr. Alkan replied, yes, we made those brackets to extra strengthen them, which he told me I could do, and it would be a good idea to do that. I have been installing them, to further giving them extra strength. There is nothing broken on those docks, that is the way they have been designed. Trustee McGriff stated down through there, some of these brackets that we are speaking of, new or old, have the pipe hole in it, so you can insert the pipe down through there. We were told that it was broke in the 08 storm. Mr. Alkan stated that is actually the same story that I have heard and that is why I asked for the manufacturer to come and walk the docks with me. They gave me a whole story about it, and they said this is the way it is, it is completely fine. He is the one who told me what to look for in certain spots and replace some of the bolts as they get loose. We do a lot of maintenance on the docks that people don't see. As far as the docks they are not broken. I can assure you that and can back it up with the engineers that came and inspected it for me. Manager Wilmouth asked Mr. Alkan, can you send me the contact information? Mr. Alkan replied, absolutely. Manager Wilmouth stated that the committee would like a written email on what they found. That would clear the air. Manager Wilmouth stated to Mr. Alkan that he did get copies of the contracts from Stephanie, we also got a copy of your liquor insurance, but we have not received your liability insurance yet. Mr. Alkan stated as far as the liability insurance, normally it was a certain time of year that it was being renewed and we altered that time, so it was a better time for us. The yearly policy that we have is going to be extended another month, before we renew it for the next years policy. (Inaudible, people talking over in the background) You wanted the policy in line with our fiscal year or our seasonal year so to speak. You will defiantly get a copy of it. Manager Wilmouth thanked Mr. Alkan.

ADJOURNMENT: There being nothing further to discuss Trustee Novara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee McGriff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Chuck Novara | Yes |
| Steve McGriff | Yes |
| Mike Barone | Yes |
| Joshua Hellmann | Yes |
| Scott Wilmouth | Yes |

Chairman Novara declared the motion carried.



CHAIRMAN