

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 08, 2021**

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, September 08, 2021. Trustee Chuck Novara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at the KRCCD Office Building at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois. Meeting was also held by Zoom.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b> Chuck Novara	Present
Steve McGriff	Present
Mike Barone	Present
Joshua Hellmann	Present
Scott Wilmouth	Present

Also, present: Brittney & Mark Dirnberger, Gary Rains, Richard Blake and Cathy Rothe

**MINUTEES:** Trustee Steve McGriff made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021, Conservancy Committee meeting. Trustee Joshua Hellmann seconded motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee Novara declared the motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Fish Management:** Nothing to report

**Boat Fee for Fish Tournaments:** Manager Wilmouth reported that he wrote a letter to Mike McClelland, Chief of Fisheries with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and received an email that he was on vacation until October 1, 2021. Manager Wilmouth received a second email from Steve Robillard from the Region 5 Fisheries, he is the administrator that will be talking with Manager Wilmouth when he gets back from vacation. Shawn Hirst stated that he wasn't in favor of charging the anglers per boat. He thought it would give the Conservancy District and IDNR a little bit of grumble from the public. At this time nothing has been discussed with IDNR.

**Fish Tournament Request and Fish Tournament Regulations:** Nothing to report

**319 Update:** Manager Wilmouth reported that the new applications have not been posted yet. The existing 319 grant has been closed out.

**Deck/Shed Requests:** Manager Wilmouth reported that there is one deck request for CA-39, it is 300 square feet, and meets the guidelines. Manager Wilmouth recommended approving this by the full Board.

**MARINA/CAMPGROUND:** Trustee Novara asked if Brittney Dirnberger was on the call? Mrs. Dirnberger replied yes. Trustee Novara asked Mrs. Dirnberger if she received Manager Wilmouth's letter on the sewage issue? Mrs. Dirnberger stated that she would turn that over to Mr. Dirnberger. Mr. Dirnberger replied, yes. Trustee Novara asked if he had a status report? Mr. Dirnberger replied, no we don't have a status report on that, we have been talking with the Health Department for the last couple of months. We knew most of those things on that list would have to be done and we are looking into it right now. Some of the things on the letter did come as a surprise to us. After talking to Agan and Mike Rampley they think it's not going to be an issue, it needs to be done. We are looking into it now. Trustee Novara asked Mr. Dirnberger, if they realized that they need to inform the Board of who, what, where, when and how? Mr. Dirnberger replied that they received that letter too.

**Swimming Beach:** Manager Wilmouth reported that he looked at the master plan, and it does not have anything in it for a beach. Gary Rains and I have not looked for areas yet. Trustee Novara stated that since we are drawing the lake down in November, this can be left on the agenda to look at it at that time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Survey at Johnson Creek:** Manager Wilmouth reported that it has been a year since the last survey at the silt catch basin at Johnson Creek. Manager Wilmouth stated he would like to get approval to have a survey done again. Gary and Butch, with HMG, stated that the cost would be the same as last year, not to exceed \$1,500. Hopefully this will provide a baseline of how quick it will have to be cleaned out. Trustee Novara stated that was a good idea, and should be taken to the full Board.

**OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS:** Mr. Dirnberger stated that he had something that he wanted to bring up. Mr. Dirnberger stated that he had a statement from DAR that he would like to read. Mr. Dirnberger stated he would read this now and again at the Board meeting. "We as a group purchased and signed a contract to operate Kinkaid Marina in 2019. We have operated the Marina for 3 years now, we have made numerous improvements, made repairs and made a lot of wonderful and supported friends. We had some dreams and plans for renovating and improving the marina and campground as well as adding to the enjoyment and experience of visiting Kinkaid Lake and the surrounding area. After much discussion and reflection, we have come to the conclusion that these dreams and plans may not be achievable within the current work climate that exists between the District and the owners of DAR. So in our opinion, in order to make the Kinkaid Marina a better place in the future and with the future of it's operations and improvements as our goals we would like to offer the business for purchase to the KRCC District and upon refusal by the District, for sale to the public." Mr. Dirnberger stated this is a statement from DAR. Trustee McGriff asked Mr. Dirnberger, if they had found a buyer at all yet? Mr. Dirnberger replied, no sir. Manager Wilmouth stated that since Mr. Dirnberger is going to read that statement at the Board meeting, it will be discussed at that time.


Manager Wilmouth stated that he wanted to bring one thing to the committee's attention. There has been some concern and DAR is aware of it, with the rental boats. Manager Wilmouth stated he reached out to Sargent Kris Taylor with the Department of Conservation Police, and he was checking into seeing why they have not received their stickers yet. His latest email stated he has 2 officers looking at it, and there appears to be some issues but that is all they know. Manager Wilmouth stated he just wanted to let the committee know that he has looked into this and received assistance from Officer Taylor. Trustee Barone stated that he had 2 boats that had expired stickers, and he has applied for both and received both in the mail. Manager Wilmouth stated that he was told they were back logged. Trustee Barone stated that they will no longer accept mail in applications, you have to do it online.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being nothing further to discuss Trustee Barone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hellmann seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee McGriff declared the motion carried.

  
**CHAIRMAN**