## KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

The Conservancy Committee of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Chairman Mileur called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present: Carrie Likins, Jim Pribble, and Ian and Michelle Ellison.

**Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2025:** Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025, Conservancy Committee meeting. Chairman Mileur seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye," and Chairman Mileur declared the motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

Houseboat Sewer Inspections: Manager Wilmouth stated there is a letter in the Committees packet that has been drafted to send to the boat owners regarding the Houseboat sewer inspections. Manager Wilmouth stated the tentative date is April 26<sup>th</sup>, and the follow-up date is tentatively May 10<sup>th</sup>. Manager Wilmouth stated the District will pay the cost of the first date of inspections and it will be free to the boat owners. Manager Wilmouth stated for the second inspection date the boat owner will have to pay a fee of \$250 for the inspection. Manager Wilmouth stated that the District will enforce their ordinances on any customers that have not had a houseboat sewer inspection completed on the dates provided. Manager Wilmouth reported he conferred with Legal Counsel, Richard Blake, for the legal language in the letter to customers regarding the enforcement of the District's Ordinances. Manager Wilmouth reported that he is waiting to hear back from Mr. Snow, the marine surveyor, about his availability on the tentative dates.

**Deck/Shed Requests:** Manager Wilmouth stated that there are three deck requests for consideration. Manager Wilmouth stated the deck requests are from CA-22, CB-04, and CC-04. Manager Wilmouth stated that all three deck requests are in compliance with the District's guidelines. All members of the Conservancy Committee agreed to recommend approval of all three deck requests to the Board.

## **New Business:**

**Boat Dock Rules/General Provisions:** Manager Wilmouth stated the Conservancy Committee members have a revision to the Boat Dock Rules in their packets. Manager Wilmouth stated the revision states that houseboat owners who do not intend to renew their lease agreement and cannot remove their houseboat prior to the termination of the then current lease agreement, the houseboat owner will be charged a pro-rated rent for the slip until the boat is removed. Manager Wilmouth stated that the District reserves the right to revise the boat dock rules at any time. All members agreed to recommend to the Board approval of the Revised Boat Dock Rules.

Manager Wilmouth stated that he also recommends detaching the General Provisions from the 2026 Lease agreements and making them a separate document that the customer will keep and only send the completed lease agreement back to the marina office. Manager Wilmouth stated that this would hopefully ensure that the marina customers have a copy of the general provisions on hand.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: Mr. Pribble stated that the dock contractor is currently working on H-Dock. Mr. Pribble stated that many of the houseboat slips will require at least three, 10-inch cleats on each finger. Mr. Pribble stated that they have been waiting for those cleats to come in and be installed so more houseboats can be moved and properly secured during the dock renovation on H-Dock. Mr. Pribble stated that the dock contractor has assured him that they will be installing the new cleats that just arrived tomorrow so hopefully more houseboats on H-Dock can be moved this weekend. Trustee Barone asked if A-Dock and B-Dock will be completed once the cleats are installed. Manager

Trustee Barone asked if A-Dock and B-Dock will be completed once the cleats are installed. Manager Wilmouth stated the dock contractor is still going to fix the trim and transition plates leading onto the docks.

Mr. Pribble reported that with the marina's waiting list, they are going to be able to lease out every available annual campsite and annual boat slip this year.

Mr. Pribble stated that he is worried about the barge that is on the courtesy dock with the intense winds that are forecasted for Friday night. Manager Wilmouth stated that he talked to the company that owns the barge, and they are in the process of getting the permits and will be moving the barge next week.

Mr. Pribble stated that a lift on one of the docks is putting too much strain on the dock and causing damage. Mr. Pribble stated that he has spoken to the customer about relocating his lift to another slip that could handle the pressure of the lift better, and the customer does not want to move his lift and does not want to pay to have his lift moved to another slip if he is forced to. Mr. Pribble stated he does not believe that the District should have to pay for that lift to be moved. Manager Wilmouth stated that the dock contractor warned Jim and himself that the lift in the current slip will definitely tear the dock up within a year if it stays there. Mr. Pribble stated that he did give the customer permission to have that lift installed in the current slip, but at the time did not realize how much strain it would put on the dock. Trustee Barone stated he can see both sides of the issue with who is responsible for paying for the lift to be moved since the customer was allowed to have the lift installed. Trustee Barone stated the District may want to offer a compromise to the situation to avoid further damage to the docks. Mr. Pribble asked for clarification on whether or not the District was going to allow new lifts to be installed in the future. Trustee Barone stated the Conservancy Committee has already determined to not allow new lifts to be installed at the marina, and the lifts already in place would be grandfathered in at this time and be allowed to remain.

Manager Wilmouth reported that he has contacted DRT Construction to repair drywall inside the marina restaurant building and to install a new ridge cap on the building roof. Manager Wilmouth stated that Jim and himself believe the ridge cap replacement will be sufficient to get by until the District can budget for a new roof on the building.

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

CHAIRMAN