

**KINKAID-REED'S CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 09, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 09, 2022, President Steve McGriff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at 1763 Water Plant Rd., Murphysboro, Illinois. (Meeting was held by phone/video conference.)

ROLL CALL:

Chuck Novara	Present
Don Siefert	Present
Lisa Byrd	Present
Steve McGriff	Present
Tony Mileur	Present
Mike Barone	Present
Joshua Hellmann	Present

Also Present: Cathy Rothe, JT Jenkins, Ed Heller, Gary Rains, Brooke Hagarty, Agan Alkan, Mark Dirnberger and Brittney Dirnberger

MINUTES: Trustee Novara made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Hellmann seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Public Comment: Terry Miller stated that the Paul Ice boat ramp has a large piece of concrete that is visible. There is rebar sticking out and it's been like that for several years, and it is getting worse. I took photographs of it last week and it's very visible. It's very deep and is going to cause damage to tire and wheels on boat trailers. I talked to a gentleman last week at the Murphysboro office and he said that the money was allocated several years ago, before Covid to get that cut out and repaired. It has been like that for years, but it is getting worse. I would like to know what is going to be done with that boat ramp, now that the water level is low, can this be repaired before boating season starts? President McGriff replied to Mr. Miller, that it is IDNR's boat ramp, so the District has no control over that. Now would be a good time for them to fix it. You just need to put pressure on IDNR. Mr. Miller asked, so you guys don't have anything to do with that boat ramp? President McGriff replied, that is correct, that is IDNR's. Mr. Miller stated that he appreciated the Board's time, and I will contact IDNR to see what can be done.

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OLD BUSINESS:

CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Fish Management: Nothing to report

Fish Tournament Requests and Fish Tournament Regulations: Trustee Novara stated that the District had hoped that IDNR would have a representative here to talk about this new law. My understanding is they don't do that sort of thing.

Deck/Shed Requests: Nothing to report

319 Update: Approval of New 319 Application: Nothing to report

Marina / Campground:

OSLAD Grant Update: Manager Wilmouth reported that he has handed out the final draft of the new campground design. There is a few more items that are being worked on. The project is on track, they are getting ready to apply for the permits. Manager Wilmouth asked Gary Rains if he had anything else to add. Mr. Rains replied that you might want to ask for authority to set a bid date, in case these permits turn around before the next Board meeting, we could get that underway. I don't have a date to recommend because we can not do it until the permits come in. President McGriff stated that we need a motion from the Board for approval to go ahead give Manager Wilmouth authority to set a bid date once the permits come in. Trustee Mileur made the motion to give Manager Wilmouth authority to set a bid date once the permit's come in. Trustee Barone seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Farmhouse Rental Lease: Trustee Novara reported that the farmhouse lease was discussed in Committee and Manager Wilmouth is going to look at that to see if there is anything that can be done to keep the renter there. Manager Wilmouth reported that he was looking through the farm leases this month and happened to look at his lease and it expired in 2001, so he has been living there without a lease. He pays his rent on time. It's not that big of an issue but then we started talking about how the house is falling down around him. The Committee wanted me to look at options to try and keep him there.

Executive Session: President McGriff reported that we have nothing for Executive Session. We are still waiting on litigation to come in and find out what the judge's decision is.

Concessionaire's Report: No report from the concessionaire. President McGriff asked Mr. Alkan if he had a timeline on getting the trash hauled away at the Marina that is in the dumpsters? Mr. Alkan replied that he will check into that and get back with him. President McGriff stated that the District has had a few calls stating that the dumpsters are overflowing. Mr. Alkan stated, as you know we hardly have any customers currently and all the trash is coming in from external sources. I understand that we have an issue with that every winter. President McGriff stated that maybe you could pull them in off of the roadway and put them in your locked gate to keep visitors out of them. Mr. Alkan replied that is a good idea.

Manager's Report: Approval to Hire Marvin Brockmeyer Back Not to Exceed 600 Hours: Manager Wilmouth stated he would like approval to hire Marvin Brockmeyer back to help with the farming and rec area maintenance. President McGriff made the motion to hire Marvin Brockmeyer back not to exceed 600 hours. Trustee Novara seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes

Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Manager Wilmouth reported that he has been working with Shannon Allen with NRCS to complete the 1st supplemental agreement for the RCPP grant. We have a partner meeting scheduled on March 18 to discuss what we want to accomplish.

Manager Wilmouth reported that the Natural Gas Pipeline will be replacing a section of pipe on the Worthen Farm, along where Mac and Barbie's campground is located. They told me they had to put in a better type of pipe due to safety reasons. It will be in the next few months.

Manager Wilmouth reported that on the two-inch water line that feeds that marina, a section of that is going to have to be relocated, for the new campground and the staff and myself can do that work. The new line will be put in and then the connections will be cut in so it will all be done in one day so they won't be out of water except for a few hours.

Manager Wilmouth reported that Bob Kisro will be dredging the Sharp Rock channel in the next few weeks. His permits expires March 18, 2022. He was supposed to do this last year, however, we didn't drop the lake.

Manager Wilmouth reported that the stop logs will be reinstalled around March 1st.

Manager Wilmouth reported that for the new campground there are a few more trees that will need to be removed before the March 15 deadline, due to the bats. The staff and I will take care of that.

New Business:

Legal Report: Nothing to report

Kinkaid-Area Watershed Project: Nothing to report

USFS – Brooke Hagarty: Brooke Hagarty reported that they have been working on getting funding through the Water Source Protection Grant. We put in for two projects at Kinkaid Lake. Both projects were chosen for funding, as long as the President's budget passes. Once that passes, we will have money to do those two different projects. The first one is, the planning category where we will work with the partners at Kinkaid to get design and cost estimates and this will help us get more money from timber receipts to do some erosion control in the gullies. That should be \$30,000 a year for five years. The second portion is implantation, where we have requested \$20,000 per year for five years. This project will provide funding for installation of gully structures. Hopefully we can get the budget passed and get this money into the Watershed for gully work

Approval For District to Partner with USFS for the Water Source Protection Program: Manager Wilmouth reported that we need to approve the District partnering with the USFS for this program. As I stated in Committee, the District budgets \$20,000 per year to do work on Forest Service ground, so that is the money that will be the match on this program. President McGriff reported that we need a motion to go ahead and proceed as we have always done, that \$20,000 will go each year towards the gully stabilization, partnering with the USFS for the Water Source Protection Program. Trustee Novara made the motion for approval for the District to partner with the USFS for the Water Source Protection Program. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN REPORT:

District Account Balances Approval:

Secretary Mileur stated he reviewed the account balances and asked for a motion to approve the District Account Balances as of February 09, 2022. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the Districts account balances as of February 09, 2022. Trustee Byrd seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

District Budget vs. Actual Report Approval:

Secretary Mileur asked for a motion to approve the current District Budget vs. Actual Report. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the District's budget vs actual report. Trustee Siefert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

District Bills:

Secretary Mileur asked for a motion to pay the Conservancy District bills. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve payment of the District bills. Trustee Siefert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

KINKAID AREA WATER SYSTEM

OLD BUSINESS:

Legal Report – Ed Heller: Nothing to report

Manager's Report: Manager Wilmouth reported EEC has been here this week wiring in the VFD's. on the energy efficient upgrade. We should start seeing our electrical bill drop.

Manager Wilmouth reported he submitted a new NPDES permit application to IEPA. It is a renewal permit for the water discharge from the sludge lagoons.

Manager Wilmouth reported that the contractor, Escue Construction, is waiting on material to lower the water main on 7th street.

New Business:

Personnel: Approval to Bring John McLaughlin Back as Part time Operator Not to Exceed 600 Hours: Manager Wilmouth reported that the Personnel Committee did not meet, however, this was discussed at our last meeting about agreeing to bring John McLaughlin back as a part time operator not to exceed 600 hours per year. The Committee thought that would be a good idea. Trustee Siefert made the motion to bring John McLaughlin back as a part time operator not to exceed 600 hours per year. Trustee Mileur seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Tap Requests: Nothing to report

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Water System Account Balances Approval:

Secretary Mileur reviewed the Water System Account Balances and ask for a motion to approve the balances as of February 09, 2022. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the Water System account balances as of February 09, 2022. Trustee Siefert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Water System Budget vs. Actual Report Approval:

Secretary Mileur asked for a motion to approve the Water System Budget vs Actual Report. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the Water System Budget vs Actual Report. Trustee Novara seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

Approval of the Water System Bills: Secretary Mileur asked for a motion to approve the Kinkaid Area Water System bills. Trustee Barone made a motion to approve the Water System bills. Trustee Byrd seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS: President McGriff stated that the website is looking good.

ADJOURNMENT:

President McGriff asked for a motion to adjourn until next month's regular Board meeting scheduled for March 09, 2022. Trustee Novara made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Byrd seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Novara	Yes
Don Siefert	Yes
Lisa Byrd	Yes
Steve McGriff	Yes
Tony Mileur	Yes
Mike Barone	Yes
Joshua Hellmann	Yes

President McGriff declared the motion carried.

SECRETARY – Anthony Mileur

PRESIDENT – DeWitt S. McGriff