

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING NO. 210**  
**AGENDA**

Date: February 13, 2024  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Bush Building  
403 Wapping Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes #209
3. Financial Report – Jennie Wolfe
4. Consideration for USGS Stream-flow Gaging Network, FY 25-26 – David Hamilton
5. Consideration for UK Watershed Management Agreement, FY 25-26 – Steven Evans, UK
6. Consideration for 2024 Public Officials Liability Insurance – Jennie Wolfe
7. Consideration for the capital improvement project at Lock 5 – Marketing and Recreation subcommittee
8. Election of Officers 2024
9. Executive Director Report – David Hamilton
10. Chairman Report
11. Discussion - Other
12. Comments from the public
13. Executive Session
  - Proposed Litigation KRS 61.810 (c)
  - Property Acquisition KRS 61.810 (b)
  - Personnel Matters KRS 61.810 (f)
15. Adjourn

*The Kentucky River Authority will maintain and manage water resources of the Kentucky River Basin to provide a clean and reliable water supply for the citizens of the Basin. The Kentucky River Authority will provide leadership and a common forum for all stakeholders of the Kentucky River Basin in order to promote the highest and best uses of the water resources of the Kentucky River Basin.*

A meeting of the Kentucky River Authority (KRA) was held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at the Bush Building in Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to a meeting advisory emailed to the KRA's distribution list. The following board members were present: Case Davis, David Jackson, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, Shan Dutta for Secretary Johnson, James Kay, Barry Sanders, David West, Harold Rainwater, Amanda Stacy, Mitzi Delius, and Glenn Napier. Also, in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members Jennie Wolfe and Bobby Webb.

**1. Call to Order.** Vice Chairman Barry Sanders called the meeting to order. Jennie Wolfe took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes #209.** Upon a motion made by Case Davis and second by Glenn Napier the meeting minutes were approved.

**3. Financial Report.** Jennie Wolfe summarized the financial reports for the months of October, November, and December. Upon a motion made by Glenn Napier and second by David Jackson, the financial reports for the second quarter of the fiscal year were approved.

**4. Consideration for USGS Stream-flow Gaging Network, FY 25-26.** David Hamilton presented the fiscal year 2025 and 2026 USGS Stream-flow gaging network agreement to the board. The KRA has had a cost share agreement with the USGS for over 20 years. There are 23 gages on the main stem of the Kentucky River and also gages in the tributaries. The gages help with flood predictions and also droughts. The agreement goes from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. There is a slight increase in the two-year agreement this year of \$13,200. The total agreement is \$303,100, or \$151,550, per fiscal year. Upon a motion made by Case Davis and second by David Jackson, the USGS Stream-flow Gage network for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 was unanimously approved.

**5. Consideration for UK Watershed Management Agreement, FY 25-26.** Steven Evans with the University of Kentucky Research Foundation presented the agreement with the Kentucky River Authority. The agreement has been in place for 25 years. The KRA has a statute to protect the water of the Kentucky River basin. The agreement helps promote and enhance the water quality in the river basin. The water quality management activities include over 180 volunteer samplers in the river basin. The University of Kentucky hosts an annual conference to present the data collected by the volunteers. The grant program has funded 117 projects throughout the river basin. The total amount of the two-year agreement is \$270,611. The previous two-year agreement was \$270,602. Case Davis asked about increasing the watershed grant amount in the current agreement to more than \$35,000. David Hamilton stated that we could include that in the next watershed management agreement since this needs to be approved soon so it can go into effect July 1, 2024. Upon a motion made by Harold Rainwater and second by David Jackson the University of Kentucky Watershed Management agreement was unanimously approved for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

**6. Consideration for 2024 Public Officials Liability Insurance.** Jennie Wolfe presented the annual renewal of the Public Officials Liability Insurance for the period March 2024 through March 2025. This insurance policy protects the KRA board members from any litigation that could arise. The Public Officials Liability Insurance is bid out for the Kentucky river Authority, through the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Division of State Risk. The cost for the upcoming year is \$5,639.72, an increase of \$376.66 over the previous year. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by John Lyons the board unanimously approved the renewal of the Public Officials Liability Insurance.

**7. Consideration for the capital improvement project at Lock 5.** David Jackson, as a member of the Marketing and Recreation subcommittee, presented to the board the action item from a Marketing and

Recreation subcommittee meeting held on Friday, January 26, 2024. In the current biennium of the six-year capital improvement plan, the Design of Lock 5 is the remaining project. The Locks 2 and 3 Guide Walls Repairs project was bid out unsuccessfully and has been put on hold. The RFP (request for proposal) has been issued for the Design of Dam 7 and is due March 5, 2024. The Marketing and Recreation subcommittee wants to proceed with opening of Lock 5 to increase the river miles from Lock and Dam 4 in Frankfort to Lock and Dam 5 in Anderson County. A secondary mission of the Kentucky River Authority is recreation and maintaining a portion of the historic lock system for navigation. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by James Kay to board approved the motion to proceed with the Design of Lock 5 to open it for navigation.

**8. Election of Officers 2024.** Mark Smith, Chairman, was removed from the KRA board and two new board members were appointed, there is a new slate of officers for calendar year 2024. David Jackson nominated James Kay as Chairman of the KRA Board, and Amanda Stacy second the motion. James Kay previously held the Treasurer position. James Kay nominated Glenn Napier as the Treasurer. The board approved the nominations and the motion passed.

**9. Executive Director Report.** David Hamilton stated the Repairs to Dam 7 RFP (Request for Proposal) had been put out for bid. The proposals are due March 5, 2024. This project was based on the 2021 System-wide assessment. David Brown Kinloch with Lock 7 Hydro Partners will be installing a canoe portage at Lock and Dam 7. Bobby Webb will work with Jessamine County Fire and Rescue and Jessamine County Fiscal Court to install warning buoys above the dam structure. The Kentucky River Authority will provide the buoys. John Jay Moore, who previously presented to the KRA Board, will put signage at the Lock and Dam 7 boat ramp as part of his Eagle Scout program. Next, the transfer of ownership of Kentucky River Lock and Dam 1 – 4 was supposed to transfer ownership on February 8, 2024, but that did not happen. The transfer of ownership is very close. State Property and Building Commissions Project 129 date of sale is March 5, 2024. This is the refunding of State Property Building Commission Project 105, the bonds that funded the new dam at Dam 8 and the renovation of Locks 1 and 2. There is approximately \$800,000 in savings to the KRA over the next nine years, but the market changes everyday and this number is subject to change. Lastly, a Resource Management Analyst II position, grade 14, has been posted. This position will fulfill some of Sue Northern's job duties in the office. Sue Northern retired October 2022.

**10. Discussion.** David West was asked by the Garrard County Emergency Management System about getting a boat ramp on the Garrard County side of the river near Camp Nelson. David Hamilton stated Fish and Wildlife would probably be interested if the landowner would agree to a 25-year lease agreement and the county would have to maintain the ramp. This area is 14 river miles from the High Bridge boat ramp and takes about 45 minutes to travel.

**11. Executive Session.** Barry Sanders announced the board would go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to KRS 61.810 (f). The board came out of executive session and announced no action was taken.

**12. Adjourn.** The board meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm, upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Glenn Napier.