

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 213
AGENDA**

Date: November 12, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Paul Sawyer Public Library
319 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes #212
3. Financial Report – Jessica Pinkston
4. Presentation and Consideration of the Kentucky River Watershed Grants – Andrea Drayer, UK
5. Election of 2025 Officers – James Kay
6. Selection of 2025 Subcommittees – James Kay
 - Water Quality
 - Marketing and Recreation
 - Finance
7. Executive Director Report – Jennie Wolfe
8. Chairman Report – James Kay
9. Discussion - Other
10. Comments from the public
11. Executive Session
 - Proposed Litigation KRS 61.810 (c)
 - Property Acquisition KRS 61.810 (b)
 - Personnel Matters KRS 61.810 (f)
12. 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, November 12, 2024, at the Paul Sawyer Public Library, Community Room in Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to a meeting advisory emailed to the KRA’s distribution list and posted on the Kentucky River Authority website. The following board members were present: Rob Dowler, David Jackson, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, Shan Dutta for Secretary Johnson, James Kay, Barry Sanders, David West, Mitzi Delius, and Glenn Napier. Also, in attendance were Jennie Wolfe Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members Olivia Dorman, Jessica Pinkston, Brett Butler, and Bobby Webb.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman James Kay called the meeting to order. Olivia Dorman took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes #212.** Upon a motion made by John Lyons and second by David Jackson the meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

3. **Financial Report.** Jessica Pinkston summarized the financial reports for the months of July, August, and September. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Glenn Napier, the financial reports for the first quarter of the fiscal year were approved unanimously by the board.

4. **Presentation and Consideration of the Kentucky River Watershed Grants.** Andrea Drayer with the University of Kentucky Water Research Institute explained the KRA had supported the watershed grants since 2004 and had awarded 111 grants totaling \$307,000. The goal is to create long term water quality initiatives. As part of the contract between the University of Kentucky and the KRA, \$35,000 is budgeted for the watershed grants. This year there were 14 applicants and of those, eight were awarded grants for their projects. Upon a motion made by Mitzi Delius and second by Barry Sanders, the watershed grants were approved as recommended by Andrea Drayer.

2024-26 Funding Recommendations

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| Kentucky Waterways Alliance | \$3,012 |
| Redbird Mission | \$5,000 |
| Friends of Wolf Run | \$1,975 |
| Friends of the Red River | \$5,000 |
| Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill | \$5,000 |
| Bluegrass Greensource | \$5,000 |
| Herrington Lake Conservation League | \$5,000 |
| Carroll County 4H | <u>\$5,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$35,000 |

5. **Abandoned Boats on the River.** David Jackson asked the KRA Board of Directors if Franklin County Judge/Executive Michael Mueller could interject in the meeting. Franklin County Judge/Executive Michael Mueller asked the KRA Board of Directors if they could assist in the removing of sunken boats in the Frankfort pool of the Kentucky River. James Kay stated we could not give an answer at this time.

6. Election of 2025 Officers. James Kay stated Barry Sanders would be coming off the board since the passage of Senate Bill 161 in the 2023 Regular Session. Senate Bill 161 states in order to be a member of the KRA Board of Directors, you must live in the Kentucky River Basin. As of November 12, 2024, Barry Sanders' position on the KRA Board had not been reassigned. Barry Sanders has served eight years on the board and has offered knowledge on many issues that have come up. Since Barry Sanders currently serves as the vice-chair, James Kay asked if the board would like to have a new slate of officers or appoint a new vice-chair. Upon a motion made by Mitzi Delius, David Jackson was nominated to serve as the vice chair of the KRA board, Rob Dowler second the motion, and it was approved unanimously by the board. The remaining board officers will stay the same for calendar year 2025.

7. Selection of 2025 Subcommittees. Upon a motion made by Rob Dowler and second by Mitzi Delius the subcommittee members will remain the same for calendar year 2025.

8. Executive Directors Report. Jennie Wolfe stated the Kentucky River at the West Broadway Bridge was back open to the boaters. The barge is still working at the location, and Bobby Webb and his staff will lock the barge through the locks once they are finished for the season. The project plans to be complete by September 1, 2025. The Kentucky River Locks 1 – 4 closed on Sunday, October 27, 2024, for the season. Next, an update was given on the status of the capital construction projects. Several board members went to Locks 2 and 3 for a site visit in late September to see the status of the guide walls. This project will be re-bid in early 2025. The capital project fund has been established for the demolition of the three lockmaster houses in Carroll and Henry counties. An architect was hired through the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department for Engineering and Contract Administration for the design phase of the project. The contract for the design phase of the rehabilitation of Lock 5 is under review by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department for Engineering and Contract Administration. Once the contract is approved, Stantec will start collecting data, conducting field assessments, developing alternatives, and researching funding opportunities. The project was funded by \$800,000 agency cash, to initiate the design phase. The Dam 7 spillway repair project Phase A is complete. Schnabel Engineering presented three alternatives to Bobby Webb and Jennie Wolfe at an initial meeting. The KRA Board of Directors will have to decide on which approach for the repair. The repairs to the lock gates at Lock 1 and Lock 4 will be done before the 2025 locking season. In the February 2025 meeting, the KRA staff will present a six-year capital construction plan for board approval. The six-year capital construction plan is due April 15, 2025. The KRA currently has two lockmasters on staff. Jennie Wolfe and Bobby Webb will work with Finance Cabinet, Human Resource department to hire additional lockmasters.

9. Chairman Report. James Kay stated the KRA board meeting dates for 2025 would be as follows – February 11, May 13, August 12, and November 4. The locations and times are to be determined. James Kay stated there would be a special meeting called soon to determine the approach to the project at Dam 7.

10. Comments from the Public. Robin Antenucci with Frankfort Tourism, Allison Depenbrock with KY River tours, Paul Nicholson with Rockin' Thunder, Sean Fisher and Charles Hines with the Frankfort Boat Club, spoke to the board regarding the lack of staff at the KRA. They stated their businesses were based on the Kentucky River being open for the public in Frankfort. They

discussed how they created revenue for Frankfort by bringing tourist to Frankfort for boat tours and the bourbon industry.

11. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 2:10 upon a motion made by John Lyons and second by Mitzi Delius.