

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 214
AGENDA**

Date: February 18, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Paul Sawyer Public Library – Community Room
319 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

This program is not sponsored by the Paul Sawyer Public Library.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes #213
3. Financial Report – Jessica Pinkston
4. Consideration for Public Officials Liability Insurance – Jessica Pinkston
5. Presentation of the Dam 7 Spillway Repair Project –Schnabel Engineering
6. Consideration of the Six Year Capital Construction Plan – Jennie Wolfe
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, February 18, 2025, 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: John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, Shan Dutta for Secretary Johnson, Mark Smith, David Jackson, James Kay, David West, Case Davis, and Glenn Napier. Also, in attendance were Jennie Wolfe Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members Olivia Dorman, Jessica Pinkston, and Brett Butler.

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman James Kay called the meeting to order. Olivia Dorman took the roll call and announced there was a quorum. After the Call to Order, James Kay asked Olivia Dorman to read a thank you note from Barry Sanders to the KRA Board of Directors. Next James Kay had Olivia Dorman read a passage about Bobby Webb and the room observed a moment of silence.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes #213.** Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by John Lyons the meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

3. **Financial Report.** Jessica Pinkston 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 first quarter of the fiscal year were approved unanimously by the board.

4. **Consideration for Public Officials Liability Insurance.** Jessica Pinkston presented the annual renewal of the Public Officials Liability Insurance for the period March 2025 through March 2026. 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 \$5,361.81, a decrease of \$277.91 over the previous year. Upon a motion made by David Jackson the board unanimously approved the renewal of the Public Officials Liability Insurance.

5. **Presentation of the Dam 7 Spillway Repair Project.** Ben Webster with Schnabel Engineering presented the Dam 7 Spillway Repair project to the board. Three potential repair alternatives were presented. Pool 7 holds the water supply for the city of Harrodsburg with around 26,000 people relying on this pool for water. The first repair alternative involved placing new sheet pile on the upstream side of the existing dam with reinforced concrete. The existing sheet pile has been in place for at least 70 years and is showing signs of deterioration. The price estimate for this repair is between \$5-\$7 million dollars. The next repair alternative involves placing grout bags on the upstream side of the existing dam. This type of repair has been used on the Green River in Kentucky. The price estimate for this repair is between \$8-\$10 million dollars. The last repair alternative involves driving a socketed pile wall with a concrete cap into bedrock on the upstream side of the existing dam. The price estimate for this repair is between \$13-\$15 million dollars. David Jackson asked Ben Webster the cost of a new dam instead of a repair. Ben Webster stated based on the 2021 System-wide Assessment by Stantec, the cost of a new dam at Lock and Dam #7 in 2021 was \$23.5 million. Today, a new dam, at this site, would

cost anywhere between \$20-25 million. Glen Alexander, Dam Safety Supervisor with the Division of Water stated the Division of Water, Dam Safety Division was in favor of a complete dam replacement rather than a short-term fix. James Kay stated the board was gathering information and would not decide on the path forward today.

6. Consideration of the Six Year Capital Construction Plan. Jennie Wolfe stated the initial six-year capital construction plan was due on April 15, 2025, but there would be time to make changes during the summer when more information is available for the Lock 5 design project. Jennie Wolfe started the presentation by showing the previous six-year capital plan that was submitted two years ago. The proposed six-year capital plan for 2026-2032 includes the Renovation of Lock 5 and also a maintenance pool for the repairs needed to Locks 1 -4. The locks were last repaired in 2012 and cost the KRA \$8.8 million dollars. If the board plans to proceed with reopening Lock 5, we need to do maintenance on Locks 1 -4 to keep those operational. Once the repairs are made to the locks, the KRA can continue with dam repairs or replacements. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Case Davis the 2026- 2032 KRA Six Year Capital Construction Plan was approved unanimously by the board.

7. Executive Director Report. Jennie Wolfe stated the lockmaster interviews had been completed and now we are waiting on the Personnel Cabinet to complete the background checks before we can offer the top candidates the positions. Brett Butler has been special detailed to the program coordinator position. This was the position Bobby Webb had held. An employee can be special detailed up to one year. The plan is to get lockmasters hired and trained. Once those employees are in place, we will post a Program Coordinator position. By special detailing Brett Butler into the program coordinator position, this allows the Kentucky River Authority to keep moving with operations as planned. Also, in the near future, we will plan to hire one additional lockmaster employee since the budget allows for that. A contract has been awarded to Lindsay Construction out of Carrollton Kentucky for the three lockmaster houses that need to be demolished. There is a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, February 20 at 8:30 am. The plan is to have houses removed by mid-May 2025. The Locks 2 and 3 Guide Walls Repair project is planning to be bid soon and hope to start construction in the summer of 2025. Stantec is waiting on the water levels to subside, so they can start field work and get the divers on site. Later this year, Stantec will have an idea of the cost of the renovation needed at Lock 5. Lastly, Bobby Webb had started the process of purchasing a new work truck for the KRA staff. Jessica Pinkston and Jennie Wolfe have taken over that task and is currently waiting on Fleet Management to give the approval for the purchase.

8. Chairman Report. James Kay stated he had mentioned most of his report at the beginning of the meeting by having Olivia read the thank you note to the board from Barry Sanders and speaking about Bobby Webb.

9. Comments from the Public. Robin Antenucci with Frankfort Tourism spoke about her concern for the Frankfort area tourism and boaters. She stated the lack of lockmaster employees is a major concern.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Glenn Napier the meeting was adjourned.