

KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 217
AGENDA

Date: November 4, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Paul Sawyier Public Library – Community Room
319 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

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

1. Call to Order
2. Comments from the Public
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes #216
4. Financial Report – Jessica Pinkston
5. Update from Water Quality Subcommittee and Finance Subcommittee meetings – Olivia Dorman
6. Capital Projects Update and Discussion
7. Election of 2026 Officers – James Kay
8. Selection of 2026 Subcommittees – James Kay
 - Water Quality
 - Marketing and Recreation
 - Finance
9. Executive Director Report – Jennie Wolfe
10. Chairman Report – James Kay
11. Discussion - Other
12. Executive Session
 - Proposed Litigation KRS 61.810 (c)
 - Property Acquisition KRS 61.810 (b)
 - Personnel Matters KRS 61.810 (f)
13. 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 4, 2025, at the Paul Sawyier Public Library Community Room, 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: Shandeept Dutta for Secretary Johnson, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, Rob Dowler, Case Davis, Mark Smith, David Jackson, James Kay, David West, Mitzi Delius, Harold Rainwater, and Glenn Napier. Also, in attendance were KRA Staff Members Jennie Wolfe, David Guess, Olivia Dorman, and Jessica Pinkston.

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. Comments from the public. James Kay asked the guests in attendance if anyone had any comments. No comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes #216. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Glenn Napier the meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

4. 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.

5. Update from Water Quality Subcommittee and Finance Subcommittee meetings. Olivia Dorman summarized the two subcommittee meetings that took place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the Paul Sawyier Public Library. The Water Quality Subcommittee meeting discussed the cost of water treatment and the contaminants that are being treated from the Kentucky River. The loss of water at water treatment plants are a huge expense. The need to reduce straight pipes and failing septic systems in the river basin. The Kentucky Division of Water, through the river basin coordinators do outreach projects to help reduce the contaminants. Next the Finance Subcommittee met and Robert Hatton and Dhaivat Patel with Stantec presented the renovation of Lock 5 renovation project. Robert showed slides of Lock 5, and he discussed the repairs needed to make the lock operable. Then, Stantec discussed the bids received on October 15, 2025, for the Locks 2 and 3 Upper Guide Walls repair project. The cost of the project is related to the risk the contractor will incur by working on the Kentucky River and also the slope of the riverbank and road above Lock and Dam 2. John Lyons volunteered to contact the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to ask their opinion on the road about Lock and Dam 2 in Lockport, KY. John Lyons stated the engineer with KYTC did not see any issues with the road above Lock and Dam 2.

6. Capital Projects Update and Discussion. Jennie Wolfe started the discussion by reviewing the three open capital projects, the budgets for the projects, and the current expenditures to date. The Design Lock 5 project is in Phase A and Stantec presented the three design alternatives to the Finance Subcommittee. The Dam 7 Spillway Repair Project is in the design phase and the board voted in the August 2025 meeting to conduct a water quality study in pool 7 of the Kentucky River before deciding on the level or repair needed. The final project presented was the Locks 2 and 3 Upper Guide Walls repair project. This project started in 2021 and has been bid twice in 2022 and 2023. The project was bid a third time in 2025 with a bid opening date of

October 15, 2025. There were two bids, MAC Construction and CJ Mahan, with MAC construction being the low bid at \$11,223,000. The board discussed the cost of the project and why the bids came in so high. Robert Hatton with Stantec stated the risk of working on the river and discussed aspects of the project with the board members. The board members decided to table the decision on awarding the contract for the Locks 2 and 3 Upper Guide Walls repair project until a later date. The bid is valid for 30 days from October 15, 2025.

7. Election of 2026 Officers. Upon a motion made by Mark Smith and second by Glenn Napier the current slate of officers will remain in 2026.

8. Selection of 2026 Subcommittees. Upon a motion made by Harold Rainwater and second by Mitzi Delius the Marketing and Recreation subcommittee will remain the same. Upon a motion made by Harold Rainwater and second by Rob Dowler the Finance subcommittee will remain the same. Upon a motion made by Harold Rainwater and second by David Jackson the Water Quality subcommittee will remain the same. James Kay requested the board allow him to create an Executive Subcommittee consisting of himself, David Jackson, Rob Dowler, and John Lyons, to allow for discussion between meetings and issues that arise. Upon a motion by Harold Rainwater and second by Glenn Napier the request from James Kay was approved.

9. Executive Directors Report. Jennie Wolfe stated the lockmaster positions were fully staffed, and all five positions had been filled. Jessica Pinkston and Jennie Wolfe presented the 2024-2026 capital projects the LRC Budget Review Subcommittee on October 15, 2025. In the upcoming February 2026 board meeting, the USGS-Steam-flow Gage network agreement and University of Kentucky Water Research Institute will present the agreements for fiscal year 2027 and 2028. The Bush Building renovation is planned to be completed in February 2026 with a move back date of March 2026. The capital construction projects were not discussed since Jennie had already reviewed the status of those projects in a prior agenda item. Next, Jennie Wolfe asked David Guess to give an update on the status of the Locks and Dams Operations. David Guess stated he was grateful for the opportunity to work with the KRA staff and board members. David stated he and the staff plan to stay busy over the winter months with repairs, maintenance, and preparing for the upcoming 2026 season.

10. Chairman Report. James Kay stated the KRA board meeting dates for 2026 would be as follows – February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 10. The locations and times are to be determined. James Kay stated Olivia Dorman will email those dates to the board. James Kay stated CJ Mahan did an excellent job with the river cleanup and the river looks very good.

11. Executive Session. James Kay stated the board members would go into Executive Session citing KRS 61.810 (g) “Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business.” No action was taken during executive session. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Rob Dowler the board voted to move into open session.

12. Adjourn. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Mark Smith the board meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.