

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 219
AGENDA**

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Bush Building
403 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

1. Call to Order
2. Comments from the public
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes #218
4. Financial Report – Jessica Pinkston
5. Discussion of River Sweep 2026 – Olivia Dorman
6. Approval for funding for the KRA Grants to Counties projects – Jennie Wolfe
7. Presentation of the Dam 7 Decision Making Study – Schnabel Engineering
8. Locks and Dams Report – David Guess
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, May 12, 2026, at the Bush Building, 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: Shandeep Dutta for Secretary Johnson, Sarah Marshall for Secretary Lyons, Rob Dowler, Case Davis, James Kay, David West, Mitzi Delius, Harold Rainwater, David Jackson, 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. Chairman James Kay opened the floor for public comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes #218. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Rob Dowler the meeting minutes from KRA #218 were unanimously approved by the board.

4. Financial Report. Jessica Pinkston summarized the financial reports for the months of January, February, and March. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Mitzi Delius, the financial reports for the third quarter of the fiscal year were approved unanimously by the board.

5. Discussion of River Sweep 2026. Olivia Dorman presented three t-shirt designs for the 2026 River Sweep T-shirt. The board unanimously chose option 3 for the design on the t-shirt. Upon a motion made by Rob Dowler and second by Case Davis, the KRA board approved the river sweep t-shirt design and the purchase of gloves and trash bags, not to exceed \$7,000.

6. Approval of funding for the KRA Grants to Counties projects. This agenda item was tabled until a later date.

7. Presentation of the Dam 7 Decision Making Study. Ben Webster with Schnabel Engineering, LLC presented the Lock and Dam 7 Long Range Planning Study.

8. Locks and Dams update. David Guess updated the board on the status of the locks and dams. Kentucky River Locks 1 – 4 will open on Friday, May 22, 2026, for the 2026 season.

9. Executive Director report. Jennie Wolfe stated the executive branch budget for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 had been passed in the legislative session. The KRA had requested additional funding in the lock operations program for personnel costs in the upcoming biennium but that was not included in the enacted budget. There is a meeting planned for May 22, 2026, with the Auditor of Public Accounts to begin the financial audit for fiscal year 2026. Phase A of the Lock 5 renovation project is complete. We are now in Phase B or 40% design, which will take us through the fall. The Water Quality Subcommittee met on April 30 with Steven Evans, University of Kentucky Water Research Institute to discuss the Kentucky River Long Range Water Supply Plan. Next, Steven Evans will present the information to the Kentucky Division of Water for input and to determine the path forward for the long-range plan. There was also a meeting with a Franklin County magistrate to discuss the reason the KRA does not dredge the Kentucky River. The Kentucky Division of Water also attended the meeting with Franklin County. Andrea Drayer, Kentucky River Basin Coordinator, resigned from her position in April.

10. Chairman Report. James Kay announced Glenn Napier had been inducted into the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

11. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm upon a motion made by Harold Rainwater and second by David Jackson.