KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 220
AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 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 #219
4. Financial Report – Jessica Pinkston
5. Presentation of Kentucky River Locks No. 1 – 4 Operability Assessment – Stantec
6. Locks and Dams Report – David Guess
7. Executive Director Report – Jennie Wolfe
8. Chairman Report – James Kay
9. Discussion - Other
10. Executive Session
    - Proposed Litigation KRS 61.810 (c)
    - Property Acquisition KRS 61.810 (b)
    - Personnel Matters KRS 61.810 (f)
11. 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, August 11, 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, Mitzi Delius, Amanda Stacy, David Jackson, Mark Smith, and Glenn Napier. Also, in attendance were KRA Staff Members Jennie Wolfe, David Guess, and Jessica Pinkston.

1. Call to Order. Chairman James Kay called the meeting to order. Jessica Pinkston 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 #219. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Rob Dowler the meeting minutes from KRA #219 were unanimously approved by the board.

4. Financial Report. Jessica Pinkston summarized the financial reports for the months of April, May, and June. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Mark Smith, the financial reports for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year were approved unanimously by the board.

5. Presentation of Kentucky River Locks No. 1 – 4 Operability Assessment. Stantec presented the findings of the above and below water inspections at Kentucky River Locks 1 through 4. The inspections were conducted by Stantec and Marine Solutions, Inc., along with KRA staff, from May 18 through May 20, 2026.

6. Locks and Dams Report. David Guess stated since the last board meeting he and the staff had worked with Stantec and Marine Solutions, Inc. to perform the Locks 1 – 4 assessments. Opening day for Locks 1 – 4 was Memorial Day weekend and since then we have had several high-water events on the Kentucky River and therefore the locks were closed for all or part of the weekend. The KRA staff has coordinated with several boaters to make trips to Frankfort through the locks. David Guess did a segment on WKYT in late June to discuss safe locking procedures and boater safety on the Kentucky River. The KRA had hired a lockmaster with a start date of August 1, 2026. CJ Mahan is scheduled to start the contract work on the Kentucky River for channel maintenance the week of August 17, 2026. There is bridge projects scheduled for Frankfort and Carrollton in the upcoming locking seasons. KRA will coordinate with the construction contractor once those projects are awarded.

7. Executive Director Report. Jennie Wolfe stated the KRA staff had conducted interviews and filled two vacant positions since the last board meeting. The University of Kentucky had also filled the vacant Kentucky River Basin Coordinator position. Due to the basin coordinator position being vacant since April 1, 2026, the application process for the KRA Watershed Grants will be postponed to the February 2027 KRA Board Meeting. The KRA annual financial audit of fiscal year 2026 has started and Jessica Pinkston will prepare the financial statements. Next, Jennie updated the board on the status of the annual River Sweep event. Lastly Jennie stated KRA is working with Kentucky Division of Water on the long-range water supply plan, and we plan to present information in the November 2026 board meeting.

8. Chairman Report. James Kay announced there would be a boat ride immediately following the meeting for anyone interested in going through Kentucky River Lock No. 4. The boat ride was paid for with private funds, and no Kentucky River Authority funds were used.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm upon a motion by Shandeep Dutta and seconded by Mitzi Delius.