

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 198
AGENDA**

Date: February 9, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Jennie Wolfe
4. Consideration of the 2021 Public Officials Liability Insurance – Jennie Wolfe
5. Marketing Update and Consideration of the 2021 River Sweep funding – Jonathan Lang and Sue Elliston
6. Consideration of the Six Year Capital Construction Plan – David Hamilton
 - Finance Committee Update – Amanda Stacy
7. Executive Director Report – David Hamilton
8. Chairman Report – Mark Smith
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)
15. 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 via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, pursuant to a meeting advisory posted at www.kra@gov and emailed to the KRA's distribution list. The following board members were present: Scott Althausser, Robert Long for Secretary Johnson, Jonathan Lang, Barry Sanders, Mark Smith, Amanda Stacy, Thomas Stephens and Huston Wells. KRA Board members not present were Secretary Goodman, David Farrar, Angela Muncy and Harold Rainwater. Also in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members, Sue Elliston, Bobby Webb and Jennie Wolfe. The guests in attendance were Ben Webster (Stantec), Robert Hatton (Stantec), Daniel Gilbert (Stantec), Bethany Couch (Finance), Kara Smothermon (OSBD), Pat Banks (KY Riverkeeper), Robin Antenucci (Frankfort Tourism) and Chuck Caudill (Lee County Judge Executive).

1. Call to Order. Chairman Mark Smith called the meeting to order, Sue Elliston took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Upon the motion made by Huston Wells and second by Amanda Stacy the board unanimously approved the November 10, 2020, board meeting minutes.

3. Financial Report. Jennie Wolfe summarized the financial reports for the months October, November and December. Upon a motion made by Scott Althausser and second by Jonathan Lang the board unanimously approved the financial reports for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

4. Consideration of the 2021 Public Officials Liability Insurance. The Public Officials Liability Insurance is for the period March 13, 2021 through March 13, 2022. Jennie Wolfe explained Finance and Administration Cabinet, Division of State Risk bids out the Public Officials Liability Insurance each year for the Kentucky River Authority. The cost of the insurance for 2021 is \$4,849.75, an increase of \$581.28 over the previous year. Upon a motion made by Thomas Stephens and second by Barry Sanders the board unanimously approved the Public Officials Liability Insurance.

5. Marketing Update and Consideration of the 2021 River Sweep funding. Jonathan Lang spoke on behalf of the marketing subcommittee and gave an update on the marketing plan for calendar year 2021. The group had a Zoom call with Mark Carroll of marketing firm, Bandy Carroll Hellige, on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 am. Mark Carroll and his staff plan to present a digital media draft by the end of the February and to have the PR/creative portion ready by mid-March. The subcommittee agree to hold off on the digital media campaign until closer to boating season and better weather. Next, Sue Elliston stated a Request for Proposal (RFP) had be issued for sponsorship opportunities for the 2021 Annual River Sweep event that is going to be held Saturday, August 21, 2021. The Kentucky River Authority received no proposals. Since the KRA did not receive responses on the RFP, they can pursue contacting vendors for monetary donations for the 2021 River Sweep Event. Huston Wells gave Sue Elliston the contact information for Jim Beam representative to see if they were interested in donating to the River Sweep event. The Department of Corrections will print the t-shirts. The cost will be \$6 per shirt with an estimate of 1,000 shirts. Sue Elliston request the board to approve a budget up to \$6,000 for the purchase of t-shirts for the Annual River Sweep event. Upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by Jonathan Lang the board unanimously approved up to \$6,000 in funding for the t-shirts for River Sweep.

6. Consideration of the Six-Year Capital Construction Plan. David Hamilton, Executive Director of the KRA, explained the timeline of submission of the Six Year Capital Construction Plan (SYP) to the KRA board. The SYP is due to the Construction Planning Advisory Board (CPAB) by April 15. A final version of SYP is due by October 1, if any changes are made after the initial submission. The time in between the due dates are used for meetings, held by the CPAB, for state government agencies to justify the need for projects. The KRA SYP is mainly comprised of repairs to existing dam structures on the Kentucky River. The KRA is currently in the final stages of building the new dam at Lock and Dam 10 at Fort Boonesborough State Park and will start the lock wall repairs at Lock 2 and Lock 3 in the next fiscal year. The SYP being proposed will start July 1, 2022 and go through June 30, 2028.

David Hamilton presented pictures of the repair work needed at the Lock and Dam structures in the proposed SYP. The repairs are recommended from a 2008 system wide study that scored the criteria and then ranked the repairs needed at each location based on water withdrawals from each pool on the river.

The repairs were presented as follows based on the 2008 system wide component analysis:

Navigation lock at Lock #5 – this repair will be similar to the work performed at Locks 1 through 4. There will be steel work and stonemason work to the lock walls. Pumps and drill stands are also needed to make the locks operational. Repairing the lock will open up 14 additional miles of river for navigation.

Dam 6 Woodford County – The landside lock wall is undercut and sheet piling will need to be installed to keep the bank stable and to keep the river from flanking. This repair was previously done in the 1970's.

Dam 7 Jessamine County at High Bridge – This repair is very similar to the repair needed at Dam 6. There is also leakage in the far abutment wall near the powerhouse. There is also a repair needed to the upper sill on the concrete cut off wall due to eroding concrete.

Dam 11 in the College Hill Area – Derrick stone needs to be replaced and repair work done to the toe of the dam.

Dam 14 - The far abutment wall needs repair and stabilization. Derrick stone at the toe of the dam needs replacing. In addition, repair the cut off wall and upper sill in lock.

Dam 12 – The far abutment wall needs repair to prevent flanking and the derrick stone at the toe of the dam needs replaced.

Dam 13 – Repair work to prevent flanking during high-water events.

Dams 1 and 2 – The far abutment and training walls need to be repaired to prevent flanking and further erosion.

The board was presented the draft version of two sets of SYP for the KRA. Version A included starting with the rehabilitation of Lock 5 to open another lock for river navigation. Version B did not include the repair work to Lock 5 and instead focused on repair work to the dam structures for water supply. Thomas Stephens asked about the operational cost of opening lock 5. David Hamilton stated it would cost the KRA approximately an additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 annually and would have to be funded from the Tier I fund. The KRA would have to hire at least one additional lockmaster. David Hamilton did inform the KRA board the property located around Lock and Dam 5 is private property and the KRA has a maintenance easement through the property. The property is not open to the public so there would have to be access

points for kayakers to portage around the structure. Including the site upgrades for the portage or access point would not affect the overall budget for the repair work.

Next, Amanda Stacy reported to the KRA board on behalf of the finance subcommittee. A Kentucky River Lock and Dam system wide assessment was completed in 2008 and was 13 years old. Amanda Stacy suggested the KRA board issue a RFP for a new study to be completed so the board has a chance to assess the repairs needed before the final version of the SYP is due October 1. David Hamilton stated the assessment in 2008 had cost the KRA approximately \$400,000.

Upon a motion made by Thomas Stephens and second by Huston Wells, there was a motion to move forward with version A of the six-year capital construction plan. Scott Althausser did not agree with the version A and instead voted for Version B since that version focused on the water supply. Mark Smith asked the full board and all were in favor with version A with the exception of Scott Althausser.

Next, the motion was made by Thomas Stephens and second by Barry Sanders to move forward with issuing the RFP to select a firm for a new system wide study to assess the Locks and Dams on the Kentucky River. Nobody opposed and the motion carried. Once a proposal is selected, David Hamilton will contact the finance subcommittee and assess the price of the system wide analysis.

7. Executive Director Report. David Hamilton explained to the board that Senate Bill 179 had been introduced and the purpose of the bill was to change the language of the KRA Board membership. The bill was essentially cleaning up the language of where the members reside and stating all members should reside in the Kentucky River basin. If passed, the bill would not affect current members' only new members who join after a current board member term expires. Then David Hamilton said the Dam 10 project is still ongoing. The construction contractor is addressing the abutments on both sides of the river and is currently working on the Madison County side of the river. June is substantial completion for the project and July will be final completion. The Hydro facility at Lock 12 is nearing completion. They plan to put the turbines in the river soon.

8. Chairman Report. Mark Smith stated Barry Sanders was reappointed to the board. He said the water quality subcommittee would plan to meet once the UK Watershed grants are ready for review. The next board meeting will be May 11, 2021. There is a June field trip in the plans for the KRA board to visit Lock and Dam 10 before the construction project is complete.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by Jonathan Lang.