

KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 200
AGENDA

Date: September 7, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Discussion of System Wide Assessment – Ben Webster, Stantec
4. Financial Report – Jennie Wolfe
5. Discussion of Budget Request FY 2022 – 2024 – Jennie Wolfe
6. Consideration of approval for a Lease and Operational Agreement for Hydroelectric at Lock and Dam 13 – David Hamilton
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, September 7, 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, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, David Farrar, Angela Muncy, Harold Rainwater, Barry Sanders, Mark Smith, Amanda Stacy, Thomas Stephens and Huston Wells. Also in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members, Sue Northern, Bobby Webb and Jennie Wolfe. The guests in attendance were Ben Webster (Stantec), Robert Hatton (Stantec), Jeff Dingrando (Stantec), Paul Smith (Stantec), Ed Wilcox (KSU), Pat Banks (Riverkeeper), Chuck Caudill (Lee County Judge Executive) and David Brown Kinloch (Hydro Partners)

- 1. Call to Order.** Chairman Mark Smith called the meeting to order, Sue Northern took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Upon the motion made by Thomas Stephens and second by Huston Wells the board meeting minutes from May 11, 2021 were approved.
- 3. Discussion of System Wide Assessment.** Ben Webster, with Stantec, presented the findings from the Kentucky River Lock and Dam system wide assessment. The last system wide assessment had been completed in 2008. Ben Webster explained they visited each site and noted the flaws in the lock and dam structures. They focused their findings on the loss of pool and loss of navigation. A matrix was used to plot the findings with a rating of one to five, very low to very high, for loss of pool or loss of navigation. Ben Webster compared the River Authorities current six-year plan, as approved in April 2021, to the recommendations based on the findings of the assessment. The lack of timber cribbing at Dam 7 ranked highest on the matrix Ben Webster presented. Thomas Stephens asked how often the system wide assessments should be performed. David Hamilton said the lock gates should be assessed every five years and the structures should be assessed every 10 years per industry standards. Pat Banks asked if portages could be included in the cost of the projects. David Hamilton replied since the cost of adding the portage is minimal, the portages could be included. John Lyons asked Ben Webster if he thought Dam 7 was getting worse and Ben Webster replied yes. Then David Hamilton presented to the board three versions of updating the current six-year plan to address the issue at Dam 7 since it has the highest probability of failure of all the flaws they encountered. The board voted to approve version three of updating the six-year plan. This version moved the repairs to Dam 7 from the second biennium of the current six-year plan to the next biennium, 2022-2024, and moved the construction portion of opening Lock 5 to the second biennium in the six-year plan, 2024-2026. The design of opening Lock 5 will stay in the 2022-2024 biennium. Upon a motion made by Thomas Stephens and second by Huston Wells the board approved version three of the updated Kentucky River Authority six year plan.
- 4. Financial Report.** Jennie Wolfe summarized the financial reports for the months April, May and June. Upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by John Lyons the board unanimously approved the financial reports for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

5. Discussion of the Budget Request FY 2022-2024. Jennie Wolfe presented the 2022-2024 proposed budget request to the board. The proposed budget would be effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, fiscal years 2023 and 2024. There was nothing new proposed in the budget request for the upcoming biennium. There would be no rates increases or new bonds issued for capital projects. The capital projects in the first biennium would be funded using agency restricted cash. Upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by John Lyons the board unanimously approved the biennial budget request for 2022-2024.

6. Consideration of approval for a Lease and Operational Agreement for Hydroelectric at Lock and Dam 13. David Hamilton presented the board with an option to enter into a lease agreement for an additional hydroelectric lease at Lock and Dam 13. This agreement would be comparable to the agreements Kentucky River Authority currently has at Locks and Dams 12 and 14. The hydroelectric facilities at Lock and Dam 13 will generate additional rental income of \$10,880 once the facility is up and running. The hydroelectric facilities are noncompetitive in the bidding process because of the FERC licensing process is competitive. Once the entity receives the rights to develop the hydroelectric at that site, it is sole source. Upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by Robert Long the board approved the lease agreement for Lock 13 Hydroelectric.

7. Executive Directors Report. David Hamilton explained that mother nature intervened and due to high water on the river on the weekend of August 21, 2021, all but the virtual river sweep held by Fayette County and an in person river sweep held by Rockcastle County were canceled. Most counties hope to reschedule before the end of the season. On the Dam 10 construction project, the contractor, Stantec and Finance Facilities are trying to determine the schedule extension due to the high water event on July 1, 2021.

8. Chairman Report. Mark Smith thanked the KRA staff and board for the work on the budget request and the updates to the six-year plan. He also thanked Ben Webster and Stantec for their work on the system wide assessment of the Kentucky River locks and dams. The next board meeting will be November 9, 2021. Mark Smith stated if there were no discussion or comments from the public the board meeting would adjourn. Upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by Barry Sanders the board meeting adjourned at 2.22 pm.