

KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 205
AGENDA

Date: November 1, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes #203 and #204
3. Financial Report – Jennie Wolfe
4. Presentation and Consideration of the Kentucky River Watershed Grants – Malissa McAlister, UK
5. Election of 2023 Officers – Mark Smith
6. Selection of 2023 Subcommittees – Mark Smith
 - Water Quality
 - Marketing and Recreation
 - Finance
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)
12. 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 1:30 pm on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, via Zoom meeting, pursuant to a meeting advisory posted at www.kra@gov and emailed to the KRA's distribution list. The following board members were present: Amanda Stacy, Scott Althaus, Case Davis, David Jackson, Cassidy Connell for Secretary Johnson, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, James Kay, Angela Muncy, Harold Rainwater, Barry Sanders, Mark Smith, and Huston Wells. Also, in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff member, Bobby Webb. The guests in attendance were Robert Hatton (Stantec), Daniel Gilbert (Stantec), Adam Hacker (HDR), David Brown Kinloch (Appalachian Hydro Partners), Bethany Couch (Office of Financial Management), Melissa Perry (Office of Financial Management), Kara Smothermon (Office of the State Budget Director), Robin Antenucci (Frankfort/Franklin County Tourist Commission), Malissa McAlister (UKWRRI), Bob Scott (Finance Cabinet), Kathy Milans (Highbridge Resident)

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Mark Smith called the meeting to order, David Hamilton took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Upon the motion made by James Kay and second by Angela Muncy, the board meeting minutes from May 10, 2022, were approved. Upon the motion made by Angela Muncy and second by Huston Wells, the board meeting minutes from August 9, 2022, were approved.
3. **Financial Report.** David Hamilton summarized the financial reports for the months of July, August, and September. Upon a motion made by Scott Althaus and second by James Kay, the financial reports for the first quarter of the fiscal year were approved. John Lyons was curious what type of investments we had with the Capital Project Fund since it showed negative interest income and since they were having similar issues within their Cabinet with negative interest.
4. **Consideration of Kentucky River Watershed Grants.** Malissa McAlister gave a brief background of the KRA's watershed Grant program. To date, 105 grants totaling \$277,000 have been awarded since the program began in 2004. Malissa also gave a project update from one of the previous grants which included design of a low-head dam removal, and stream bank stabilization on the Clarks Run watershed in Danville. Six grant applications were received and reviewed by UKWRRI.
 1. Brannon Run of South Elkhorn Creek
Neighbors United for South Elkhorn Creek and Friends of Parks in Fayette County
Invasive plant clearing, replanting with native trees and outreach and education.
\$5,000 each (total of \$10,000)
 2. Glenss Creek
Woodford County Parks and Recreation
Invasive plant clearing and preparation for stream restoration.
\$5,000
 3. Clark and Jessamine County (multiple watersheds)
Bluegrass Greensource

Junior Water Explorer Festivals with stream cleanups, storm drain stenciling and outreach.
\$5,000

4. Red River Gorge in Powell, Menifee, and Wolfe counties
Friends of Red River (under KWA's fiscal sponsorship)
Red River Festivals 2023 and 2024.
\$5,000
5. Red River Gorge in Powell, Menifee, and Wolfe counties
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
River cleanup promotional video
\$5,000

Upon a motion from Angela Muncy and second by Huston Wells, grants were awarded to all the above listed applicants for a total funding of \$30,000 with the Neighbors United for South Elkhorn Creek being consolidated with Friends of Parks in Fayette County and Kentucky Waterways Alliance being consolidated with Friends of Red River.

5. Election of Officers for 2023. Upon a motion from Scott Althausser and second from Angela Muncy the current slate of officers were elected to serve in the same capacity in 2023.

Chairman – Mark Smith

Vice Chairman – Barry Sanders

Secretary – Harold Rainwater

Treasurer – James Kay

6. Selection of 2023 Subcommittees. Upon a motion by Huston Wells and second by John Lyons, the memberships of the 2022 subcommittees were retained for 2023.

- **Marketing and Recreation:** Huston Wells, David Jackson, James Kay, and Mark Smith
- **Finance:** Harold Rainwater, James Kay, Amanda Stacy, Cassidy Connell, and Mark Smith
- **Water Quality:** Barry Sanders, Angela Muncy, John Lyons, Scott Althausser, Case Davis, and Mark Smith

7. Executive Director Report. David Hamilton gave lock usage totals for the 2022 lock season which ended October 31, 2022. There was a total of 4,442 people that went through Locks 1 through 4. That was on a total of 1,287 boats and 558 lockage's (a lockage could have one or more boats). These numbers were in-line with last years' numbers but still down from pre-pandemic levels which were six to seven thousand per year. An update was given on the Capital Improvement project to replace the upper guide walls at Locks 2 and 3. This project was put out for bid, however there were no responses, and the project was not successfully bid for construction. A two-week time extension was given and after a second bid opening there were still no responses. David indicated that the KRA plans to meet with the design engineers and come up with a path forward to successfully bid out the project for construction based on some of the

questions and feedback they had received during the bid process. David then presented recent photographs of Kentucky River Dam 8. The original spillway which was replaced by a new upstream dam in 2017 has already advanced to a state of failure and during low water during the summer could be seen with missing sheet piling and substantial leakage through the original structure. This shows the importance of the Capital improvements that the KRA has and continues to invest in these structures.

8. Chairman Report. Mark Smith stated the board meetings for 2023 will be on February 14, May 9, August 8, and November 14.

9. Discussion. Scott Althausser made special note and appreciation for Sue Ann Northern who recently retired from the KRA for all her years and service to the Kentucky River Authority and the board sends her best wishes and thanks for all that she provided to the KRA.

10. Comments from the public. Kathy Milans inquired about the status of the boat ramp at high bridge with the lease expiring in December. David Hamilton indicated that the KRA was not interested in a long-term lease of the property and will need to have follow-up conversations with Judge West to see how best to keep this part of the river accessible.

11. The meeting adjourned upon a motion made by James Kay and second by Harold Rainwater.