

**KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 199
AGENDA**

Date: May 11, 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. Update on River Sweep – Sue Northern
5. Marketing update – Jonathan Lang
6. Executive Director Report – David Hamilton
7. Chairman Report – Mark Smith
8. Discussion - Other
9. Comments from the public
10. 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, May 11, 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, Carey Johnson for Secretary Goodman, Angela Muncy, Harold Rainwater, Barry Sanders, Mark Smith, Amanda Stacy, Thomas Stephens and Huston Wells. KRA Board members not present were David Farrar and Jonathan Lang. Also in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members, Sue Northern and Jennie Wolfe. The guests in attendance were Ben Webster (Stantec), Robert Hatton (Stantec), Ed Wilcox (KSU) and Malissa McAlister (UK).

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 Huston Wells and second by Amanda Stacy the board unanimously approved the February 9, 2021, board meeting minutes.

3. Financial Report. Jennie Wolfe summarized the financial reports for the months January, February and March. Upon a motion made by Scott Althausser and second by Harold Rainwater the board unanimously approved the financial reports for the third quarter of the fiscal year.

4. Update on River Sweep. Sue Northern stated the KRA had received student artwork for the River Sweep t-shirt. The KRA staff would pick the top three and awards would be given to the students. Pat Banks would also like to include a canoe trip and or water sampling for the students. Nine counties and Pat Banks with Kentucky Riverkeeper have signed up for the Annual River Sweep event scheduled for August 21, 2021. All plan to do in person with the exception of Fayette County who will have a virtual event. With fewer participants, KRA will purchase fewer t-shirts this year.

5. Marketing Update. David Hamilton explained the marketing initiative with Bandy Carroll Hellige is ongoing. Most recently, they developed an Op-Ed and Press Release related to the River Sweep event. The Op-Ed and Press Release will be distributed to local newspapers to get more interest in the River Sweep event. In addition, there will be an advertising campaign using Facebook for the target audience to increase river usage this summer. This roll out will coincide with the locks opening at the end of May, depending on the weather.

6. Executive Director Report. David Hamilton started his report with a Dam 10 project update. Due to the high water in March, the contractor is requesting a 2-month extension. This is not a financial increase on the project budget only a time increase. The substantial completion would be August 6 and the final completion would be September 6. There has been no decision made and will be decided by Finance Department of Engineering and Contract Administration. Next David Hamilton discussed the two projects that were issued for bid for engineering services for KRA projects. The first is the Locks 2 and 3 guide wall repairs and the steps for selecting a contractor is in process. The next is the system wide assessment of the 14 lock and dam structures. This project is also in process and the selection committee should have a contractor in a month from now. The next topic David Hamilton discussed was the annual Dredge Contract. The contract is set up as a five-year contract with Aquarius Marine and they will start towards the end of June. David Hamilton stated we would be contacting the City of Frankfort to discuss removing the dock that came to Frankfort with the high water in March. Then David Hamilton discussed the flood in early March. The hardest hit areas were Estill and Lee Counties. The Kentucky River dams are low head structures and the dams are 30 feet underwater when the flood occurs. KRA has no controls to lessen the flood event. Hal Rogers has requested Congress

earmark funds for the US Army Corps. of Engineers to conduct a flood control study for the City of Beattyville. Next David Hamilton discussed the phone calls he had received regarding the hydroelectric facilities for Kentucky River Locks 5 and 6. He explained these are preliminary permit applications for the sites. Kinet, Inc. is the name of the company that applied for the preliminary permit through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The permit does not give them the “ok” to do anything at the site. At Lock and Dam 5, they plan to put a hydro facility inside the lock chamber that goes against the KRA’s six-year capital construction plan. At this point, there is no response from KRA since it is only the preliminary phase and they will be studying the site. The preliminary permit does however give them the first place in line if a hydroelectric facility were to be installed, in the lock chamber. Lastly, David Hamilton stated the Senate Bill 179, which was mentioned in the previous board meeting, did not come up for the vote in the legislative session.

7. Chairman Report. Mark Smith discussed the KRA field trip to the Dam 10 construction site June. Sue Northern will email the board members with possible dates for the week of June 21, 2021. Next, he stated the Water Quality Subcommittee should plan to meet soon since they are the only subcommittee that has not met. Sue Northern will send out possible dates.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021.

8. There was no further discussion or comments from the public. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm upon a motion made by Huston Wells and second by Harold Rainwater.