

KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
MEETING NO. 207
AGENDA

Date: May 9, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Bush Building
403 Wapping Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes #206
3. Financial Report – Jennie Wolfe
4. Discussion of River Sweep 2023
5. Kentucky River School Curriculum Presentation – Pat Banks
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)
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 1:00 pm at the Bush Building in Frankfort, Kentucky on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, pursuant to a meeting advisory posted at www.kra@gov and emailed to the KRA's distribution list. The following board members were present: Shan Dutta for Secretary Johnson, John Lyons for Secretary Goodman, Mark Smith, Barry Sanders, David Jackson, Glenn Napier, and Amanda Stacy. Also in attendance were David Hamilton Executive Director for the Kentucky River Authority, KRA Staff members, Bobby Webb, and Jennie Wolfe.

The meeting proceeded as follows:

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Upon the motion made by David Jackson and second by Barry Sanders the board unanimously approved the February 14, 2023, board meeting minutes.

3. Financial Report. Jennie Wolfe summarized the financial reports for the months January, February, and March. Upon a motion made by David Jackson and second by Amanda Stacy the board unanimously approved the financial reports for the third quarter of the fiscal year.

4. Discussion of River Sweep 2023. David Hamilton stated that five counties had responded to an email sent out by Jennie Wolfe in April regarding the participation in the annual River Sweep event. The KRA is going to have the counties select their own date to hold the River Sweep event. David Hamilton stated the KRA would purchase 300 shirts for approximately \$10 each, from the Department of Corrections, with the River Sweep artwork created by the Lee County students. The River Sweep t-shirt and trash bag budget in previous years was between \$6,000-\$7,000. This year the KRA is going to cut that in half due to interest from the counties. The t-shirt design will not include a year if by chance we have shirts left over and can be used next year. The KRA has trash bags from previous years that can be used. Kentucky Riverkeeper, Pat Banks, stated it was good to have multiple dates for the event so she could attend multiple locations.

5. Kentucky River School Curriculum Presentation. Pat Banks, Kentucky Riverkeeper, gave an overview of the curriculum she had created with Roberta Hounshell for grades 1 through 8. The curriculum was created using funding from two Kentucky River Watershed grants funded by the KRA through the UK Watershed Management program. The curriculum involves a hands-on experience for students to learn about the Kentucky River, its' habitats, and first inhabitants. It is to be used a supplement to existing school curriculum. The last step is to get the information edited and then it will be ready to share. Mark Smith suggested one of the subcommittees review the book and give feedback.

6. Executive Director Report. David Hamilton stated Senate Bill 161 had passed in the previous legislative session. The bill was related to the Kentucky River Authority board membership requirements. The new law requires the KRA board members reside the in the river basin. Barry Sanders is the only member this affects since he resides outside the basin. David Hamilton stated

this will probably go into effect for new appointees and Barry Sanders will be able to serve his term. Next David Hamilton discussed the capital projects. The Dam 7 project is still waiting to be sent to a selection committee for engineering services. The Locks 2 and 3 guide wall project was bid in the fall with no response from any contractors at the bid opening. The project is going to be re-bid in a couple weeks with some new criteria regarding the road at Lock 2. The new criteria will add \$500,000 to the estimate. Part of the hold up has been the receiving the permit from USACE, and KRA received the permit. Lock season may be impacted by the project at Locks 2 and 3 at times. If the bid opening goes well the project should be completed this boating season. There has been communication with Congressman Barr's office about the Lock 5 project. There is potential funding from recreational grants and there is support from local county governments to get the lock open. The dredge boat will arrive sometime after June 15, the end of fish spawning season. The dredge boat will start at Carrollton, Kentucky and go through Lock 4 in Frankfort. The focus is the sediment around the lock gates and 75 feet to the left and right of the navigation channel.

7. Chairman Report. Mark Smith stated he would like the subcommittees to meet in June. Each subcommittee can decide to meet in person or virtual. For the August 8 board meeting, Mark Smith suggested the board meet in Irvine, KY at Lock 12. There will be more details on that closer to the date.

8. Comments from the public. David Hamilton announced he had guest. The guest was John Jay Moore, and he presented his Eagle Scout project to the KRA board. The project is for signage on the Low Head Dams on the Kentucky River, specifically Lock 7 at Highbridge in Jessamine County where he lives. Soon there will be a kayak portage at Lock 7 and he would like to install signs near the dam and boat ramp above the dam. He would also like to install signs at Locks 12 and 14. He is seeking funding for the signs from state and federal grants, donations, and county governments. The small sign is approximately \$100-300, and the large sign is around \$1,000.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm upon a motion made by Glenn Napier and second by David Jackson.