

Water Transportation Advisory Board
January 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:00 pm on January 9, 2013, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center room C106 in Frankfort, KY.

The meeting immediately began with a roundtable discussion of the Upper Mississippi River water levels. Secretary Hancock attended and led the discussion with those in attendance. Norb Whitlock provided an update to the attendees on the river conditions based upon his recent Corps briefing. He noted that two contracts had been awarded and work is progressing rapidly. The Thebes gage is at 8'-9' and will not be back down to 3' until February. Commerce is still flowing and the Corps feels the worst is behind us. The next call was scheduled for January 23rd at 8:30am. This roundtable discussion ended and the Water Transportation Advisory Board portion of the meeting began.

The Advisory Board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Norb Whitlock, Steve Alley, Ken Canter, Keith Landry, and Ed Riney. Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC

Joe Crabtree, KTC

Carol Brent, KYTC

Chuck Knowles, KTC

Lori Kelsey, KIPDA

Ken Beyers, Corps Louisville District

Lynn Soporowski, KYTC

Michael West, Office of Attorney General

Russell Casey, Economic Development

Greg Curlin, Hickman Riverport

Mike Hanson, CDG

The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The Chair asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the November 1, 2012, meeting for review. **Ken Canter moved that the November 1, 2012, minutes are accepted as presented.** Second by Norb Whitlock. 6 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The chair then asked Jeremy Edgeworth with the Transportation Cabinet read into the record each application that had been received by the deadline. Mr. Edgeworth reported the Cabinet had received 4 applications from 4 applicants by the December 20th deadline and that the applications requested \$155,000.00 of the \$94,557.75 available. Mr Edgeworth stated that one application was received after the deadline and had been rejected by KYTC. Mr. Edgeworth read each application and the board began a discussion and voting of whether the application met the criteria of dredging and maintenance of access. The applications discussed in alphabetical order of applicant were:

- Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority: Dock Repairs Project: requested \$32,500.00. Project involves the rehabilitation of the dock fenders, ladders, and replacement of 100 square feet of damaged concrete. 6 Yea, 0 Nay. **APPROVED.**
- Louisville & Jefferson County Riverport Authority: Riverport Bulk Terminal Access Road Paving Project: requested \$37,500.00. Project involves an asphalt overlay of 1300 feet on an access road and 1270 feet of new asphalt over gravel base on the access road. Norb Whitlock has an interest in the Louisville Riverport so he left the room for the vote and discussion of this project. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, Norb Whitlock absent. **APPROVED.**
- Owensboro Riverport Authority: ORA Grain Products Entrance Road Project: requested \$35,000.00. Project involves replacing 488 feet of gravel road with high strength asphalt. Ed Riney was the applicant for this project so he left the room for the vote and discussion. 4 Yea, 0 Nay, Ed Riney & Ken Canter absent. **APPROVED.**
- Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority: Conveyor Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project: requested \$50,000.00. Project involves rehabilitation and painting conveyor belt over Wayne Sullivan Drive. Ken Canter was the applicant for this project so he left the room for the vote and discussion. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, Ken Canter absent. **APPROVED.**

Chairman Pritchett then stated the next portion of the meeting would be the prioritization of the approved applications. Ed Riney, Ken Canter and Norb Whitlock then left the room. After discussion, the remaining three board members prioritized the applications as follows:

1. Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority: Dock Repairs: **requested \$32,500.00, approved \$32,500.00.**
2. Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority: Conveyor Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project: **requested \$50,000.00, approved \$50,000.00.**
3. Louisville & Jefferson County Riverport Authority: Riverport Bulk Terminal Access Road Paving Project: **requested \$37,500.00, approved \$13,057.75.**
4. Owensboro Riverport Authority: ORA Grain Products Entrance Road Project: **requested \$35,000.00, approved \$0.00.**

Keith Landry made a motion to approve the above prioritization. Second by Steve Alley. 3 Yea, 0 Nay, 3 absent. Ed Riney, Ken Canter and Norb Whitlock then returned to the room.

The board decided the next meeting of the Advisory Board would be held on **June 20, 2013** possibly in Louisville. There was discussion of having an update on the status of the FY 2013 Riverport Improvement projects as part of the agenda.

Ken Canter then wanted it recorded in the minutes the Water Transportation Advisory Boards appreciation to Jeremy Edgeworth for his service to the Board. Mr. Edgeworth has taken a new position and will be leaving the Cabinet.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:45pm.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

Water Transportation Advisory Board staff, KYTC