

Water Transportation Advisory Board



Wednesday, December 4, 2024
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ET



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Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): _____

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 1:01 PM on June 24, 2024 held at the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort KY.

The WTAB members in attendance were:

Brian Wright, Chair	Amanda Davenport
Billy Ray Coursey, Vice Chair	Wayne Cassady
Chuck Davis	Tim Cahill
Miguel Zamora	

Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC	Ben Weithman, Henderson Riverport
Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC	Lona Weithman, Henderson Riverport
Greg Curlin, Hickman Riverport	Jerry Pace, West Kentucky Regional Riverport
Lauren O'Brien, CT Consultants	Jennifer Kirchner, KBT
Rachel Bayens, Government Strategies	Jake Rice, KYTC
Jay Balaji, KYTC	Owen McNeil, Maysville Mason County Riverport
Tyler McHugh, Maysville Mason County Riverport	Garrett Honaker, Maysville Mason County Riverport
Eric Patton, Greenup County Fiscal Court	

Welcome and Introductions:

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and all attendees introduced themselves.

Public Comment Period:

The Chair invited all attendees to make comments. No public comments were made.

Presentation of Minutes from June 9, 2023

The minutes of the June 9, 2023, meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Tim Cahill, seconded by Miguel Zamora.

Update on Status of Open and Closed KRI projects

Jeremy Edgeworth presented a PowerPoint presentation of open and closed projects and invited representatives from the Riverports to discuss the status of their projects.

- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)- Barge Positioning Winch System- Project installed a barge positioning winch system that through a remote control shifts a barge when loading/unloading. Winch system has been installed; the project has been closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Laydown Yard Project-Project graded, cleared, and leveled 3 acres and spread 2 inches dense grade aggregate to create additional port storage capabilities. Installed rip rap in necessary areas to prevent further erosion. Work is completed; the project has been closed.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project-Project made repairs to Mooring Cell 3, Mooring Cell 4, and Mooring Cell 6. Included adding ballast, replacing damaged guardrail and patch plates over open interlock. Work is completed; the project has been closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Caterpillar 330 Hydraulic Excavator Project-Project purchased new CAT 330 Excavator to expand operations a redundancy to Sennebogen material handler. Excavator has been delivered; KYTC Inspection scheduled for 6/28.

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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority
Caterpillar 330 Hydraulic Excavator Project
Total Cost: \$368,122.00 – Awarded: \$184,061.00
Status: **Excavator delivered; project closed**

Project purchased new CAT 330 Excavator which will provide additional use capabilities, expand operations, and provide opportunities for diversity in commodity expansion. Would also provide redundancy to Sennebogen material handler used in daily operations.

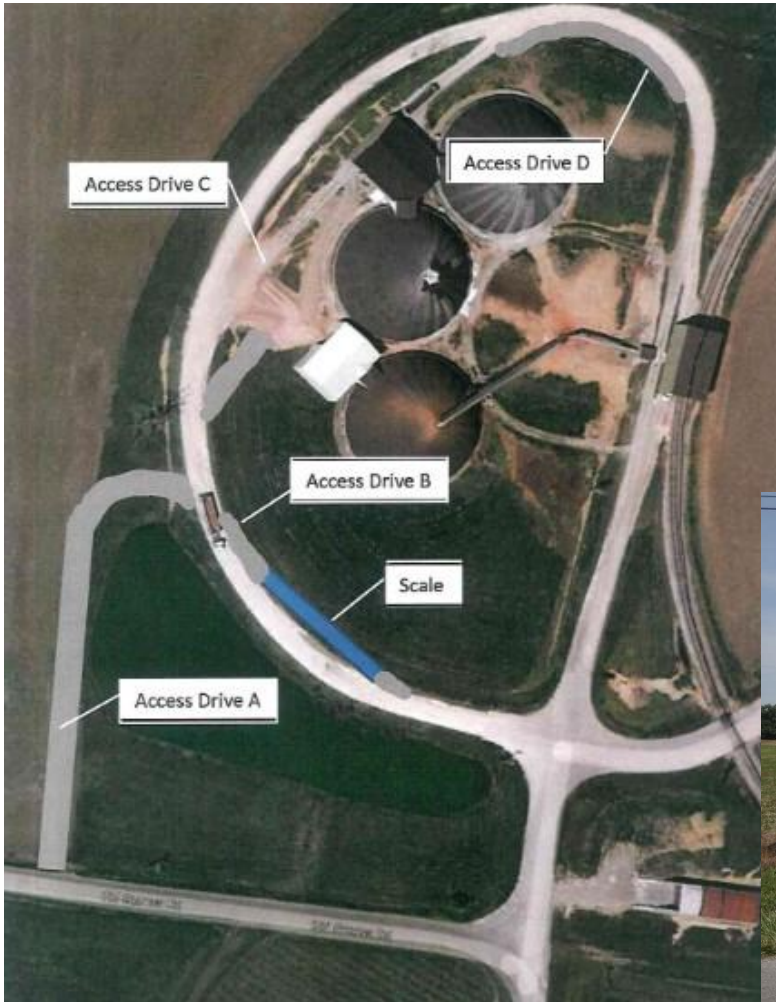


Henderson County Riverport Authority Automated Truck Scale Project

Total Cost: \$244,913.63 – Awarded: \$122,000.00

Status: **Work completed, KYTC Inspected, Administrative Closeout needed**

Project installed new automatic scale at a new location that provides more efficient movement of trucks. Project also includes adding an access drive to divert traffic from busy intersection and sections of current access drives widened to allow two lanes of traffic, increasing efficiency of the operation and reduced idle times.



Owensboro Riverport Authority

10,000lb Forklift Project

Total Cost: \$78,950.00 – Awarded: \$16,169.57

Status: **Forklift ordered August 2023; delivery delayed to mid December 2024**

Proposed project would purchase a new 10,000 lb. forklift to unload metals (aluminum and steel) received by barge or railcar. New forklift would provide improved emissions, improve fuel consumption, improved safety standards, and savings on maintenance.



Owensboro Riverport Authority

25,000lb Forklift Project

Total Cost: \$231,719.20 – Awarded: \$115,859.60

Status: **Forklift ordered August 2023; delivery delayed to late December 2024**



Proposed project would purchase new 25,000 lb. forklift to handle metals (aluminum and steel) for both placing in storage and loading for outbound. New forklift would improve fuel consumption, improve safety standards, and savings on maintenance. New forklift would replace 2014 model with limited availability of replacement parts.



Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority 4th Street Concrete Aprons Project

Total Cost: \$61,020.00 – Awarded: \$30,510.00

Status: **Work completed, KYTC Inspected, Administrative Closeout needed**

Project replaced two 1970-1980s vintage entranceways and aprons. Both entranceways have far exceeded their life expectancy, are extremely deteriorated and need to be replaced with hardened concrete and rebar to support increasing truck shipment activities. Replacement aprons will provide increased access into the bulk commodity storage yard and radioactive materials license designated yard areas.



Henderson County Riverport Authority
12,000 lbs. Forklift Project
Total Cost: \$96,900.00 – Awarded: \$27,413.00
Status: **Forklift ordered; delivery scheduled for late May 2025.**



Project will replace an older 11,000 lbs. forklift near the end of its useful life with a new Taylor GTR-120 or equivalent. Replacing forklift fleet will ensure enough units to accommodate customers needs.



Henderson County Riverport Authority
15,500 lbs. Forklift Project
Total Cost: \$119,200.00 – Awarded: \$95,360.00
Status: **Forklift ordered; delivery scheduled for late March 2025.**



Project will replace an older 15,500 lbs. forklift near the end of its useful life with a new Taylor GT-155 or equivalent. Replacing forklift fleet will ensure enough units to accommodate customers needs.



Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority Dock Dredging Project

Total Cost: \$81,720.00 – Awarded: \$65,376.00

Status: **Dredging completed in August, in process of closing out grant.**

Proposed project dredged a 700 ft. by 30 ft. area around the docks and remove approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material to maintain normal business operations.



Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority
Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project
Total Cost: \$24,500.00 – Awarded: \$19,600.00
Status: Bid packet approved, bid window closes January 6th.



Project will design and construct new spreader bar and coil hooks for unloading different size wire coils from barges. Current equipment is wearing out and is not compatible with the different sizes of wire coils handled by the riverport.

Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority
Caterpillar 255 Skid Steer Project

Total Cost: \$81,508.00 – Awarded: \$65,207.00

Status: **MOA awaiting KYTC signatures, will procure from MA in March 2025**

Project will replace leased skid steer with 2025 hours with a new CAT 255 on statewide master agreement. Skid steer is used at port to transload bulk materials from barges and rail cars. Skid steers clean barges carrying bulk materials and recover spillage incurred in transload operations.



Owensboro Riverport Authority

Low Road Loadout Project

Total Cost: \$305,497.00 – Awarded: \$152,749.00

Status: **Project 80% complete, concrete pour planned for 12/5.**



Project will stabilize and concrete the bulk loadout dock. Area is subject to soft soils and saturated ground. When loading materials, trucks dumping in this area are getting stuck and contaminating material being staged. Project would allow for sufficient drainage and provide concrete stabilization for operations.



Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
48-foot Flatbed Trailer Project
Total Cost: \$35,300.00 –Awarded: \$28,240.00
Status: **Trailer delivered, in process of closing out grant.**



Project purchased a 48-foot, spring slider, steel chassis flatbed trailer to replace rented trailer. Trailer is used to distribute supersacks arriving by barge into multiple port owned warehouses before distribution to the region. Purchase of trailer would create redundancy by avoiding days when a flatbed trailer is not available to rent.

Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority
Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project
Total Cost: \$57,569.00 – KRI Funds Awarded: \$46,055.00
Status: **Skid Steer delivered, in process of closing out grant.**

Project replaced existing 2015 Bobcat near the end of its useful life with a new Bobcat S650 utilizing a statewide master agreement. Skid Steer is utilized with discharging operations at bulk commodity river berth.





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Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority Dolphin Installation Project

Total Cost: \$1,498,905.00 – Awarded: \$750,000.00

Status: **Engineering & design in process, bid out for construction in early spring**

Project would install three mooring dolphins to facilitate the staging of additional barges. The mooring dolphins will provide efficient access for the movement of barge traffic without delaying current operations at the port.



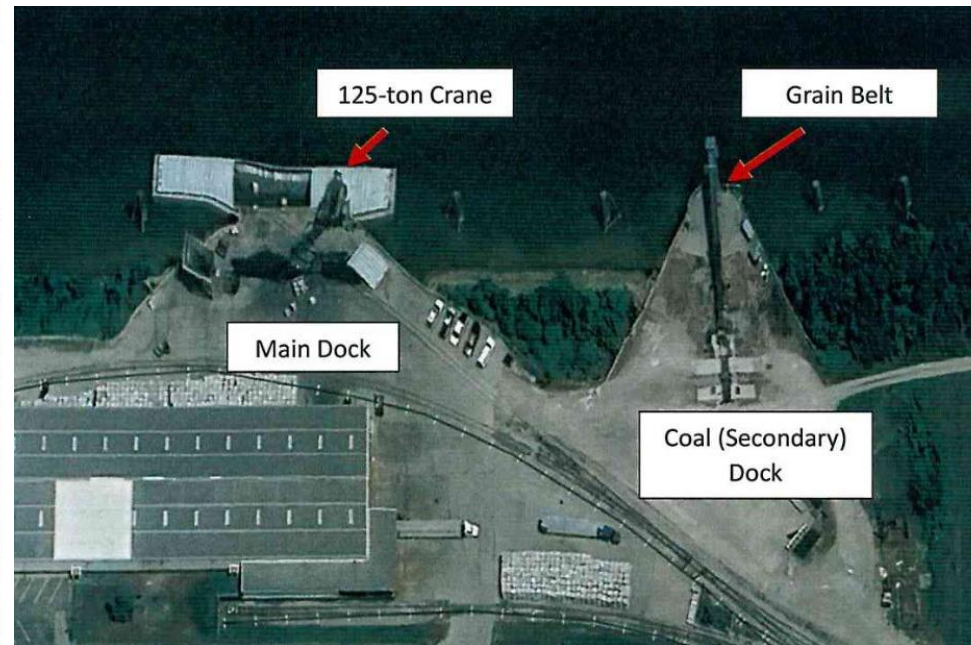
Henderson County Riverport Authority Electric Material Handler Project

Total Cost: \$2,000,190.00 – Awarded: \$750,000.00

Status: Bid process completed, board to vote Dec 12th on accepting best bid

Secondary Dock/Grain Belt

Project will purchase a new material handler to replace the mobile conveyor system at secondary dock slated for removal. Material handler would facilitate loading and unloading of bulk fertilizer, aggregates, grain and scrap. Would also provide backup to existing 40-year-old 125-ton cable crane.

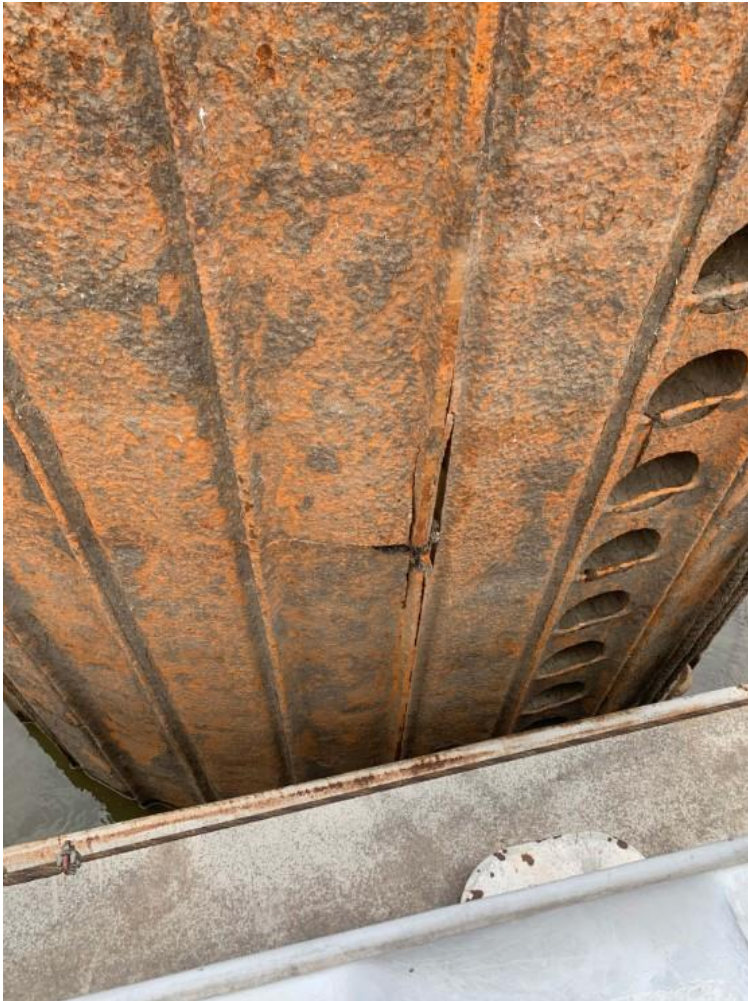


Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project

Total Cost: \$550,000.00 – Awarded: \$481,900.00

Status: **Conveyor Mooring Cell repairs have been bid out, work will begin in Spring.**

Project would make long term repairs to Mooring Cells 2, 3, and 4. Temporary patches and repairs have been made, but full circumference bands are needed for protection and stability and to prevent loss of internal ballast stone.



Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project

Total Cost: \$305,100.00 – Awarded: \$268,100.00

Status: **Loader has been delivered, in process of closing out grant.**



Project replaced wheel loader from 2003 that has become increasingly difficult to maintain due to its age. New Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader would be used to load and unload bulk materials to truck once unloaded from barges. Loader would be purchased from Statewide Master Agreement.



Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority Gantry Crane Rehab Project

Total Cost: \$700,000.00 – Awarded: \$700,000.00

Status: **MOA awaiting KYTC signatures, working on RFP, mid February rehab begins**



Project will replace 35-year-old gantry cranes electronic power, command control, cab, and braking systems. Rehab project would make river transportation more reliable for customers, improve safety and make river dock's business sustainable.

Maysville Mason County Riverport Authority
Riverport Equipment Purchase Project
Total Cost: \$622,522.00 – Awarded: \$622,522.00

Status: **Agreements have been returned and are being circulated for KYTC signatures**



Project will purchase Triple Stack Portable Transfer Conveyor, Large Wheel Loader, and Radial Stacker to allow Riverport to continue current operations consisting of loading coal ash from the adjacent rail line facility. Also allow expansion of operations to include agricultural transport.

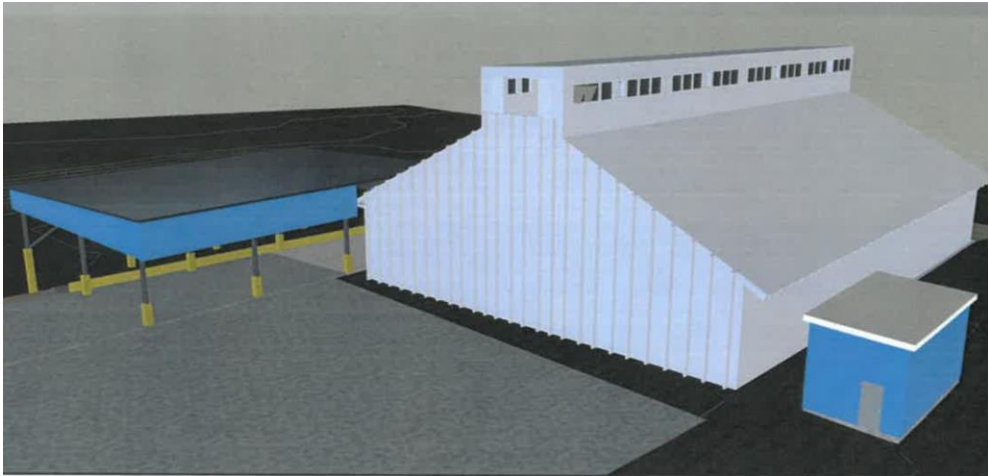


Owensboro Riverport Authority

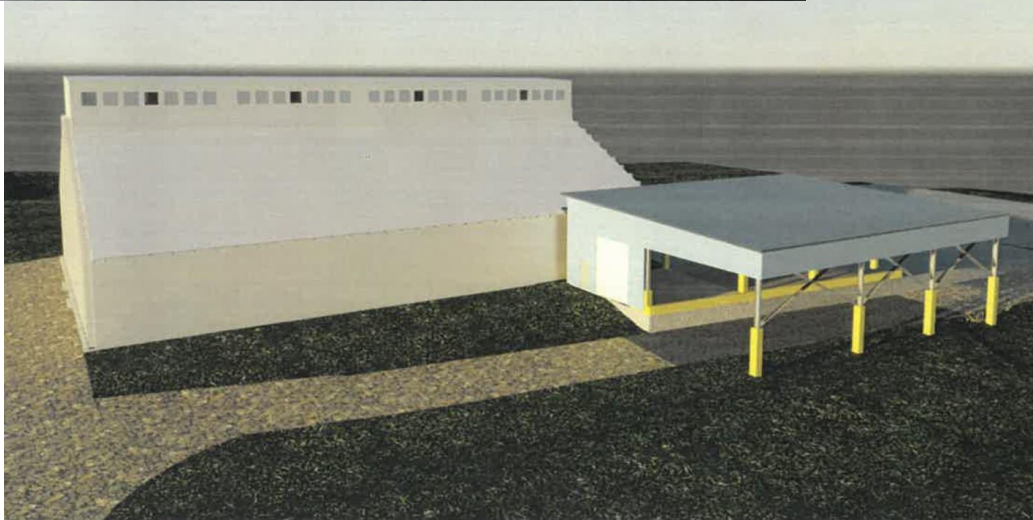
Warehouse 10 Project

Total Cost: \$1,063,954.00 – Awarded: \$750,000.00

Status: **Contractor has been selected, kick off meeting conducted 11/21**

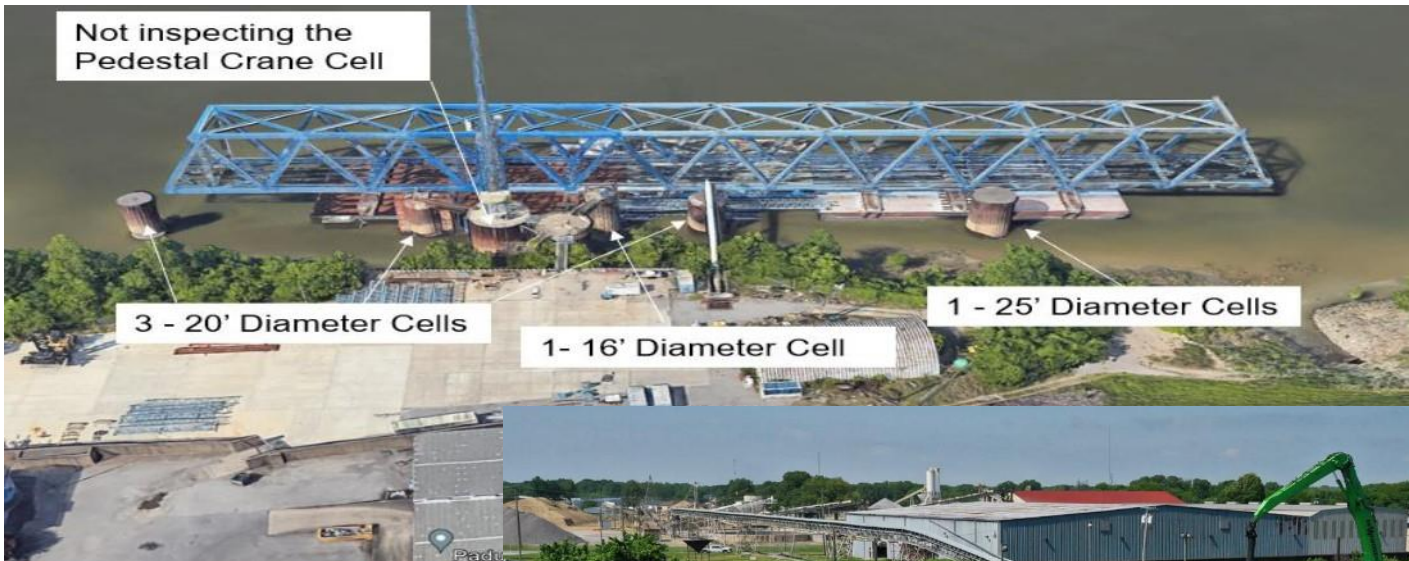


ORA recently purchased the disused property and rehabilitated existing structures. This project will be 2nd phase to install new electric and build an overhang dock area for loading out during all conditions prior to being able to lease out facility for bulk storage.



Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority Barge Cell Revitalization Project Total Cost: \$750,000.00 – Awarded: \$750,000.00

Status: **Engineering firm selected to begin inspection, inspection to be completed by 1/17/2025**



Project involves inspection of nine barge cells by engineers and divers and then begin making repairs to the most needed barge cells. Repairs would involve patches or full bands and replenishing cell aggregate material.





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DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

TO: WATER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: _____
Name Position

Agency, Board, or Commission Telephone

MEMBER OF BOARD OR COMMISSION COMPLETES

1. Executive Order 2008-454 requires members appointed to policy making and regulatory boards or commissions to disclose in writing any interest he or she possesses or acquires that might reasonably tend to create a conflict with the public interest. Please be advised that I have the following business, financial or personal interest which may create an actual or perceived conflict:

2. The following matter is before this board or commission and is related to the above interest:

3. I have the following duties or responsibilities to the board or commission that are related to the above interest:

4. a. A decision on this matter will take place, or took place, on _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) Yes No

b. I participated, or plan to participate, in the decision making process on this matter.

I did/will not participate in the decision making process on this matter.

5. I request advice from the board or commission regarding this matter.

Date Signature

BOARD OR COMMISSION DETERMINATION

_____ 1. The facts disclosed do not indicate a conflict of interest exists.

_____ 2. The facts disclosed indicated a conflict of interest because:

_____ 3. The board or commission action(s):

Date Chair

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FY 2025 KPRCM Funds

Available Funds: \$750,000 per port

- *HB 1, (225) \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year to the General Administration and Support budget unit in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports within Kentucky. Of this amount, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority to support predevelopment archaeological activities. In addition, each existing public riverport shall receive \$750,000 in each fiscal year for construction and maintenance as authorized by KRS 65.520 and for eligible use as described in KRS 174.210(3), and no local match shall be required. Any remaining balance shall be distributed at the Transportation Cabinet Secretary's discretion and may be disbursed to riverport authorities for existing and developing riverports. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any portion of these funds that have not been expended by the end of fiscal year 2024-2025 shall not lapse and shall carry forward into fiscal year 2025-2026;*
 - \$750,000 for each public riverport authority
 - No local match required

FY 2025 KPRCM Funds

Available Funds: \$750,000 per port

- Eligible projects as outlined in KRS 174.210(3) shall provide for new construction and major replacement or repair projects, including but not limited to improvement of docks, wharves, equipment, port buildings, storage facilities, roads and railroads to facilitate the flow of commerce through the port, other on-site improvements, and related professional services.
- Projects must be within the boundary of the public riverport authority, on facilities or equipment owned or leased by the public riverport authority, or facilities or equipment that will be owned by the public riverport authority upon completion of the project.
- Eligible projects shall not include routine operations, maintenance, or repair activities.
- \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed to the West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority to support predevelopment archaeological activities.
- Board members will vote on whether the submitted project meets the outlined criteria to be considered eligible for KPRCM funding.



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Applications for FY 2025 KPRCM Funds-Round 2

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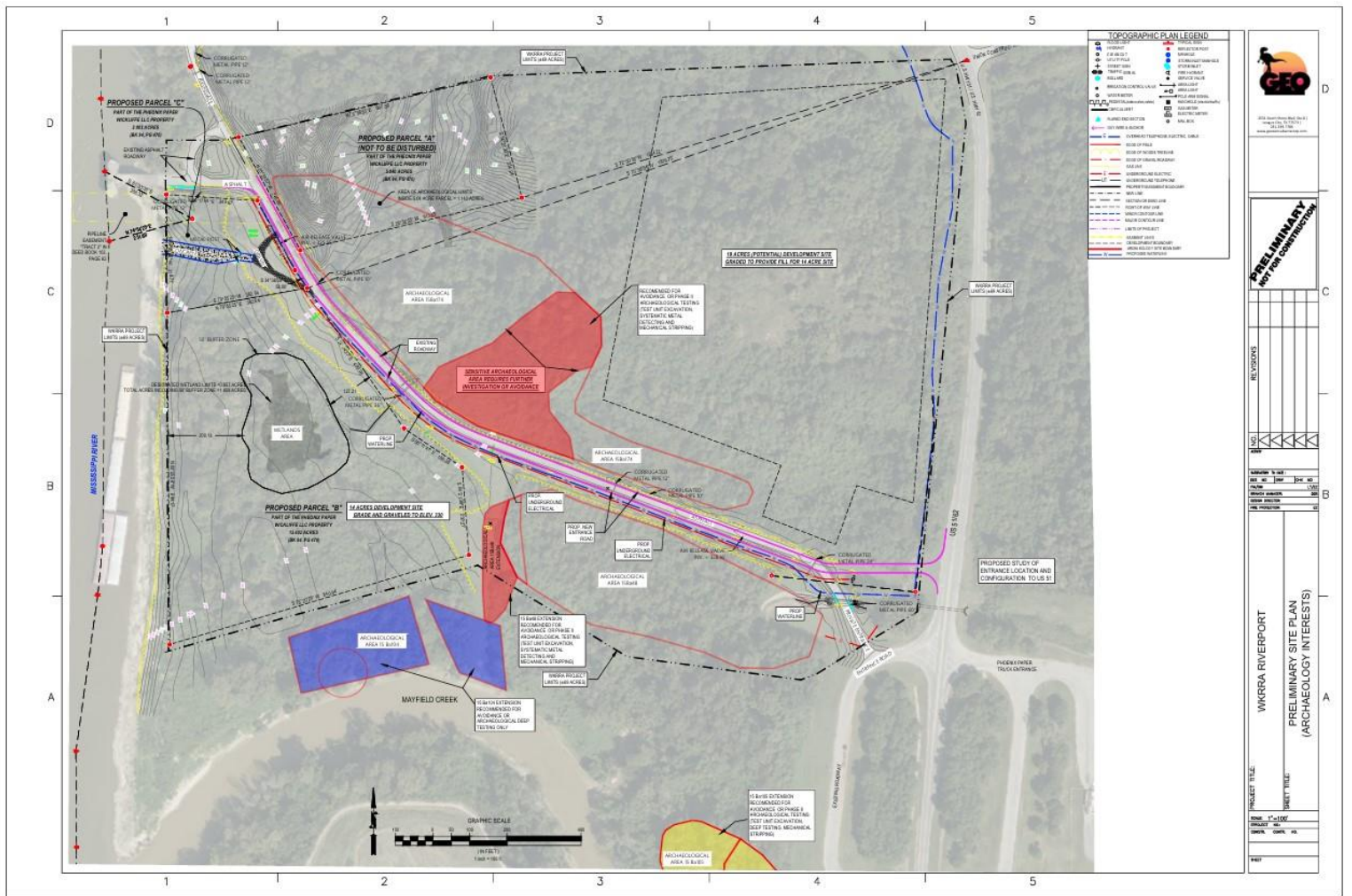
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Greenup-Boyd	Material Handling Replacement & Improvements	\$1,425,801.18	\$750,000.00
West Kentucky	Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson	\$250,988.00	\$250,000.00
	Total	\$1,676,789.18	\$1,000,000.00

Greenup Boyd County Riverport Authority
Material Handling Replacement & Improvement Project
Total Cost: \$1,425,801.18 – KPRCM Funds Requested: \$750,000.00

Project would purchase a new material handler, skid steer and backhoe to enhance barge offloading capabilities and movement of materials through the riverport. New material handler would replace older unit nearing the end of its useful life, and the addition of the skid steer and backhoe would improve operational efficiency, safety and productivity.



West Kentucky Regional Riverport Authority Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson Project Total Cost: \$250,988.00 – KPRCM Funds Requested: \$250,000.00



WKRRRA is proposing to develop a new 19-acre inland riverport on the location of the former Fort Jefferson. Project would document and recover cultural resources in the proposed Fort Jefferson areas to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Once complete, WKRRRA can begin development of the riverport.



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