

Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
December 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): February 28, 2025

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 1:03 PM on December 4, 2024, held online.

The WTAB members in attendance were:

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

Also, in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC	Eric Patton, Greenup County Fiscal Court
Keith Hieneman, Greenup Boyd Riverport Authority	Jim Garrett, Paducah Riverport
David Rambo, Western Kentucky Riverport	Greg Curlin, Hickman Riverport
Sean Miller, HMB Engineers	Tyler McHugh, Maysville Mason County Riverport
Chad Dorsey, MARAD	Ben Weithman, Henderson Riverport
Cheryl Chino, HDR	Christine Russell, Northern KY Port
Jack Mundy, GEO Consultants	Jennifer Kirchner, KBT
Jerry Pace, West Kentucky Regional Riverport	Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC
Jake Rice, KYTC	

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 24, 2024

The minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Miguel Zamora, seconded by Amanda Davenport.

Update on Status of Open and Closed KRI projects

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

- Amanda Davenport (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; project has been closed.
- Ben Weithman (Henderson Riverport)-Automated Truck Scale Project-Project installed new automatic truck scales that provide more efficient movement of trucks. Project also includes adding access drives to divert traffic increasing efficiency. Work is completed; KYTC Inspection completed, administrative closeout in progress.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-10,00lbs Forklift Project-Project would purchase a new 10,000lbs forklift to unload metals receive by barge or railcar. Forklift was ordered August 2023; delivery is delayed until late December 2024 due to supplier issues.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-25,00lbs Forklift Project-Project would purchase a new 25,000lbs forklift to handle metals for placing in storage and loading for outbound. Forklift was ordered August 2023; delivery is delayed until late December 2024 due to supplier issues.

- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-4th Street Concrete Aprons Project-Project replaces two 1970-1980s vintage entranceways and aprons that are extremely deteriorated. Replacement aprons provide increased access into bulk commodity storage yard. Work is completed; KYTC Inspection completed, administrative closeout in progress.
- Ben Weithman (Henderson Riverport)-12,000 lbs. Forklift Project-Project would purchase a new 12,000 lbs. forklift to replace an older 11,000 lbs. model nearing the end of its useful life. Forklift has been ordered; delivery scheduled for late May 2025.
- Ben Weithman (Henderson Riverport)-15,500 lbs. Forklift Project-Project would purchase a new 15,500 lbs. forklift to replace an older 15,500 lbs. model nearing the end of its useful life. Forklift has been ordered; delivery scheduled for late March 2025.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Dock Dredging Project-Project dredged a 700 ft. by 30 ft. area around the docks and removed approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material to maintain normal business operations. Work was completed in August; administrative closeout in progress.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project- Project will design and construct new spreader bar and coil hooks for unloading different size wire coils from barges. Bid packet has been approved, bid window closes January 6th.
- Miguel Zamora (Louisville Riverport)-Caterpillar 255 Skid Steer Project-Project will replace leased skid steer with 2025 hours with a new CAT 255 on statewide master agreement. Agreement is being finalized; skid steer to be procured in March 2025 when current lease expires.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Low Road Loadout Project-Project will stabilize and concrete the bulk loadout dock. Project is 80% complete, concrete scheduled for pouring on 12/5 depending on weather.
- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-48-foot Flatbed Trailer Project-Project purchased a 48-foot, spring slider, steel chassis flatbed trailer to replace rented trailer. Trailer has been delivered, awaiting KYTC inspection for closeout.
- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project-Project replaced existing 2015 Bobcat near the end of its useful life with a new Bobcat S650 utilizing a statewide master agreement. Skid Steer has been delivered, awaiting KYTC inspection for closeout.

Update on Status of Open and Closed KPRCM projects

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

- Amanda Davenport (Eddyville Riverport)-Dolphin Installation Project-Project will install three mooring dolphins to facilitate the staging of additional barges. Engineering firm has been selected, design in process, expect to bid out construction in early spring.
- Ben Weithman (Henderson Riverport)-Electric Material Handler Project-Project will purchase a new material handler to replace the mobile conveyor system at secondary dock slated for removal. Bidding process has been completed, board to vote on accepting bid on 12/12.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project- Project would make long term repairs to Mooring Cells 2, 3, and 4. Conveyor Mooring Cell has been bid out, work will begin in Spring.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project-Project replaced wheel loader from 2003 that had become increasingly difficult to maintain due to its age. Loader has been delivered, awaiting KYTC inspection for closeout.
- Miguel Zamora (Louisville Riverport)-Gantry Crane Rehab Project-Project will replace 35-year-old gantry cranes electronic power, command control, cab, and braking systems. Agreement is being finalized; working on RFP, anticipate mid-February rehab to begin.
- Tyler McHugh (Maysville Riverport)-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. Agreement is being finalized.

- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Warehouse 10 Project-This project will install new electric and build an overhang dock area for loading out during all conditions to a recently rehabbed warehouse. Contractor has been selected, kick off meeting conducted 11/21.
- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-Barge Cell Revitalization Project-Project involves inspection of nine barge cells by engineers and divers and then begin making repairs to the most needed barge cells. Engineering firm selected, inspection to begin this month.

Conflicts of Interest for Board Members

Prior to discussion of KRI project applications, Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Statement forms were finalized. Conflict of Interest Statement forms were completed, and the Chair reported that no board members had a conflict of interest with any of the submitted projects.

Review FY 2025 Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) program

Jeremy Edgeworth reviewed the FY 25 KPRCM program and reiterated to the board the criteria by which the projects should be reviewed for eligibility based upon the legislation.

Review of FY 2025 Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM)-Second Call project applications

Two applications were received for the funding available through the FY 2025 KPRCM grant program by the deadline. Jeremy Edgeworth announced each project and applicants presented the details of the project to the Board. Board members then asked any questions of the applicants. The applications requested \$1,000,000.00.

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	KPRCM Funds Requested
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
<i>Total</i>		\$1,676,789.18	\$1,000,000.00

Project Eligibility discussion:

Jeremy Edgeworth had previously emailed a customized Project Eligibility Ballot to each WTAB member. Board members evaluated each project for which they did not have a conflict of interest as eligible for funding. These ballots were emailed back to Jeremy Edgeworth for tabulation. All applications were unanimously determined to be eligible. Thus, the recommendation of the board was to fund the following projects:

Riverport	Project	KPRCM Funds Requested	KPRCM Funding Recommendation
Greenup/Boyd	Material Handling Replacement & Improvements	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
West Kentucky	Archaeological Excavation of Fort Jefferson	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
<i>Total</i>		\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

The board then unanimously approved on motion of Tim Cahill, seconded by Miguel Zamora these are the funding amounts to recommend to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet for approval.

Discussion of the next WTAB meeting

Jeremy Edgeworth announced that another call for projects for riverports to expend the remaining KPRCM funds would be in early 2025 which would require another WTAB meeting, probably virtually. There was discussion about who would be eligible for these leftover funds and the process as well as the FY 26 round of KPRCM funds and KRI funds.

There being no further business, on motion of Tim Cahill, seconded by Miguel Zamora and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

Water Transportation Advisory Board Staff, KYTC