

Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): May 27, 2021

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 1:06 PM on January 7, 2021 held virtually.

The WTAB members in attendance were:

Brian Wright, Chair	Greg Curlin, Vice Chair
Wayne Cassady	Matt Yates
Billy Ray Coursey	Joe Crabtree

Also in attendance were:

Tim Cahill, Paducah Riverport	Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC
Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC	Shelly Byrne, Waterways Journal
Keith Damson, American Engineers	Chad Dorsey, MARAD
Karl Jefferson, National Waterways Foundation	Scott Thomson, KYTC

Welcome and Introductions:

Jeremy Edgeworth provided general housekeeping reminders for the virtual meeting after which the meeting was turned over to the Chair to conduct. 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 July 22, 2020

The minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Billy Ray Coursey, seconded by Wayne Cassady.

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.

- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)-Warehouse Restoration-This project used up remaining Crane Bridge and Dock Dredging funds. Work repaired an existing warehouse that was customized for pipe manufacturing and needed to be restored to original condition for use as dry storage. Work has been completed and the project has been closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Realignment of Agri-Chem Access Road- Project involved the realignment of the access road along Agri-Chem and resurfacing the scale road. Work has been completed and the project has been closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Roll-Up Garage Doors for the Truck Pit Project-Project involved the installation of two roll-up doors on truck pit to reduce rodent infestation and connect the doors to the power supply. Work has been completed and the project has been closed.
- Matt Yates (Louisville Riverport)-Riverport Rail Tie Replacement #6-Project replaces 1,900 ties to hold gage of 13 miles of track owned by Riverport. Condition of track has caused CSX shutdowns of service. Work has been completed and is in invoicing phase.
- Jeremy Edgeworth (Henderson Riverport)-Forklift Project- Project purchased a new 30,000 lb capacity forklift to replace the forklift currently being rented. Forklift has been delivered. Truck hopper is also

being replaced and railcar belt conveyor constructed to use up remaining funds. Truck hopper has been completed, rail car belt conveyor fabrication is progressing, awaiting parts.

- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Erosion Control (Rip Rap) Project- Project provides 2,500 tons of rip rap rock to stabilize riverbanks and ditch lines. Work has been completed and the project has been closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Sheet Pile Shoring Walls Project-Project will drive sheet piling along bank and add embankment backfill material to correct eroded banks near boat repair well/bay. Construction level documents and plans are progressing.
- Jeremy Edgeworth (Henderson Riverport)-Mooring Dolphin Replacement Project- Project removes 2 damaged mooring dolphins installed in 1980 and installs 2 new mooring dolphins. Contract has been awarded, applied for and awaiting USACE permit.
- Matt Yates (Louisville Riverport)-Riverport Rail Tie Replacement #7-Project will replace 1,000 ties and 49 switch ties to hold gage of 13 miles of track owned by Riverport. Project is in the work planning phase.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-CAT 950M Front End Loader Project-Project will replace the existing 2009 front end loader that is becoming increasingly unreliable with a new front-end loader using a statewide master agreement. Order has been placed, February delivery.
- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-River Belt Discharge Chute Refurbishment Project-Project will refurbish the triple pantleg chute to repair third chute to reopen access to concrete storage pad. Contract has been awarded, fabrication of the chute to begin soon.

Conflicts of Interest for Board Members

Prior to discussion of KRI project applications, Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Statement forms were finalized. Prior to the meeting, Conflict of Interest Statement forms had been emailed to all board member and upon completion were forwarded to the Chair before the meeting began. The Chair reported that one board member had a conflict of interest that was noted on their forms. That member will not vote or prioritize their submitted projects for funding.

Review and Prioritization of FY 2021-Second Call Kentucky Riverport Improvement projects applications

Two applications were received for the \$50,000 in remaining funding available through the FY 2021 KRI 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. Eddyville was asked to prioritize their submission by importance and Mr. Coursey indicated the Guardrail project was their biggest priority. The applications requested \$104,944.00 in funding.

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	Requested
Eddyville	Cargo Yard Concrete Pad Extension Project	\$113,058.00	\$56,529.00
Eddyville	Guardrail Installation Access Ramp Project	\$96,830.00	\$48,415.00
<i>Total</i>		\$209,888.00	\$104,944.00

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.

Project Prioritization discussion:

Jeremy Edgeworth had previously distributed a customized Project Prioritization Ballot to each WTAB member. Board members ranked each project for which they did not have a conflict of interest from highest priority to

lowest priority for funding. The customized ballots omitted any projects for which the Board member had a conflict of interest preventing them from prioritizing those projects. These ballots were emailed back to Jeremy Edgeworth for tabulation.

After calculating the total score for each project, and ranking the projects by their average score, the WTAB board prioritized the awarding of the KRI funds as follows:

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	Requested	WTAB Score	WTAB Rank
Eddyville	Truck Pit Guardrail Installation	\$96,830.00	\$48,415.00	1	1
Eddyville	Yard Concrete Pad Extension	\$113,058.00	\$56,529.00	2	2
<i>Total</i>		\$209,888.00	\$104,944.00		

The board proposed fully funding the first project on the prioritization list as follows:

Riverport	Project	WTAB Rank	KRI Requested	KRI Funding Recommendation
Eddyville	Truck Pit Guardrail Installation	1	\$48,415.00	\$48,415.00
Eddyville	Yard Concrete Pad Extension	2	\$56,529.00	No funding
<i>Total</i>			\$209,888.00	\$48,415.00

The board then unanimously approved on motion of Joe Crabtree, seconded by Greg Curlin these are the funding amounts to recommend to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet for approval.

Update on Status of Riverport Study

While WTAB staff were tallying the results of the KRI prioritization, Mikael Pelfrey updated the board on the status Riverport Study. The study is progressing. The port site visits have been completed. The first Summit was held in November. The Second Summit will occur in a few months.

Other Business

Jeremy Edgeworth discussed the potential for FY 22 Riverport Improvement Grant Funding. The funding request is in the current versions of the budget, but we will have to see if it remains when the budget is approved. Brian Wright announced on January 13th will be a joint Kentucky Association of Riverports and Waterways Committee/Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT) meeting. It will be held virtually due to the pandemic. The full KBT conference will be January 20-22 and held virtually. Brian Wright led a discussion of eligibility of COVID vaccinations for riverport workers as 1C employees. Chad Dorsey briefly talked about possible upcoming federal funding options from MARAD. Joe Crabtree announced the TRB Inland Waterways Committee Meeting would be held virtually on January 12th. Chad Dorsey announced the Maritime Administrator’s Ports and Waterways Sector conference call on January 14th at 3:30pm will cover COVID impacts.

There being no further business, on motion of Matt Yates, seconded by Billy Ray Coursey and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted:
 Jeremy Edgeworth
 Water Transportation Advisory Board Staff, KYTC