

Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): 01/07/2021

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 10:03 AM on July 22, 2020 held virtually.

The WTAB members in attendance were:

Brian Wright, Chair
Wayne Cassady
Billy Ray Coursey
Steve Alley

Greg Curlin, Vice Chair
Matt Yates
Joe Crabtree

Also in attendance were:

Tim Cahill, Paducah Riverport
Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC
Greg Pritchett, Henderson Riverport

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. Tim Cahill the new Paducah Riverport director introduced himself to the Board. Joe Crabtree, new Board member, introduced himself to those in attendance. No other public comments were made.

Presentation of Minutes from October 3, 2019

The minutes of the October 3, 2019 meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Wayne Cassady, seconded by Greg Curlin.

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)-Dock Forklift-Project was to replace the existing worn forklift. Size of forklift is limited by size of crane bridge and lifting capacity. Equipment has been delivered and the project has been closed.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Railroad Maintenance and Repair- Project maintains & repairs rail track on port rail loop replacing 575 crossties and 60 switchties. Work has been completed and the project has been closed.
- Matt Yates (Louisville Riverport)-Riverport Rail Tie Replacement #5-Project replaced 1,500 ties to hold gage of 13 miles of track owned by Riverport. Work has been completed and project has been closed.
- 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 is awaiting final KYTC inspection.

- 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 is awaiting final KYTC inspection.
- 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 is awaiting final KYTC inspection.
- 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. Contractor has been selected and work is scheduled to begin soon.
- Greg Pritchett (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 to use up remaining funds. Contractor has been selected and work on the truck hopper is progressing.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Erosion Control (Rip Rap) Project- Project provides 2,500 tons of rip rap rock to stabilize riverbanks and ditch lines. Rip Rap has been delivered and staff are in process of placing in ditch lines.

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 three board members had a conflict of interest that were noted on their forms. Those members were not allowed to vote or prioritize their submitted projects for funding.

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

Seven applications were received for the \$475,000 in available funding available through the FY 2021 KRI grant program by the deadline. Jeremy Edgeworth announced each project and applicants in attendance presented the details of the project to the Board. Board members then asked any questions of the applicants. Eddyville was asked to prioritize their three submission by importance and Mr. Coursey indicated the Sheet Pile Shoring Walls was their biggest priority. The applications requested \$603,830.00 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
Eddyville	Sheet Pile Shoring Walls Near Boat Repair Bay	\$231,990.00	\$115,995.00
Henderson	Mooring Dolphin Replacement Project	\$228,000.00	\$114,000.00
Louisville	Riverport Rail Tie Replacement #7 Project	\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00
Owensboro	CAT 950M Front End Loader Project	\$253,506.00	\$126,753.00
Paducah	River Belt Discharge Chute Refurbish Project	\$34,276.00	\$17,138.00

Total \$1,207,660.00 \$603,830.00

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
Henderson	Mooring Dolphin Replacement	\$228,000.00	\$114,000.00	1.86	1
Eddyville	Sheet Pile Shoring Walls	\$231,990.00	\$115,995.00	2.83	2
Paducah	Belt Discharge Chute Refurbish	\$34,276.00	\$17,138.00	2.86	3
Owensboro	Front End Loader Replacement	\$253,506.00	\$126,753.00	3.5	4
Louisville	Riverport Rail Tie #7	\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00	4.83	5
Eddyville	Yard Concrete Pad Extension	\$113,058.00	\$56,529.00	5	6
Eddyville	Truck Pit Guardrail Installation	\$96,830.00	\$48,415.00	5.67	7
<i>Total</i>		\$1,207,660.00	\$603,830.00		

The board proposed fully funding the first four projects on the prioritization list and awarding the remaining funds to Louisville Riverport for their Rail Tie #7 Project with a reduced Scope of Work as follows:

Riverport	Project	WTAB Rank	KRI Requested	KRI Funding Recommendation
Henderson	Mooring Dolphin Replacement	1	\$114,000.00	\$114,000.00
Eddyville	Sheet Pile Shoring Walls	2	\$115,995.00	\$115,995.00
Paducah	Belt Discharge Chute Refurbish	3	\$17,138.00	\$17,138.00
Owensboro	Front End Loader Replacement	4	\$126,753.00	\$126,753.00
Louisville	Riverport Rail Tie #7	5	\$125,000.00	\$101,114.00
Eddyville	Yard Concrete Pad Extension	6	\$56,529.00	No funding
Eddyville	Truck Pit Guardrail Installation	7	\$48,415.00	No funding
<i>Total</i>			\$603,830.00	\$475,000.00

The board then unanimously approved on motion of Steve Alley, seconded by Joe Crabtree 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. In January 2018, Governor Bevin challenged the KBT Conference attendees to come up with a plan to better utilize Kentucky’s public Riverports. Small group of Riverports drafted RFP to address this challenge. With \$1 million dollar budget, KYTC selected Metro Analytics to conduct

study to identify goods and services that should be utilized on inland water system. Study also involves Economic Development Cabinet and will provide guidance to Riverports on how to better position themselves and market to industry. Notice to Proceed was issued in May, held Steering Committee meeting the end of June. Next steps will be Riverport site visits to assess operation and needs. Anticipate this to be 12-16-month process with next August as deadline.

There being no further business, on motion of Joe Crabtree, seconded by Matt Yates, and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

Water Transportation Advisory Board Staff, KYTC