

Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB)
June 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approved by WTAB (date): 06/09/2023

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board (WTAB) was called to order at 1:02 PM on June 10, 2022 held virtually.

The WTAB members in attendance were:

Brian Wright, Chair	Joe Crabtree, Vice Chair
Greg Pritchett	Steve Alley
Wayne Cassady	Tim Cahill
Billy Ray Coursey	

Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC	Jacob Rice, KYTC
Mikael Pelfrey, KYTC	Glen Kinder, Eddyville Riverport
Craig Guess, Bacon, Farmer, Workman	Miguel Zamora, Louisville Riverport
Greg Curlin, Hickman 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. No public comments were made.

Presentation of Minutes from May 27, 2021

The minutes of the May 27, 2021, meeting were presented and subsequently unanimously approved on motion of Joe Crabtree, seconded by Greg Pritchett.

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 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 and railcar belt conveyor constructed to use up remaining funds. Truck hopper has been completed, rail car belt conveyor has been completed, project closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Sheet Pile Shoring Walls Project-Project drove sheet piling along bank and added embankment backfill material to correct eroded banks near boat repair well/bay. Construction has been completed; project closed.
- Greg Pritchett (Henderson Riverport)-Mooring Dolphin Replacement Project- Project removed 2 damaged mooring dolphins installed in 1980 and installed 2 new mooring dolphins. Construction has been completed; project closed.
- Miguel Zamora (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. Increased work from Rail Tie #6 funds adds 21 switch ties, the tamping and regulating of 1-2 miles of main line, and all turnouts on industrial leads. Work is 95% done, all ties are in, waiting on tamping.

- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-River Belt Discharge Chute Refurbishment Project-Project refurbished the triple pantleg chute to repair third chute to reopen access to concrete storage pad. Chute has been fabricated and installed; project closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Guardrail Installation at Pit #2 Project-Project installed guardrail along the access ramps to Pit #2. Construction has been completed; project closed.
- Billy Ray Coursey (Eddyville Riverport)-Dock Tieback Repair Project- Proposed project would replace corroded tie back rods, install new whalers and steel plates on dock face, grout to fill voids, and install new precast concrete fenders. Work is complete, in invoicing phase.
- Greg Curlin (Hickman Riverport)- CAT 950GC Front End Loader Project-Project replaced existing 1980 CAT 966C loader that is becoming increasingly difficult to repair due to the age of the machine with a new CAT 950CG. Loader delivered; project closed.
- Miguel Zamora (Louisville Riverport)-Construction of Tangent Connection at Loop Project-Proposed project would construct 1,775 feet of new track and turnouts to allow rail traffic to bypass loop tracks. Bids are due June 22.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Compact Track Loader Project-Project purchased a new skid steer located on the new spud barge and used to assist new material handler when unloading bulk products. Loader delivered; project closed.
- Tim Cahill (Paducah Riverport)-Clamshell Bucket Replacement Project-Proposed project would replace existing material handler bucket that is experiencing recurring cracks with a new 4.5 cubic yard clamshell bucket. Bucket delivered, in invoicing phase.

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 was noted on their forms. Those members will not vote or prioritize their submitted projects for funding.

Review and Prioritization of FY 2023 Kentucky Riverport Improvement projects applications

Nine applications were received for the \$500,000 in funding available through the FY 2023 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. The applications requested \$647,203.00 in funding.

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	Requested
Eddyville	Barge Positioning Winch System Project	\$210,116.00	\$105,058.00
Eddyville	Laydown Yard Project	\$369,792.00	\$184,896.00
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	\$63,600.00	\$31,800.00
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00
Owensboro	Bucket for Liebherr LH 120 Project	\$114,980.00	\$57,490.00
Owensboro	Caterpillar 903D Wheel Loader Project	\$73,580.00	\$36,790.00
Owensboro	Grapple for Sennebogen 875 Project	\$71,824.00	\$35,912.00
Owensboro	Terminal Facility Asphalt Paving Project	\$145,072.00	\$72,536.00
Paducah	Bulk Commodity Receiving Hopper Project	\$145,442.00	\$72,721.00
<i>Total</i>		\$1,294,406.00	\$647,203.00

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 Rank
Eddyville	Barge Positioning Winch System Project	\$210,116.00	\$105,058.00	1
Paducah	Bulk Commodity Receiving Hopper Project	\$145,442.00	\$72,721.00	2
Owensboro	Bucket for Liebherr LH 120 Project	\$114,980.00	\$57,490.00	3
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	4
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	\$63,600.00	\$31,800.00	5
Owensboro	Caterpillar 903D Wheel Loader Project	\$73,580.00	\$36,790.00	6*
Owensboro	Grapple for Sennebogen 875 Project	\$71,824.00	\$35,912.00	6*
Eddyville	Laydown Yard Project	\$369,792.00	\$184,896.00	7*
Owensboro	Terminal Facility Asphalt Paving Project	\$145,072.00	\$72,536.00	7*
<i>Total</i>		\$1,294,406.00	\$647,203.00	*tie

The board proposed fully funding the first seven projects on the prioritization list, and providing the remaining funding to the eighth project as follows:

Riverport	Project	WTAB Rank	KRI Requested	KRI Funding Recommendation
Eddyville	Barge Positioning Winch System Project	1	\$105,058.00	\$105,058.00
Paducah	Bulk Commodity Receiving Hopper Project	2	\$72,721.00	\$72,721.00
Owensboro	Bucket for Liebherr LH 120 Project	3	\$57,490.00	\$57,490.00
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	4	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	5	\$31,800.00	\$31,800.00
Owensboro	Caterpillar 903D Wheel Loader Project	6*	\$36,790.00	\$36,790.00
Owensboro	Grapple for Sennebogen 875 Project	6*	\$35,912.00	\$35,912.00
Eddyville	Laydown Yard Project	7*	\$184,896.00	\$110,229.00
Owensboro	Terminal Facility Asphalt Paving Project	7*	\$72,536.00	No funding
<i>Total</i>			\$647,203.00	\$500,000.00

The board then unanimously approved on motion of Greg Pritchett, seconded by Steve Alley 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 finishing up. All documents have been submitted and approved by KYTC. Working on delivery of paper copies. Digital copies will be posted on KYTC website. Mikael gave history of project for those that were not familiar with background as well as the deliverables produced.

Other Business

Chair Wright reminded attendees of the KBT Midyear luncheon on June 22 at Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. It will have a multimodal panel. Chair Wright also reminded members of expiring board terms. With Mr. Pritchett retiring from the Henderson Riverport the first of January 2023, his WTAB position will be vacant. Also on September 30, 2022, the terms of Wayne Cassady, Tim Cahill, and Joe Crabtree will expire. Those interested in continuing service on the WTAB need to talk to their appointing authority. Chair recognized the long service of Mr. Pritchett to the WTAB. Helped with formation of the board and was one of its first appointees. Several other members provided thanks to Mr. Pritchett for his years of service.

There being no further business, on motion of Steve Alley, seconded by Tim Cahill and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth

Water Transportation Advisory Board Staff, KYTC