

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

Approved by WTAB (date): December 4, 2024

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.

- 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 scheduled for 6/28.
- 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 September 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 November 2024 due to supplier issues.
- Brian Wright (Owensboro Riverport)-Compact Track Loader Project-Project purchased a new track loader to replace outdated 2014 model with 11,00 hours. Loader has been delivered; project has been closed.
- 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. Apron 1 is complete; Apron 2 has just been poured.

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 five 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 FY 2025 Kentucky Riverport Improvement program

Jeremy Edgeworth reviewed the FY 25 KRI program and noted the changes from prior KRI programs, namely that this round of grants are 80/20 match. Also reiterated to the board the criteria by which the projects should be selected based upon eligibility and priority.

Review and Prioritization of FY 2025 Kentucky Riverport Improvement project applications

Ten applications were received for the \$500,000 in funding available through the FY 2025 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 \$1,111,560.00.

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	KRI Funds Requested
Eddyville	Caterpillar D6 Dozer Project	\$506,556.00	\$405,244.00
Henderson	9,000 lbs. Forklift Project	\$80,700.00	\$64,560.00
Henderson	12,000 lbs. Forklift Project	\$96,900.00	\$77,520.00
Henderson	15,500 lbs. Forklift Project	\$119,200.00	\$95,360.00
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	\$81,720.00	\$65,376.00
Hickman	Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project	\$24,500.00	\$19,600.00
Louisville	CAT 255 Skid Steer Project	\$81,508.00	\$65,207.00
Owensboro	Low Road Loadout Project	\$305,497.00	\$244,398.00
Paducah	48-foot Flatbed Trailer Project	\$35,300.00	\$28,240.00
Paducah	Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project	\$57,569.00	\$46,055.00
<i>Total</i>		\$1,389,450.00	\$1,111,560.00

Project Eligibility discussion:

Jeremy Edgeworth distributed 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 given back to Jeremy Edgeworth for tabulation. All applications were unanimously determined to be eligible.

Project Prioritization discussion:

Jeremy Edgeworth 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 given 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	KRI Funds Requested	WTAB Rank
Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority	Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project	\$57,569.00	\$46,055.00	1
Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority	Dock Dredging Project	\$81,720.00	\$65,376.00	2
Henderson County Riverport Authority	15,500 lbs. Forklift Project	\$119,200.00	\$95,360.00	3
Louisville Jefferson County Riverport Authority	CAT 255 Skid Steer Project	\$81,508.00	\$65,207.00	4
Owensboro Riverport Authority	Low Road Loadout Project	\$305,497.00	\$244,398.00	5
Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority	48 foot Flatbed Trailer Project	\$35,300.00	\$28,240.00	6
Hickman Fulton County Riverport Authority	Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project	\$24,500.00	\$19,600.00	7
Henderson County Riverport Authority	12,000 lbs. Forklift Project	\$96,900.00	\$77,520.00	8
Henderson County Riverport Authority	9,000 lbs. Forklift Project	\$80,700.00	\$64,560.00	9
Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority	Caterpillar D6 Dozer Project	\$506,556.00	\$405,244.00	10
<i>Total</i>		\$1,389,450.00	\$1,111,560.00	

The board discussed funding the projects. Mr. Wright requested that his Owensboro Riverport project only be funded at 50/50 as that was what he had originally budgeted. This allowed funding for additional projects. The board proposed fully funding the first four projects on the prioritization list, funding the Owensboro Riverport project at 50/50 and fully funding the sixth and seventh projects and providing the remaining funding to the eighth project as follows:

Riverport	Project	WTAB Rank	KRI Requested	KRI Funding Recommendation
Paducah	Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader Project	1	\$46,055.00	\$46,055.00
Hickman	Dock Dredging Project	2	\$65,376.00	\$65,376.00

Henderson	15,500 lbs. Forklift Project	3	\$95,360.00	\$95,360.00
Louisville	CAT 255 Skid Steer Project	4	\$65,207.00	\$65,207.00
Owensboro	Low Road Loadout Project	5	\$244,398.00	\$152,749.00
Paducah	48 foot Flatbed Trailer Project	6	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00
Hickman	Spreader Bar and Coil Hooks Project	7	\$19,600.00	\$19,600.00
Henderson	12,000 lbs. Forklift Project	8	\$77,520.00	\$27,413.00
Henderson	9,000 lbs. Forklift Project	9	\$64,560.00	0
Eddyville	Caterpillar D6 Dozer Project	10	\$405,244.00	0
<i>Total</i>			\$1,111,560.00	\$500,000.00

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

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

Jeremy Edgeworth reviewed the FY 25 KPRCM program and noted the changes from the Guidance Document. Recent information from the State Budget Office has granted approval for the KPRCM funds to be disbursed in a lump sum up front under certain conditions. Mr. Edgeworth went through the conditions and noted that an amendment to the Guidance Document will be issued. He also 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) project applications

Nine 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 \$5,822,522.00.

Riverport	Project	Total Cost	KPRCM Funds Requested
Eddyville	Dolphin Installation Project	\$1,498,905.00	\$750,000.00
Eddyville	Sheet Pile Shoring Installation Project	\$1,499,073.00	\$750,000.00
Henderson	Electric Material Handler Project	\$2,000,000.00	\$750,000.00
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	\$550,000.00	\$481,900.00
Hickman	Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project	\$305,100.00	\$268,100.00
Louisville	Gantry Crane Rehab Project	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00
Maysville	Riverport Equipment Purchase Project	\$622,522.00	\$622,522.00
Owensboro	Warehouse 10 Project	\$1,063,954.00	\$750,000.00
Paducah	Barge Cell Revitalization Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
<i>Total</i>		\$8,989,744.00	\$5,822,522.00

The board discussed funding the projects. As Eddyville had submitted two applications, Mr. Coursey indicated their priority was to fund the Dolphin Installation project.

Project Eligibility discussion:

Jeremy Edgeworth distributed 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 given 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
Eddyville	Dolphin Installation Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Henderson	Electric Material Handler Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Hickman	Mooring Dock Cell Repair Project	\$481,900.00	\$481,900.00
Hickman	Volvo L90H2 Wheeled Loader Project	\$268,100.00	\$268,100.00
Louisville	Gantry Crane Rehab Project	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00
Maysville	Riverport Equipment Purchase Project	\$622,522.00	\$622,522.00
Owensboro	Warehouse 10 Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Paducah	Barge Cell Revitalization Project	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
<i>Total</i>		\$5,072,522.00	\$5,072,522.00

The board then unanimously approved on motion of Miguel Zamora, seconded by Tim Cahill 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 access their KPRCM funds would be later in the fall which would require another WTAB meeting, possibly virtually. A final call for projects to utilize the remainder of the FY 25 KPRCM funds would be in the Spring with another subsequent WTAB meeting in the Spring.

There being no further business, on motion of Tim Cahill, seconded by Miguel Zamora and with unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Submitted:

Jeremy Edgeworth and Jake Rice

Water Transportation Advisory Board Staff, KYTC