

**KENTUCKY RECREATIONAL TRAILS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

December 8, 2009, 11:00 a.m.

**Salato Wildlife Education Center
One Sportsman Drive
Frankfort, Kentucky**

Members Present: Virginia L. Grulke, Chair; Debra K. Balliet; Ronald D. Caldwell; Dennis E. Crowley; E. Lee Davis; Jeffrey D. Spainhour; Barbara Atwood, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet (designee); Jon Gassett, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (designee); Evan Satterwhite, Energy and Environmental Cabinet (designee); Keith Damron, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (designee)

Members Absent: Judge Executive Carolyn C. Belcher; David L. Campbell; J. Patrick Collins; Alvin J. Cox; Charles Oran Little, Ph.D.; W. Preston McLain; Kim Nelson; D. Brian Patton III; Sandy Runyon; Jenny Sewell; Malcolm C. Winsper; and J. Michael Brown, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or designee; Kristen Branscum, Department of Agriculture (designee)

Guest and Staff Present: First Lady Jane Beshear; Roy M. Cornett, Back Country Horse Association & Horse Council; Brandon Goins, Harlan County ORB Association; Marion Simon, Kentucky State University; Troy Hearn, Capital City Cycles; Susan Reiber, First Lady's Office; Bill Burger, Lt. Governor's Office; Mark Cramer, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife; Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Elaine Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Adventure Tourism; Mary Jean Atchison, Executive Secretary

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Grulke welcomed everyone, after calling roll she declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Grulke asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority (KRTA) October 22, 2009 meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2009 KRTA meeting. Mr. Crowley seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson expressed her pleasure of being the new director of the Office of Adventure Tourism and working with the KRTA members and the KRTA goals and objectives. She invited the members to contact her at any time.

She stated she is developing a comprehensive list of colleges and universities across Kentucky and surrounding states that have clubs/organizations that do exactly what we are providing them; a great place to come and visit. Over three hundred clubs/organizations have been developed which we will be marketing to about adventure tourism. First a great trail system needs to be developed. We do have a good start which we will be expanding on and providing useful information on the activities you can do in Kentucky. Our primary objective is to make sure the trail inventory is inclusive of all the opportunities that exist currently.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Development Committee: The Community Development Committee is working to move KRTA toward what is viewed as the Mission. Mr. Cardwell stated the committee agreed that KRTA needed a pilot project to get the KRTA involved in the communities out in Kentucky. From this comes

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a motion from the committee that KRTA move forward with a pilot project. The committee targeted southeastern Kentucky (sKYward Trails) as an initial project because there are activities in that area. He then made a presentation (copy attached to Minutes) regarding proposing the pilot project. The concept behind the project is to say "how can we assist you". A future goal is to pull all of the regional groups together for more structure for the growth of trail throughout Kentucky.

After a discussion Mr. Crowley made the following motion: The KRTA explore the interest in a pilot trails project in association with the sKYward Trails Initiative. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Davis stated the project in Mammoth Cave would be a good project to set up as a pilot project because everything is now in motion. This discussion was tabled and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wilson announced the Department for Local Government is accepting applications for Recreational Trails Program Grants until February 26, 2010 and Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants until March 31, 2010. (Announcement and applications attached to Minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Grulke adjourned the meeting.

Virginia Grulke, Chair

Mary Jean Atchison, Executive Secretary
Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet