

**KENTUCKY RECREATIONAL TRAILS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

July 30, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Virginia L. Grulke, Chair; Judge Executive Carolyn C. Belcher; Ronald D. Cardwell; L. M. Caudill; Dennis E. Crowley; E. Lee Davis; Jerry P. Hancock; W. Preston McLain; Sandy Runyon; Jenny Sewell; Marcheta Sparrow, Secretary, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Mark S. Cramer, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (designee); Bill Burger; Energy and Environmental Cabinet (designee); and Lynn Soporowski, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (designee); and Kristen Branscum, Department of Agriculture (designee)

Members Absent: David L. Campbell; J. Patrick Collins; Alvin J. Cox; Charles Oran Little; Kim Nelson; D. Brian Patton III; Malcolm C. Winsper; and J. Michael Brown, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet or designee

Guest and Staff: Kay Berggren, Kentucky Tourism Council; Tim Pearce, Intern, Lt. Governor's Office; Edward R. Harbour; Roy M. Cornett, Central Kentucky Back County Horse Association and Kentucky Horse Council; Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet (TAHC): Matt Osborne, Director, Adventure Tourism; Todd Cassidy, Director Economic and Community Development; William Dexter, Executive Director and Melany Taylor, Attorney, Legal Affairs

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) April 30, 2009 meeting. Mr. Burger made the motion to approve the March 5, 2009 Minutes; seconded by Mr. Hancock. During the discussion it was discovered a motion was left out of the Minutes page three (3) under the topic: **State and Local Law Enforcement Officials**. It should read:

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In response to an apparent confusion by law enforcement over the authority given to a community with respect to established laws, ordinances and regulations Mr. Burger made the following motion: To have the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet staff work with law enforcement agencies to ensure all parties are knowledgeable regarding any regulations that affects trail users; seconded by Mr. Caudill. Motion carried by voice vote.

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Mr. Burger rescinded his original motion in order to have the above motion added to and amend the April 30, 2009 Minutes; Mr. Burger moved that the amended minutes be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried by voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Marketing Update – Mr. Osborne reported the spring marketing campaign was run through four (4) regional areas: Lexington, Louisville, Bristol, WV, and Huntington, WV, and purchased Internet advertising placements on three (3) web sites. Our web site usage is up 35%. The web site is in the process of redesign and will be released soon. There will be a password protected access to the website for Authority members.

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Law Enforcement Training – A book of almost 800 pages includes Kentucky Regulatory Statutes, County and City Ordinances and Case Laws, as well as the Statutes to other states in regard to All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on highways and trail has been compiled. We are in the process of a modified in-service training for law enforcement entities. There will be a workgroup that will come together to finalize everything.

Land Use Agreement –

- We are working in Knott County on specifics for ATV and equestrian trails.
- The TAHC staff attorney met with Mr. Davis regarding the equestrian trail [on private land in the Mammoth Cave area](#).
- Negotiations have begun in Henry County for an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) park.
- The 2009 Recreational Trails Program Grants were awarded on June 13, 2009, \$1.3 million awarded across the state. Projects can be located on www.dlg.ky.gov

Dawkins Line – Rails to Trails – A 36 mile abandoned railroad line in Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt Counties which will be open for equestrian, hiking and biking (non-motorized). This project has had many updates; the last – the last Special Session of the General Assembly \$500,000 was allocated for TAHC to purchase the right-of-way. Once the purchase is complete the construction can begin. [Big Sandy ADD is heading up the project.](#)

Trail Enhancement Book – [This book, which was requested by the Authority for use by both Authority members as well as citizens and local officials, includes the following information:](#) a list of grants, the laws, a list of contacts, a sample Land Use Agreement. There will be updates periodically. The Land Use Agreement is a draft and will always be until it is finally signed and typically it is a six (6) month process involving several agencies. [Copies of the book were provided for all Authority members in attendance.](#)

Ms. Grulke suggested Mr. Cardwell and the committee take the Trail Enhancement Book to see what else they might want to have included when approaching people/companies/communities [to talk about developing](#) a new trail. What we [also](#) need to do [once the book is finalized](#) is to talk about the use and purpose of the book.

Ms. Grulke suggested the Trail Enhancement Book be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Discover Kentucky Trails Day – This was a statewide year celebration, July 11, 2009, of the new Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority at various trails in Kentucky and included First Lady Jane Beshear.

Kentucky State Fair – August 20 – 29, 2009 – Office of Adventure Tourism will be sharing a booth with the Department of Travel and the Department of Parks and featured in Hall of Counties. [Mr. Osborne](#) encouraged the members to participate in manning the booth.

CHAIR REPORT

Update Trail Project List – Project list attached to Minutes.

Ms. Grulke stated in order for the Authority to be effective policy makers it needs to be aware of what is happening on the ground.

KRTA INTERIM GROUPS

Ms. Grulke [recommended that the Authority establish standing committees based on the Strategic Plan objectives, so that work may be done between quarterly Authority meetings.](#)

(A list of the committees and a basic outline of duties is attached.)

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Mr. Burger made a motion to implement the following five (5) committees as permanent committees of the Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority:

- Community Development Model
- Statewide Stakeholders Network
- Financially Viable Development Plan
- Board Management
- [Trail Management](#)

Motion was seconded by Ms. Sewell. Motion carried by voice vote.

It was decided Ms. Grulke would notify members by email of the committees and ask for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

DISCUSS NEXT MEETING'S DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting is scheduled Thursday, October 22, 2009, 1:00 p.m at the Salato Education Center, Frankfort.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct Ms. [Grulke](#) asked for a motion to adjourn. Judge Belcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried by voice vote.

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