

PROJECT ADVISORS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLANS

Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting No. 104

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Charleroi



Chickamauga



Kentucky



L&D 25



Three Rivers

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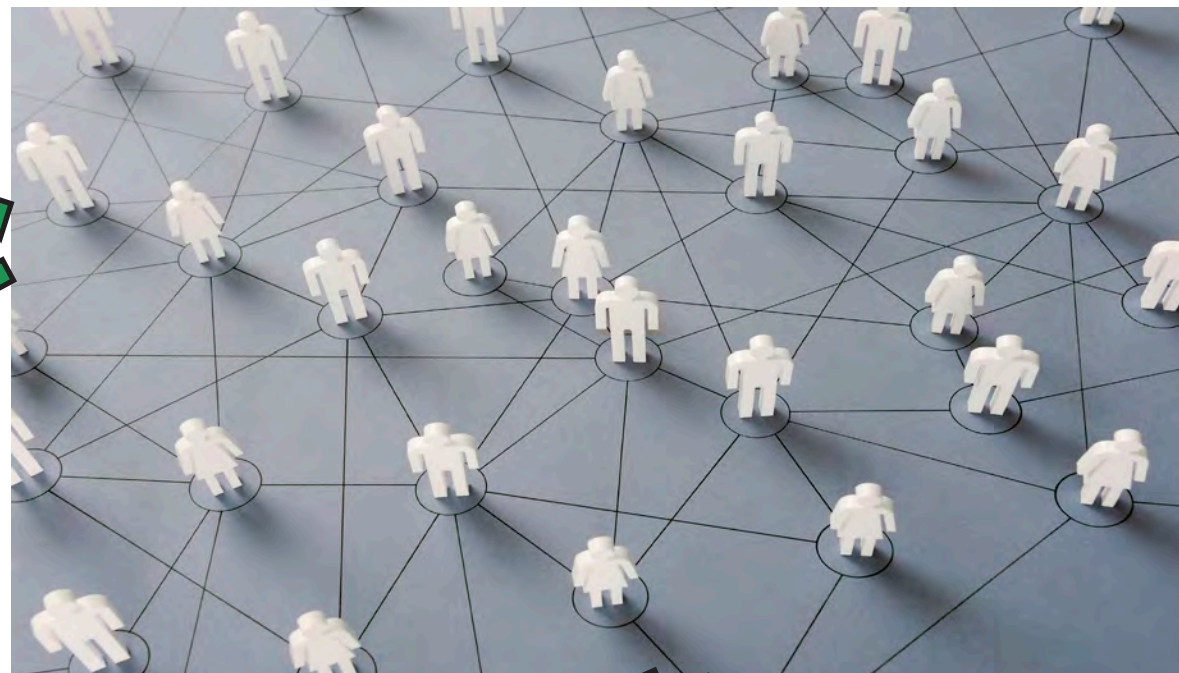
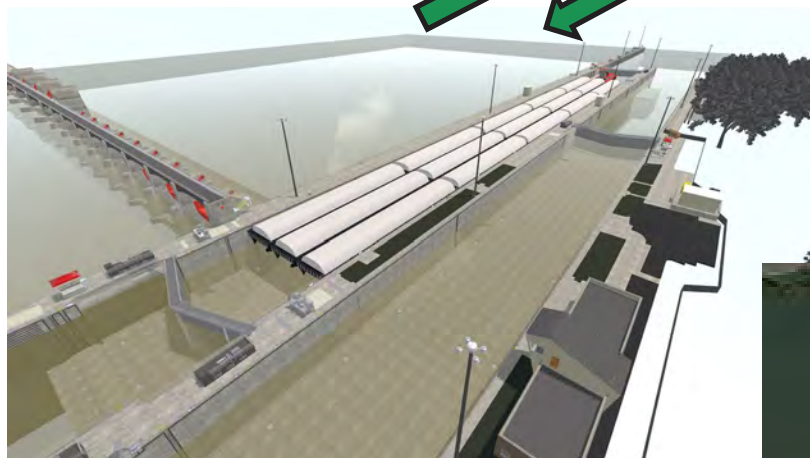
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PURPOSE

- To receive feedback on project communications
 - Project Management Plans
 - Project Advisors
- Authorization
- Current Project Advisors
- Current Status
- Board Recommendations?





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AUTHORIZATION

33 U.S.C. 2251

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- **33 U.S.C. 2251 (b)(3)**

- **(3) Project development teams**

The chairperson of the Users Board shall appoint a representative of the Users Board to serve as an advisor to the project development team for a qualifying project or the study or design of a commercial navigation feature or component of the inland waterways and inland harbors of the United States.

- **33 U.S.C. 2251 (c)**

- **(3) (c) Duties of Secretary**

The Secretary shall-

- (1) communicate not less frequently than once each quarter to the Users Board the status of the study, design, or construction of all commercial navigation features or components of the inland waterways or inland harbors of the United States; and
- (2) submit to the Users Board a courtesy copy of all completed feasibility reports relating to a commercial navigation feature or component of the inland waterways or inland harbors of the United States.

- **33 U.S.C. 2251 (e)**

- **(e) Project management plans**

The chairperson of the Users Board and the project development team member appointed by the chairperson under subsection (b)(3) may sign the project management plan for the qualifying project or the study or design of a commercial navigation feature or component of the inland waterways and inland harbors of the United States.



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CURRENT ADVISORS



- Chickamauga Lock – Ms. Crystal Taylor
- Kentucky Lock – Mr. Damon Judd
- Upper Ohio Navigation System – Mr. Marty Hettel
- Monongahela River L&Ds 2-3-4 Replacements – Mr. Marty Hettel
- Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) – Mr. Jeff Webb
- MKARNS: Three Rivers & 12' Channel Deepening – Mr. Lance Rase
- GIWW: Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks – Mr. Matt Woodruff
- GIWW: Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Lock & Bayou Sorrel – Mr. Spencer Murphy

- Unassigned Projects
 - Tennessee-Tombigbee Deepening



CURRENT STATUS



- Meetings
 - Users Board Meetings
- Site Tours
 - Concurrent with Users Board Meetings
- Project Management Plans
 - Typically Updated Annually
 - Project Advisor may be a signatory to the project management plan
- Lack of consistency



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ACHIEVING BETTER COMMUNICATIONS



- What does the Board Recommend?
- What to Communicate?
- Format of Communications?
- Frequency of Communications?

