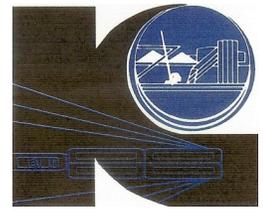


Kaskaskia Regional Port District

2014 Annual Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014



A Message from the Chairman



We began last year with a decision to purchase the old Wittenauer Grocery Store in Red Bud and remodel it for the new offices for the Port. This decision “propelled” us into the spotlight and has made the public aware that the Port District exists. We are thrilled with our new digs and have the capacity to grow and to help other businesses set up shop in Red Bud. We were honored to receive a solid brass propeller to grace the front of

our new office building. This “piece of art” was donated by Luhr Bros., Inc. of Columbia. It is a very fitting piece to welcome everyone to our office.



(l to r) George Obernagel, Chairman KRPD and Rodney Linker with Luhr Bros. and KRPD Board Member

The Port also worked the entire year on a new [Strategic Plan](#). We were fortunate to receive an IKE grant through Randolph County, to assist with the planning effort. HeartLands Conservancy in Mascoutah developed the document and produced digital maps for the Port. We were able to engage the public in what they knew of the Port and how they wanted to see the Mississippi and Kaskaskia Rivers used for job creation, recreation, and habitat enhancement and protection. The new plan will chart the course for the Port District for the next 25 years. The plan is available on our web site.

The Vision is: “The Kaskaskia Regional Port District will strive to be one of the leading inland Port Districts in the United States.”

The Mission of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District is to foster economic development and enrich the quality of life in Monroe, Randolph and St. Clair Counties by enhancing multi-modal shipping, recreational opportunities, ecological assets, and water resource capabilities.

*As a Port, we also saw our tonnage rebound from the disastrous drought of 2012 that carried over into our 2013 year. Tonnage for the power plant also is on the upswing after an extended repair of one of the main units. Robert Wilkins, Manager for the Kaskaskia River and Carlyle Lake, says that “The Kaskaskia River is increasing its tonnage each year and will soon be losing its low tonnage stigma.” Overall the Port shipped **1,292,931 tons** for the fiscal year.*

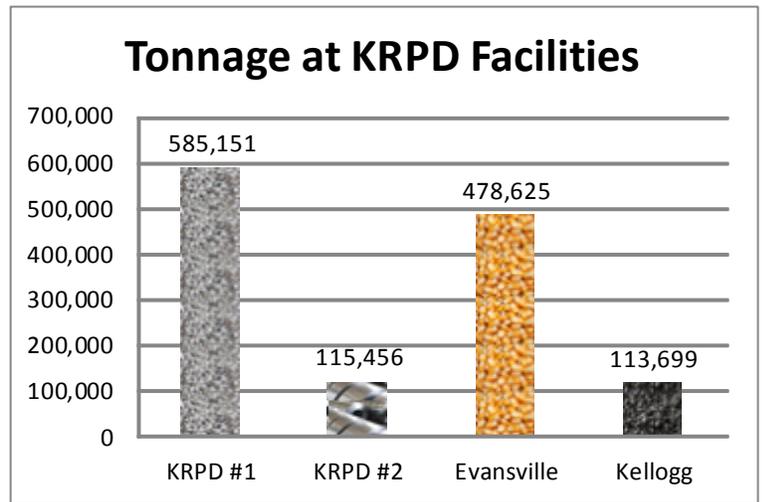
The Port is blessed with a great board that is making decisions that help to build the community. In partnership with our operators and tenants, we are working to create jobs and add value to the local economy. Most of the Port facilities are not readily visible and often the success is not easily seen. The Port is also grateful to work with Randolph County, the Village of Baldwin and Gateway FS to extend an 8 inch potable water line to the industrial park at KRPD #2 (Stanley L. Reeble Dock and Industrial Site) and to improve the entrance road.

Next year we celebrate 50 years as a Port. Stay tuned.

George Obernagel, Chairman

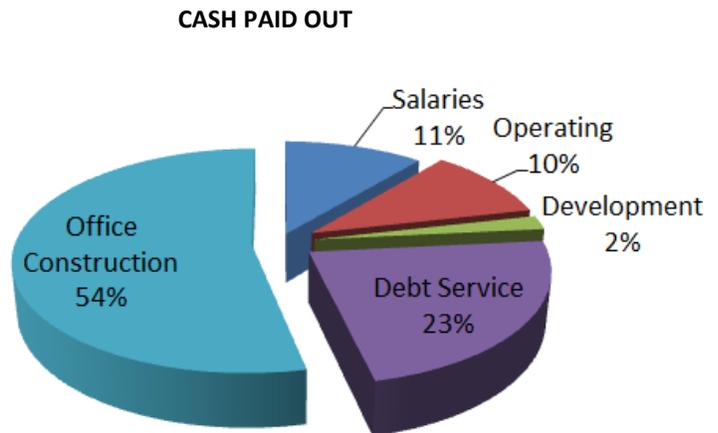
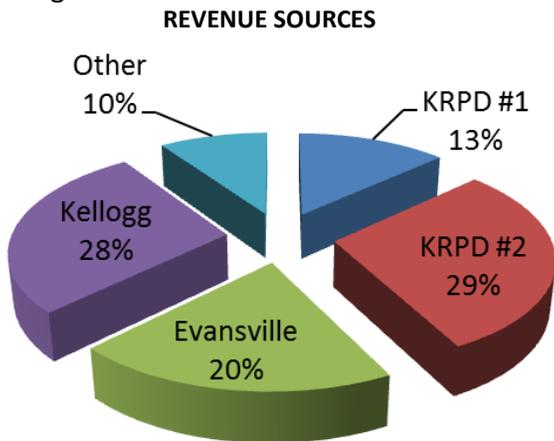
TONNAGE! TONNAGE! TONNAGE!

With every industry there are benchmarks and measurements that chart progress and create a yardstick to compare one against the other. For water borne commerce, progress is measured in tons. Tonnage on the Kaskaskia River has had an up and down history. The peak year for tonnage was **1989** when the Port (at its owned facilities) shipped **4,443,306 tons**. The key commodity shipped was coal. The last year that coal was shipped was 1999 and the coal tonnage dropped to 520,253. Fortunately, other products started to be shipped which include grain, fertilizer, and slag. Tonnage diversification has been the strength of the recovery of products shipped on the rivers. The most recent boost has come from scrubber stone that is used at the Prairie State Energy Campus. This past year tonnage on the Kaskaskia River increased from 990,000 tons in 2013 to **1,179,232** in **2014**. We broke the one million ton benchmark. This is a critical number in the eyes of the agencies that look at performance of locks and dams. We are now on the path to being one of the largest ports in the small port category. The trend for tonnage has been increasing on the Kaskaskia River. We are one of the few ports in the country where tonnage is increasing. Tonnage for the entire Port District (including Kellogg) was **1,292,931**.



FINANCIAL

The Kaskaskia Regional Port District is a unit of government created by the State legislature in 1965. The purpose of the District is to provide and support economic development along the waterways within the District, which includes both the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers. Revenues are generated from leases, operator agreements, and throughput charges.



J.W. Boyle & Co., LTD. has audited the financial statements of the type business-like activities of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District for the year that ended June 30, 2014. The Audit Report is on file and available by request. The above Revenue Chart is based on total operating and non-operating revenues of \$484,482 and cash paid out totaling \$990,385.

Other Port Accomplishments

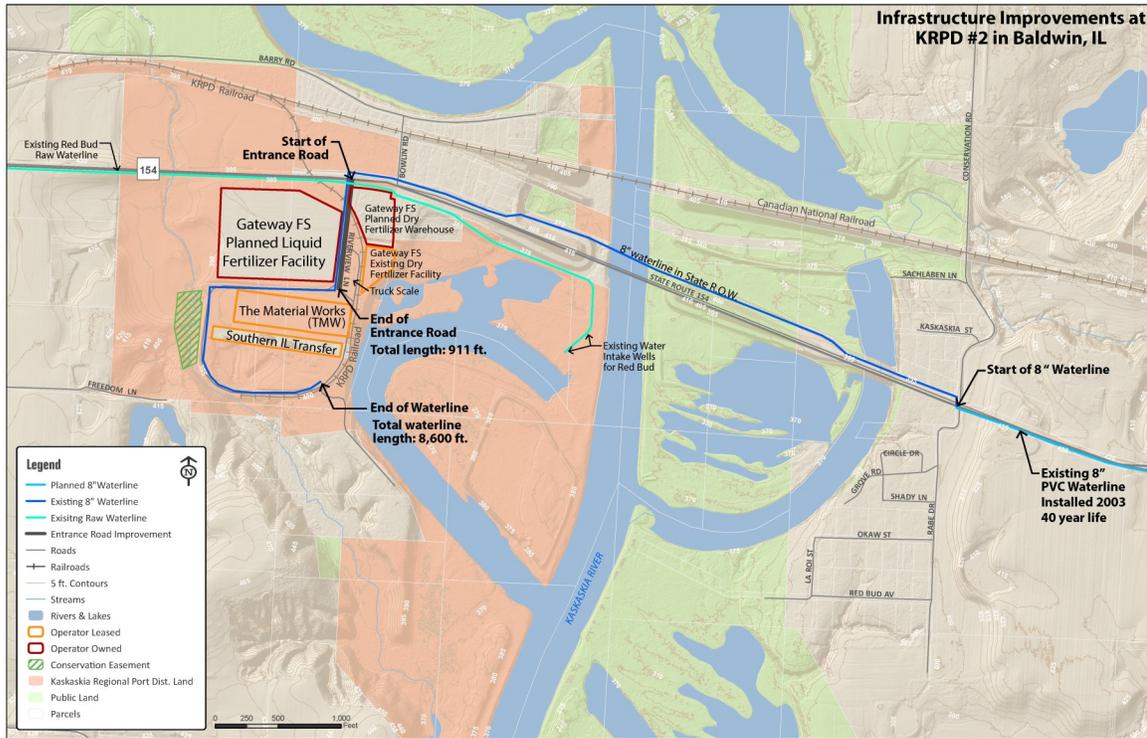
- ☞ The Water Street Bar and Grill opened under new management.
- ☞ The vessel Blankenship sank and was raised by IDNR and the Coast Guard, and then removed.
- ☞ The Port was featured in Expansion Solutions Magazine.
- ☞ Congress approved renaming the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam to the Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam.
- ☞ The Corps agreed to add Kaskaskia Regional Port District to its National Database.

KRPD #2 (Stanley L. Reeble Dock and Industrial Site)

Planned and Funded Infrastructure Improvements Include Entrance Road and 8 inch Waterline

Much of the year was spent on securing funding for a new entrance road to this port location. In addition, due to the expansion of Gateway Road FS, a waterline is needed to support the liquid fertilizer and chemical distribution facility. The waterline was originally planned in 2000, but due to a lack of funding the waterline was never installed. Lack of potable water at the site has been a limitation in marketing the site. Funds from three funding sources were sought

to install these improvements. Those sources include Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and Economic Development Administration. Thanks to the cooperation and support of many people, legislators, companies and local, regional, State and Federal agencies, \$708,756 was approved. Construction will be underway in 2015. The Village of Baldwin will provide the water and own the waterline.

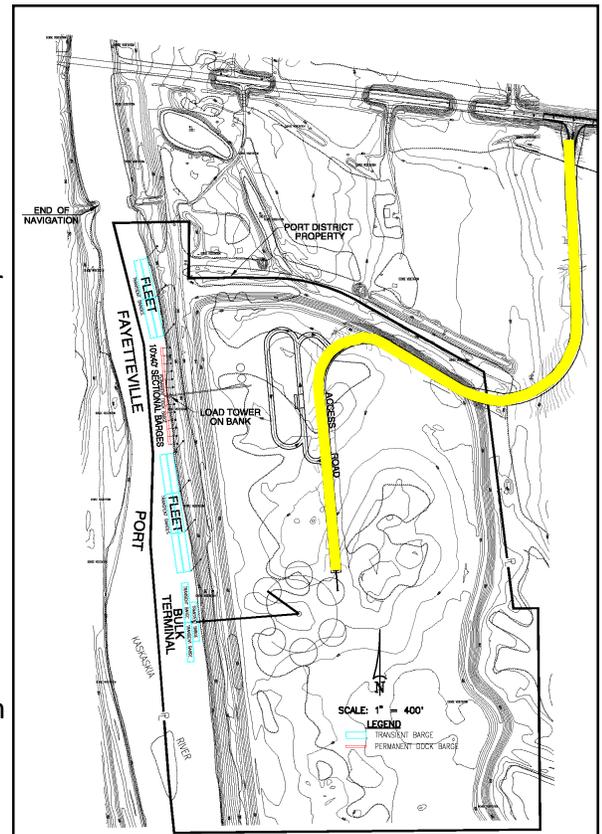


Future Port Underway at Fayetteville

Entrance Road to be built in 2015

When the Kaskaskia River was originally planned to serve as a navigation waterway, the northern terminus for navigation was Fayetteville. Over the years there have been attempts to develop a port at Fayetteville. Three years ago those plans were put into place with the transfer of a 128 acre site from IDNR to the Kaskaskia Regional Port District. In order to develop the site, an industrial road is necessary to serve the site. With the assistance of St. Clair County, the Port was able to secure an IDOT grant for part of the cost to construct an entrance road. The new road will feature a new technology called roller compacted concrete. This new technology will create a very durable and long lasting road designed for heavy industrial loads. The Port purchased a strip of land from Central States Coal Reserves of Illinois, LLC to gain access to IL Rt. 15.

After many delays the construction will begin in the spring of 2015 with completion scheduled for the summer of 2015.



Monroe County

Michael Conrad (2004)
Columbia, IL
George Obernagel (2001)
Waterloo, IL
Terry Liefer (1997)
Red Bud, IL
Rodney Linker (2012)
Waterloo, IL
Dennis Rodenberg (2012)
Fults, IL

Randolph County

Richard Guebert, Jr. (2012)
Ellis Grove, IL
Bernard Heck, Jr. (2007)
Ellis Grove, IL
Robert Myerscough (2001)
Evansville, IL
Clem Esker (2004)
Red Bud, IL
Nancy Schilling (2001)
Evansville, IL

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Smithton, IL
Virgil Becker (1992)
Smithton, IL
Brian Funk (2012)
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Marissa, IL
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