



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015—June 30, 2016

**VISION:** *"The Kaskaskia Regional Port District will strive to be one of the leading Inland Port Districts in the United States."*

## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN – GEORGE OBERNAGEL**

*Last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary with several activities that focused on what the District has accomplished and also said thanks to the people who made the District what it is today.*

*We were able to build on our past successes with the new entrance road at our developing port in Fayetteville, the new waterline under the Kaskaskia River to serve our KRPD #2 port, a new entrance road to handle the increased truck traffic and cargo in and out of KRPD #2. With these projects we have invested over \$1.5 million in new infrastructure to meet the demands of a growing port district. I want to thank Gateway FS for their commitment to create 14 new jobs that provided the catalyst for the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, Randolph County Economic Development, Randolph County Highway Department and the Village of Baldwin to partner with the District along with IDOT, EDA and DCEO providing the funds to make these improvements. It could not have possible without them.*

*The District also achieved a legislative success with the passage of HB 740 that broadens the purposes of the District to include fish and wildlife, recreation, water supply, flood control, safety and homeland security. The District also received authority to borrow from local banks for periods up to 20 years. This will reduce the cost of borrowing to the District and will give the District another tool in its toolbox. The legislation also allows the District to remove vessels and wrecks and recover costs. These changes help the District to be responsive to the current times. Our enabling language was created 50 years ago and we never dreamed we would have to respond to homeland security needs when we were formed.*

*We also saw a change to the board with Virgil Becker stepping down after serving for District for 24 years. Governor Rauner appointed Donna Reifschneider of Smithton to replace Virgil Becker.*

*Last year we also experienced the largest flood of record at our KRPD # 1 location.*

*We are now the 72nd largest port in the country and we are the 8th largest inland port. We moved up 4 notches in the country. We are fortunate to have a diverse mix of products being shipped on the river.*

**George Obernagel, Chairman**



Fayetteville—Roller Compacted Concrete



KRPD #2 New 8 in. Waterline from Baldwin



KRPD #2 Rebuilding Entrance Road



KRPD #2 Replaced Railroad crossing

## Gateway FS Expands Dry Fertilizer at KRPD #2



Gateway FS, a farm cooperative, is a very close partner with the Kaskaskia Regional Port District. While Gateway FS had a dry fertilizer presence at KRPD #2, they needed to expand to keep up with the demand of the market. With the need for greater efficiency and the need to handle larger quantities of fertilizer, Gateway FS chose to expand their footprint at KRPD #2 due to the river access to ship larger quantities of dry fertilizer. Gateway FS wanted to be the best in the distribution and delivery of dry fertilizer. Working with the Port District, they decided to build a 140 x 288 ft. state of the art facility that can mix and load out a 26 ton truck in less than 7 minutes. This new facility is the only one of its kind in over a 50 mile radius. This facility will also serve other Gateway FS locations in their service area.

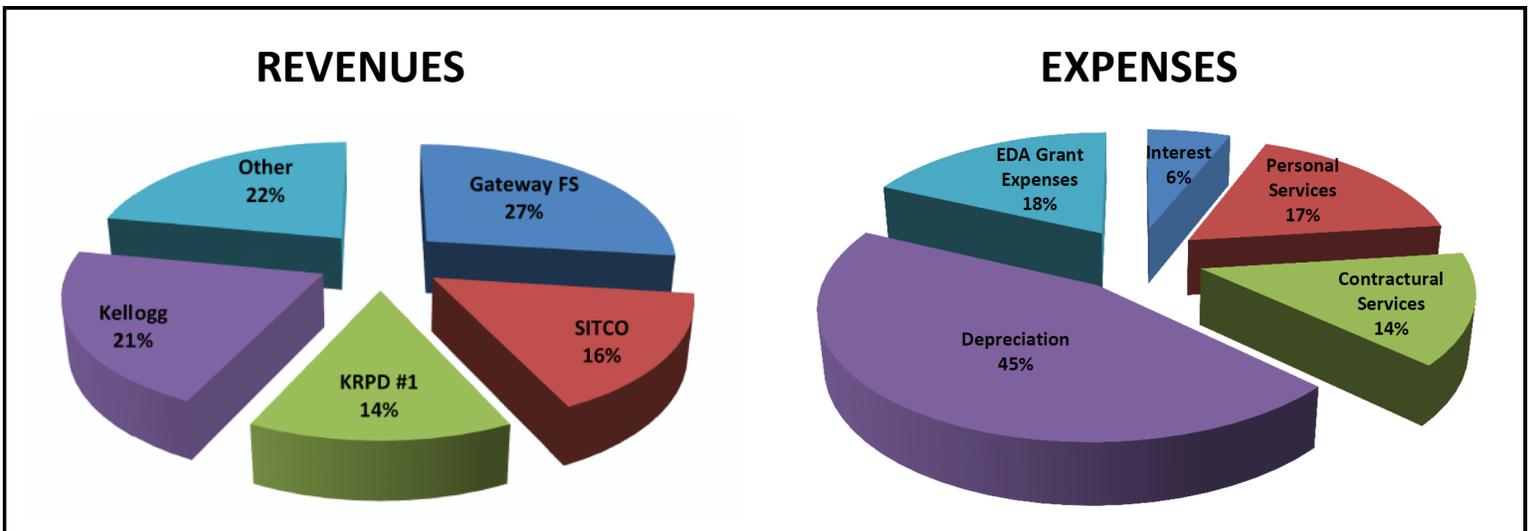
Without Gateway FS the Port District would not have been able to rebuild the entrance road or install the 8 inch waterline that now serves not only Gateway FS, but all tenants at KRPD #2. Next year Gateway FS will complete their new “state of the art” Ag chemical blending/mixing facility just to the west of the re-built entrance road. This new center will utilize water from the new 8 in. waterline.

Jerry Roosevelt, Plant Food Manager (L) and Carl Tebbe, General Manager (R)

This expansion and new facility means more tons will be shipped on the Kaskaskia River. Growing tonnage on the river is critical to an efficient and economical transportation system by water. With their expansion Gateway FS will create 14 new jobs.

## 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. While the enabling legislation allows to District to tax, it has not and there is no intention to pursue this source of revenue. The District derives its revenues from rentals and leases, operator agreements, and throughput charges.



Scheffel Boyle has audited the financial statements of the type business-like activities of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District for the year that ended June 30, 2016. The Audit Report is on file and available by request. The above Revenue Chart is based on total operating and non-operating revenues of \$661,747 and expenses totaling \$706,469.

## Donna Reifschneider Appointed by Governor Rauner to KRPD Board



Governor Bruce Rauner appointed Donna Reifschneider to the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Board on April 15, 2016. Gov. Rauner selected Donna due to her experiences as a small business owner and for her experience in the public sector.

Reifschneider is an owner of her family's farm, which encompasses a large range of responsibility from overseeing the planting and harvesting of crops to bookkeeping and marketing. She has previously worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as the Administrator for the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration from 2002-2005. Reifschneider is the past president of the National Pork Producers Council and a former board member of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

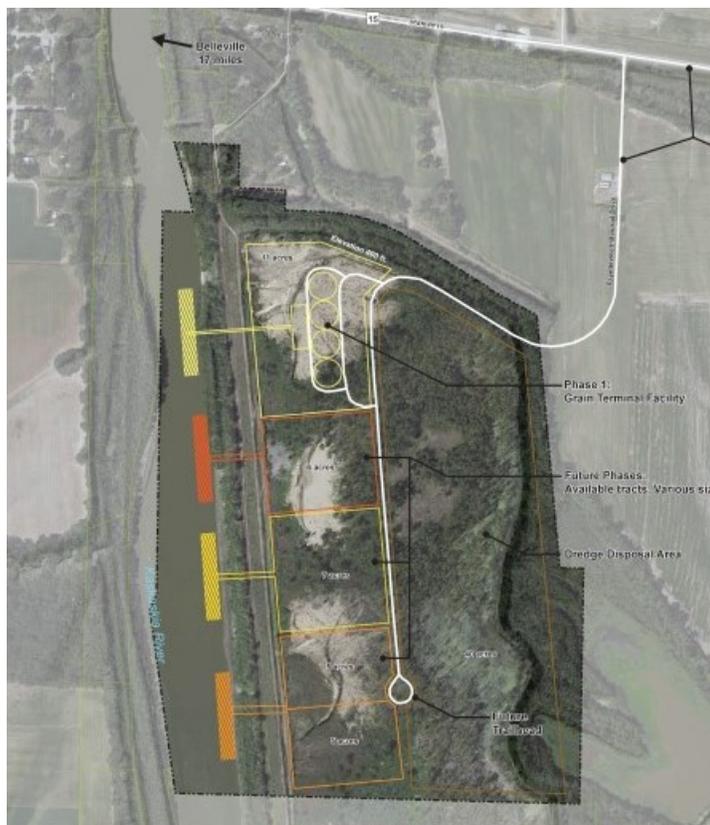
Ms. Reifschneider also volunteers at the Food Pantry and serves on the Smithton Library Board. Reifschneider earned her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. She lives in Smithton with her husband Jim. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

### Virgil Becker Retires

After serving 24 years on the Port District Board, Virgil Becker of Smithton, IL resigned his position in April. Mr. Becker was appointed by Gov. Edgar in 1992. He has been an active public servant having served as the Mayor of Smithton and continues to serve on the Smithton Village Board for a total of 52 years of service to Smithton.

### Newest Port under development at River Mile 36

## Fayetteville Terminal Under Development



When the Kaskaskia Regional Port District was created it was envisioned that a terminal would be built at Fayetteville. This location is strategic since it is the upper most site for a terminal to be located on the navigable part of the river at River Mile 36. The terminal got a boost with the dredging of the river 5 years ago. The District also worked with IDNR to transfer 128 acres from IDNR to the District for a new terminal. These two actions provided the stimulus for the new port. Businesses expressed interest in the site but the location lacked highway access. With the support of St. Clair County and the St. Clair County Highway Department IDOT provided a grant for 50% of the construction to build an entrance road to the site. The District also purchased two acres from Central States Coal Reserves LLC to secure access to IL Rt. 13.

This is the closest port to Belleville, Scott Air Force Base and other metro-east communities. Water transportation is the cheapest method to ship goods and commodities either inbound or outbound. The District is able to offer a unique development arrangement with private industry.

Fayetteville Terminal is located on Il Rt. 13 and at River Mile 36

## Monroe County

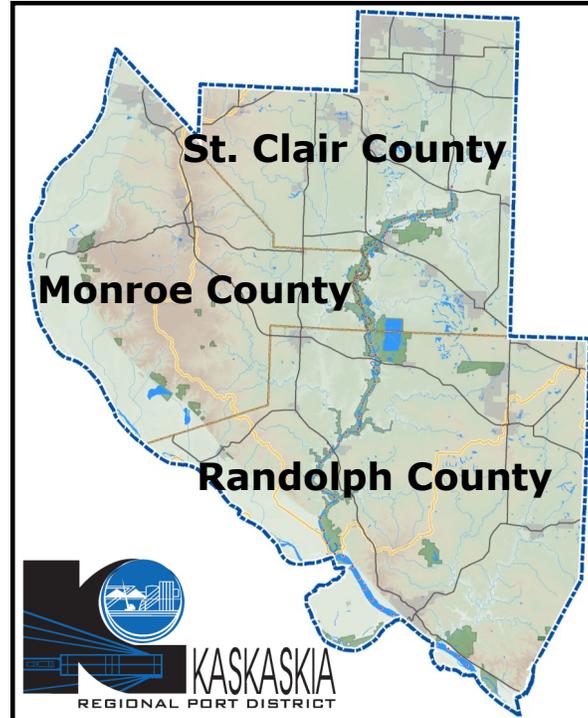
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Columbia, IL  
George Obernagel (2001)  
Waterloo, IL  
Terry Liefer (1997)  
Red Bud, IL  
Rodney Linker (2012)  
Waterloo, IL  
Dennis Rodenberg (2012)  
Fults, IL

## 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

## KRPD Board and Staff

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## Leadership

George Obernagel, Chairman  
Terry Liefer, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Myerscough, Treasurer

## St. Clair County

Charles Bauer (2001)  
Smithton, IL  
Donna Reifschneider (2016)  
Smithton, IL  
Brian Funk (2012)  
Fayetteville, IL  
Joe Luechtefeld (2012)  
Marissa, IL  
Roger Rubemeyer (1995)  
Freeburg, IL

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