

AR WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Enabling Laws

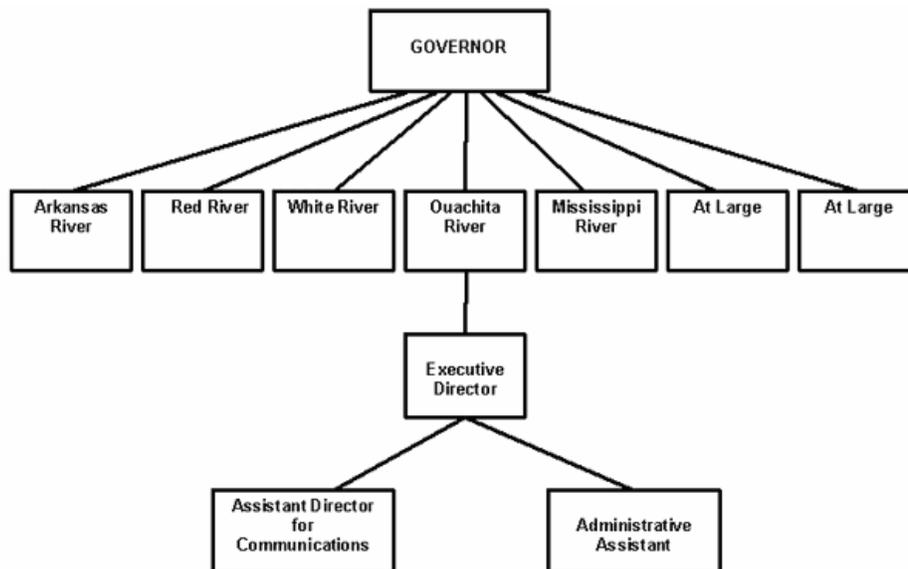
Act 936 of 2003

A.C.A §15-23-201 - §15-23-204

A.C.A §15-23-901 - §15-23-906

History and Organization

The Arkansas Waterways Commission supports the development of the navigable waterways of Arkansas. The 7 member, Governor-appointed, Commission was created by Act 242 of 1967. The Commission, which is funded by general revenues, is supported by a three person staff and offers services and advice to the water transportation industry by means of correspondence, participation in seminars, serving on advisory committees and boards, and providing research on specialty subjects. The Commission also supports the efforts of the Red River Valley, Arkansas Basin and White River Valley Associations through its States Contribution line item. The 81st General Assembly provided an Assistant Director of Communications position for the 1997-99 biennium to create an awareness of the waterways and promote the State's waterways through multi-media communications.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Waterways Commission is the sole state agency responsible for developing, promoting and protecting the five commercially navigable rivers of the State for waterborne transportation and economic development. This natural resource is under-developed and thus under-utilized. Failure to develop its potential represents missed economic development opportunities, forfeited transportation savings, foregone international trade, and potential loss of federal construction and maintenance funding. Two needs are within the ability of the State to correct. These are construction of port infrastructure and the second is marketing of existing resources. The infrastructure needs will be

addressed in separate legislation. The marketing efforts are included in the budget of the Waterways Commission. Marketing successes will be measured by port development and waterways utilization that is brought about through shipper awareness of capabilities, direct marketing to targeted industries, education of government leaders at the state and local levels, and education of the general public and students for sustaining efforts.

Currently the Commission has three (3) full time authorized positions. In line with the Governor's policy, regular salaries are adjusted for a graduated COLA each year.

Maintenance and Operations: An increase of \$9,022 for FY06 and \$5,840 for FY07 is needed to adequately fund rising costs of routine office operations, monthly commission meetings, travel to events designed to promote and develop ports and waterways and employee training. FY06 includes a request for replacement of an eight-year old computer and a copier no longer supported by a maintenance agreement.

Travel - Conference Fees: An increase of \$2,620 for FY06 and \$3,450 is needed to keep the Commission current with changes in the navigation and waterborne transportation industry on a regional and national basis.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	1	2	67 %
Black Employees	0	1	1	33 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			1	33 %
Total Employees			3	100 %

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Biennial Report	A.C.A §15-23-204	Y	N	200	To inform state elected officials, colleagues and other interested parties on activities, goals and accomplishments of the Arkansas Waterways Commission.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation / Program: 085 - Arkansas Waterways Commission

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

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The agency is requesting Base Level of \$202,453 in FY06 and \$207,059 in FY07. Base Level of this appropriation includes graduated salary increases of 3% to 1.5% each year over FY05 salary levels, along with related Personal Services Matching costs for three (3) Base Level positions. This includes a \$600 minimum increase for employees earning \$20,000 or below. Included in Personal Services Matching is a \$40 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match of \$320 per month.

Change Level Requests include an increase in Operating Expenses of \$9,022 in FY07 and \$5,840 in FY07 to provide sufficient funding to maintain office operations and meet obligations to organizations. The FY06 request includes replacement of an eight-year old computer and a copier no longer supported by a maintenance agreement. The agency requests a Change Level increase in Travel and Conference Fees of \$2,620 in FY06 and \$3,450 in FY07 to promote waterways utilization within the state and to attend an additional conference in Washington, D.C.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level and an increase in Operating Expenses of \$6,022 in FY06 and \$5,840 in FY07.

Appropriation / Program Summary

Appropriation / Program: 085 Arkansas Waterways Commission
Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Budget	2004-2005 Authorized	2005-2006			2006-2007		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	129,857	131,271	124,640	135,055	135,055	135,055	138,932	138,932	138,932
#Positions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching 5010003	33,131	34,855	30,959	36,980	36,980	36,980	37,709	37,709	37,709
Operating Expenses 5020002	25,357	24,942	30,964	24,942	33,964	30,964	24,942	30,782	30,782
Travel-Conference Fees 5050009	2,803	2,876	2,876	2,876	5,496	2,876	2,876	6,326	2,876
Professional Fees and Services 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State's Contributions 5900021	2,240	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Total	193,388	196,544	192,039	202,453	214,095	208,475	207,059	216,349	212,899
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	188,078	190,316		202,453	214,095	208,475	207,059	216,349	212,899
Merit Adjustment Fund 4000055	5,310	6,228		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	193,388	196,544		202,453	214,095	208,475	207,059	216,349	212,899
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	193,388	196,544		202,453	214,095	208,475	207,059	216,349	212,899

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation / Program: 085-Arkansas Waterways Commission

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	202,453	3	202,453	100.0	207,059	3	207,059	100.0
C01	Existing Program	9,242	0	211,695	104.5	8,890	0	215,949	104.2
C08	Technology	2,400	0	214,095	105.7	400	0	216,349	104.4

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2005-2006	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2006-2007	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	202,453	3	202,453	100.0	207,059	3	207,059	100.0
C01	Existing Program	3,622	0	206,075	101.7	5,440	0	212,499	102.6
C08	Technology	2,400	0	208,475	102.9	400	0	212,899	102.8

Justification

C01	The agency requests an increase in Operating Expenses of \$6,622 in FY06 and \$5,440 in FY07 to provide sufficient funding to maintain office operations and meet obligations; FY06 includes replacement of a copier no longer supported by a maintenance agreement. The agency requests an increase in Travel and Conferences of \$2,620 in FY06 and \$3,450 in FY07 to attend one additional conference in Washington, D.C. to further the agency's mission.
C08	The agency requests an increase in Operating Expenses of \$2,400 in FY06 for replacement of an eight year old computer and network services and \$400 in FY07 for network services.