

2024 Corn Belt Ports and Mid America Port Commission Annual Meeting Agenda



2024 Corn Belt Ports & Mid-America Ports Commission Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 15 at The Atrium on Third Hotel
201 South 3rd Street, Quincy, IL

10:00 AM – Registration Opens (Atrium Lobby)

10:30-10:35 Welcome – Mike Troup, Mayor, Quincy, Illinois (Host)

10:35-10:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Blake Roderick, Chair, Mid-America Port Commission (Host)

10:40-10:55 Leslie Sieck, Executive Director, Tri-State Update and Way Forward, Tri-State Development Summit

10:55-11:15 Corn Belt Ports Update, Robert Sinkler, Executive Coordinating Director

Networking Lunch

11:15-11:50 Buffet Line Open

11:50 -12:10 Recorded Remarks by Elected Officials:

- IL Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton
- Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)
- Senator Dick Durbin (IL)
- Senator Eric Schmitt (MO)
- Senator Chuck Grassley (IA) – Written Comments

12:10-12:30 Dr Honey Zimmerman, National Science Foundation Update, Western Illinois University

Federal Updates

12:30-12:50 Mr. Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD) update, US Department of Transportation

12:50-1:10 Recorded Remarks by Elected Officials:

- Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)
- Congressman Brad Finstad (MN-1)
- Congressman Sam Graves (MO-6)
- Congresswoman Ashley Hinson (IA-2)

1:10-1:25 Break

1:25-1:30 Introduction – MAJ Matthew Fletcher, Deputy Commander and District Engineer, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

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1:30-1:40 Mr. Tom Heinold, Chief, Operations Division, Operations Update, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1:40-1:50 Mr. Matt Zehr, Chief, Regulatory Division, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1:50-2:10 Mr. Andrew Goodall, Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) Program Manager - Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2:10-2:30 Marshall Plumley, Regional Program Manager, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

2:30-2:45 Recorded Remarks by Elected Officials:

- Congressman Darin LaHood (IL-16)
- Congresswoman Mary Miller (IL-15)
- Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-1)
- Congressman Eric Sorensen (IL-17)

2:45-3:00 Break

Upper Mississippi River Basin M-35/M-55 Work and Resilience Planning

3:00-3:20 Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (Remote)

State Departments of Transportation and Ports Updates

3:20-3:40 Blake Roderick, Chair, Mid America Port Commission

Illinois Ports Update

3:40-3:55 Brian McCoy, Program Planning Specialist, Marine Transportation Program, Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning & Programming

Missouri Ports Update

3:55-4:10 Levi Woods, Administrator of Freight and Waterways, at Missouri Department of Transportation

4:10-4:20 Ralph Martin, Director, Lewis County Port Authority

4:20-4:30 Carolyn Wisecarver, Executive Director, Pike Lincoln County Port Authority

4:30-4:40 Maria Kuhns, Executive Director, Marion-Ralls Regional Port Authority

4:40-4:50 Joe Humes, Western District Commissioner, Clark County Missouri and President of the Governing Board, Northeast Missouri Regional Port Authority

4:50-5:00 Recorded Remarks by Elected Officials:

- Congressman Tom Tiffany (WI-7)
- Congressman Derrick Van Orden (WI-3)

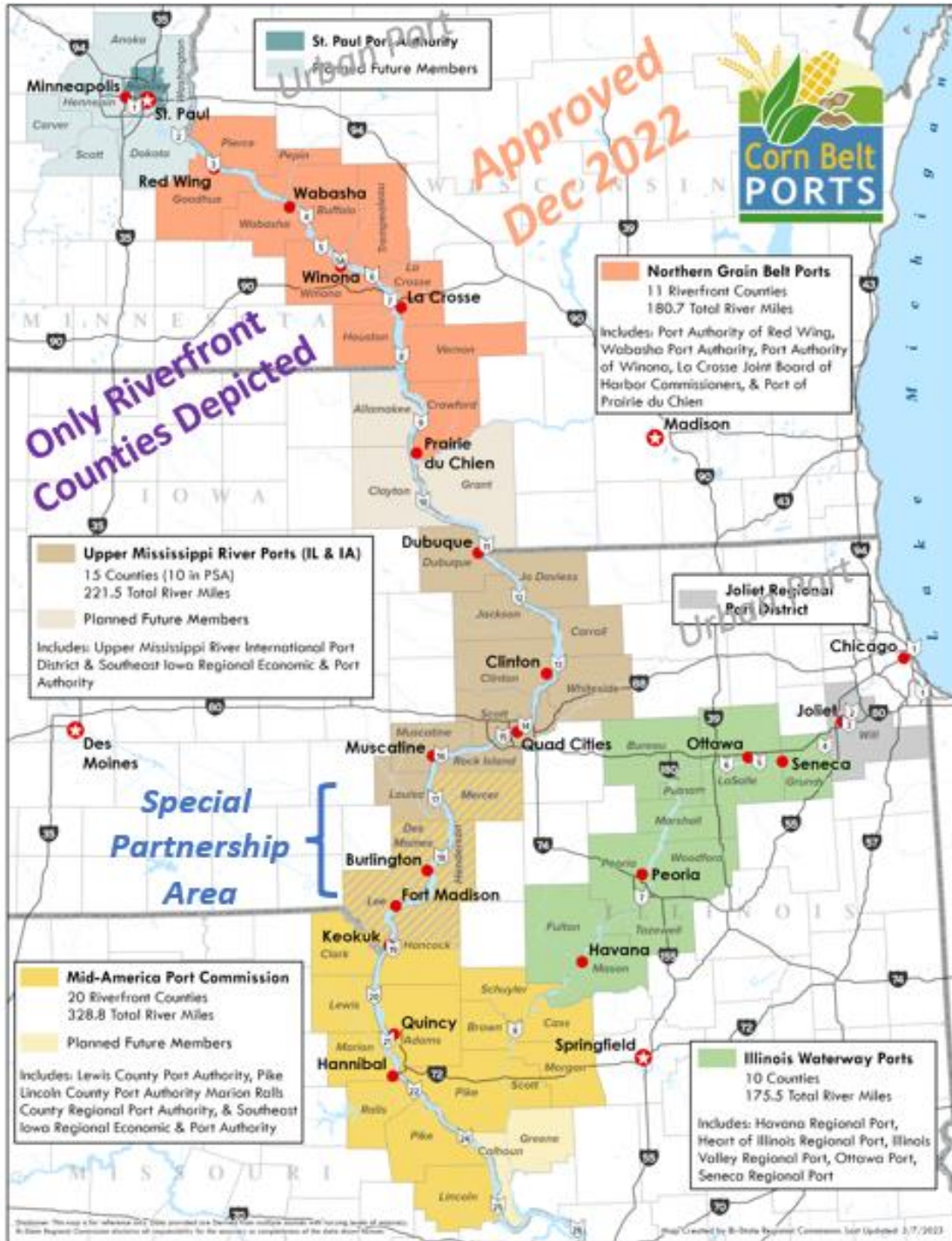
5:00 – 5:05 Closing

Reception

Begins 5:30 - Joint Corn Belt Ports, MAPC and UMIMRA Reception

The Annual UMIMRA Meeting will be held at the same location on Friday February 16, 2023

**Registration fee is \$0 (free) per person
(includes Thursday lunch)
Thursday Night Reception fee is \$50.00
Register on-line at [LINK](#)**



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