

2025 Corn Belt Ports and Mid America Port Commission Annual Meeting Agenda



2025 Corn Belt Ports & Mid-America Ports Commission Annual Meeting Wednesday, February 12 at Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center 3001 Winegard Dr., Burlington, IA

UNLOCKING PORT INVESTMENT

10:00 AM – Registration Opens (Lobby)

10:30-10:35 Welcome – (Host)

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

10:40-10:50 To Be Announced Guest Speaker

10:50-11:00 Robert Sinkler, Executive Coordinating Director, Corn Belt Ports Update

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

11:00-12:00

Leslie Sieck, Executive Director, Tri-State Update and Way Forward, Tri-State Development Summit

Bob Brettell, Prosody Group, Public Private Partnerships

Mike Norris, Executive Director, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission

NETWORKING LUNCH

12:00-12:40 Buffet Line Open

FEDERAL UPDATES

12:40-1:05 Mr. Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD) update, US Department of Transportation

1:05-2:00 USACE Updates Includes Q&A

Introduction, Colonel Aaron M. Williams, Commander and District Engineer, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Tom Heinold, Chief, Operations Division, O&M Backlog Update, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

Marshall Plumley, Regional Program Manager, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

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2:00-2:05 **U.S. Coast Guard**

2:05-2:20 Break

STATE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND PORTS UPDATES

2:20-3:25 Tri-State DOT Update includes Q&A

Stuart Anderson, Director, Transportation Development Division

BJ Murray, Chief, Aviation & Marine Transportation Program Planning, Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning & Programming (Remote)

xxx xxxx, Missouri Department of Transportation

3:25-3:40 Break

3:40-4:20 Ports Panel Update

Joe Humes, Western District Commissioner, Clark County Missouri and President of the Governing Board, Northeast Missouri Regional Port Authority

Ralph Martin, Director, Lewis County Port Authority (Remote)

Pike Lincoln County Port Authority

Mike Norris, Executive Director Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority

Blake E. Roderick, Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District

ROBUST NAVIGATION SYSTEM NEEDS

4:20-4:35 Deb Calhoun, Senior Vice President, Waterway Council Incorporated (Remote)

4:35 Closing

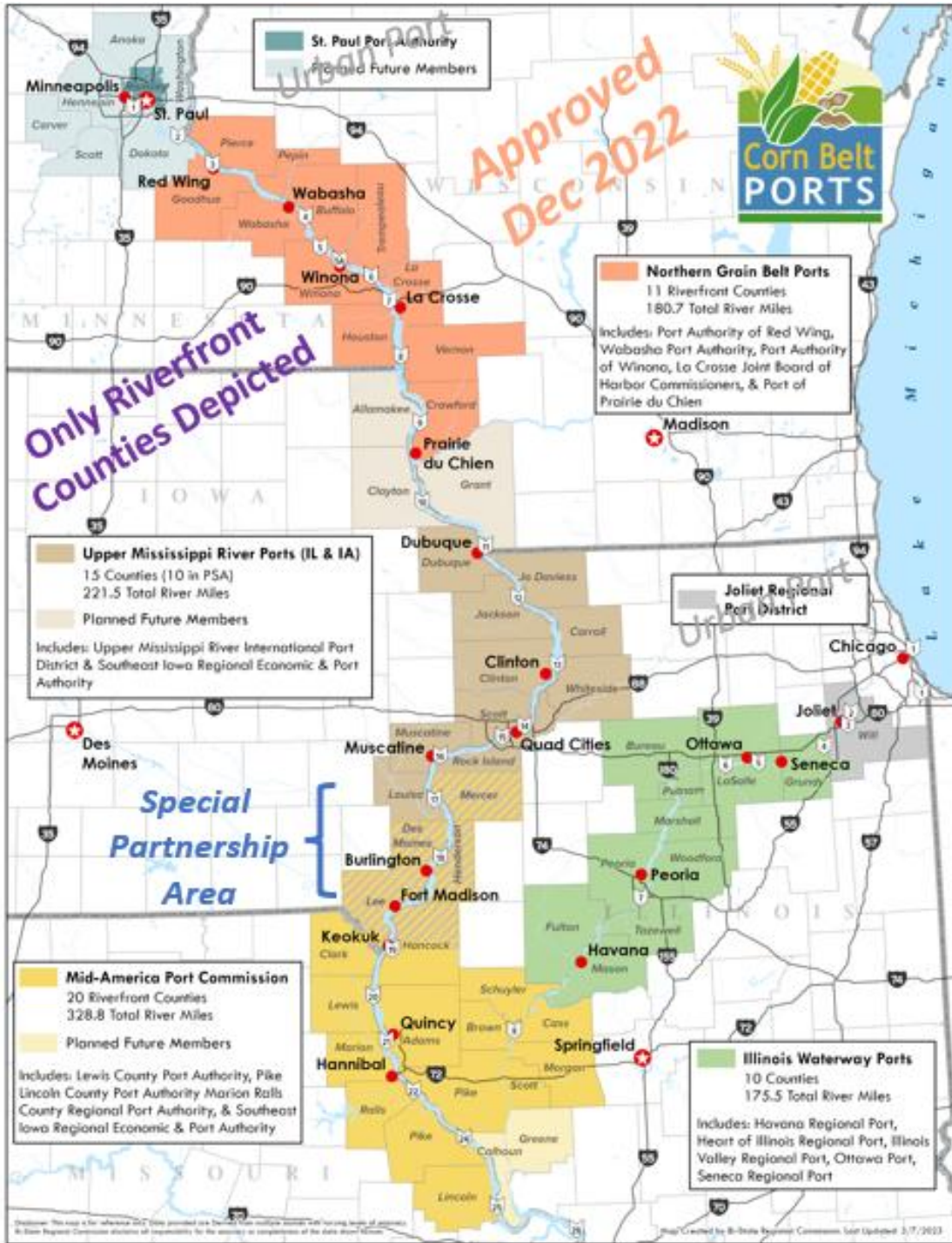
Reception

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

The Annual UMIMRA Meeting will be held at the same location on Thursday February 13, 2025

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

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MID AMERICA PORT COMMISSION AREA

