



2024 Corn Belt Ports and 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 Welcome (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

12:00-12:30 Recorded Remarks by Elected Officials:

- IL Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton
- Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)
- Senator Dick Durbin (IL)
- Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)
- Senator Eric Schmitt (MO)
- Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)
- Congressman Sam Graves (MO-6)
- Congresswoman Ashley Hinson (IA-2)
- Congressman Darin LaHood (IL-16)
- Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-1)
- Congressman Eric Sorensen (IL-17)
- Congressman Tom Tiffany (WI-7)

12:30-12:50 National Science Foundation Update and Survey, Dr Christopher Merrett, Western Illinois University

Federal Updates

12:50-1:10 Mr. Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD) update, US Department of Transportation

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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

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

2:10-2:40 Marshall Plumley, Regional Program Manager, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

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

2:40-3:00 Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (Remote)

3:00-3:15 Break

State Departments of Transportation and Ports Updates

3:15-3:35 Blake Roderick, Chair, Mid America Port Commission

Illinois Ports Update

3:35-3:50 Brian McCoy, Program Planning Specialist, Marine Transportation Program, Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning & Programming

Missouri Ports Update

3:50-4:05 Levi Woods, Administrator of Freight and Waterways, at Missouri Department of Transportation

4:05-4:15 Ralph Martin, Director, Lewis County Port Authority

4:15-4:25 *Carolyn Wisecarver, Executive Director, Pike Lincoln County Port Authority*

4:25-4:35 Maria Kuhns, Executive Director, Marion-Ralls Regional Port Authority

Reception

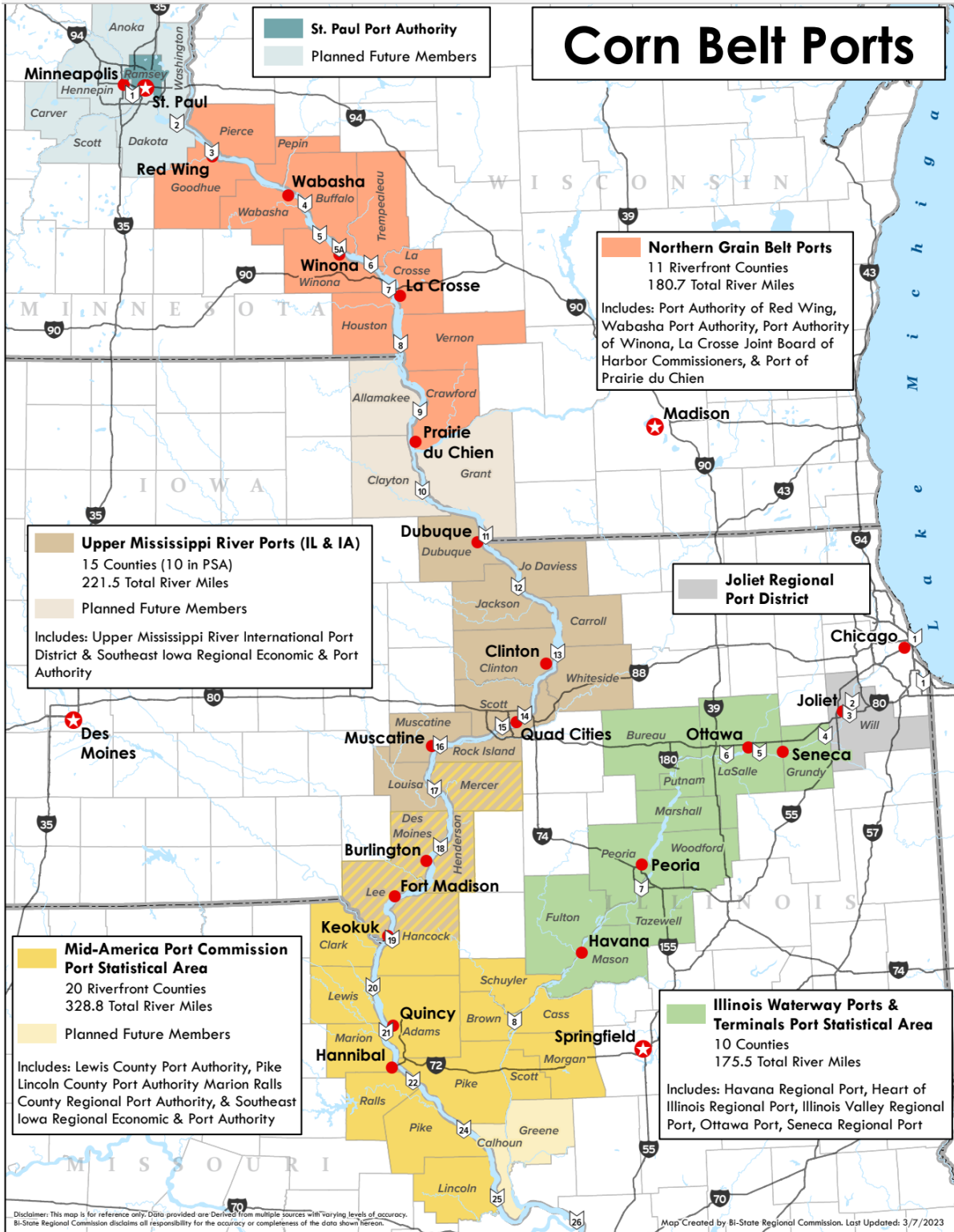
Begins 5:30 - Joint Corn Belt Ports, MAPC and UMIMRA Reception

The Annual UMIMRA Meeting will be held at the same location on Friday February 16, 2024

***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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