

The 4th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
Organizational Meeting
September 15-17, 2015, Dubuque, IA

Agenda

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.
Official functions and meeting services are located in the Hotel Julien or River Center unless otherwise stated.

September 15

Registration

10:00am – 6:00pm, Hotel Reservations, Hotel Julien (1st floor) and Grand Harbor Resort (check-in desk)

Welcome Excursion and Reception, *Sponsored by: Viking River Cruises*

5:00pm – 6:30pm, Mississippi River Excursion on the “American Lady Yacht”

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of the Hotel Julien and Grand Harbor Resort at 4:30pm.

6:30pm – 8:30pm, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, 350 E 3rd Street

The “American Lady Yacht” will dock at the Museum where guests will disembark and be treated to a brief introduction to the Museum followed by dinner in the main exhibit hall. Buses will run a continuous loop to the hotels from 8:30pm to 9:30pm.

Mayors are invited to tour the museum.

Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA
Harry Rediger, Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO

Welcome: JERRY ENZLER
President & CEO, National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

Greetings: MILTON HUGH
Senior Vice President of Finance
Viking River Cruises

Remarks: THE HONORABLE JOHN DICKERT
Mayor of Racine, WI, Immediate Past Chair
Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Release: Economic Profile, Upper Mississippi River

DAN BAUMANN
Chair, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association
DNR, Western Region Director
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

BRYAN HOPKINS
Interstate Waters
Water Resources Center
MO Dept. of Natural Resources

Registration

Opening Breakfast, The Mississippi River and the World, *Sponsored by: J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.*

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of both hotels at 7:45am

Remarks: THE HONORABLE MARY PAMELA JOCHUM
Iowa State Senator
President of the Iowa Senate

10:00am – 11:00am, Dubuque Historic Millwork District, Jackson and E 10th Streets

Tour 2: Financing Adaptive Reuse & Development – Historic Millwork District Renewal

DERON MUEHRING
Lead Engineer, Bee Branch Project

Mayors' Press Conference

11:30am – 12:00pm, River Room (3rd floor), Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street

Mayor Buol will convene a press conference to make two major announcements regarding the Mississippi River and its importance to the nation and the world.

Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA
Francis Slay, Mayor of St. Louis, MO
Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA
Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN

Opening Lunch Plenary, The Mississippi River and the Nation

12:15pm – 2:00pm, Ballroom A & B (2nd floor), Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street

Presiding: John Thodos, Mayor of East Moline, IL

Introduction: COLIN WELLENKAMP
Executive Director
Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative

Greetings: HON. MARTIN O'MALLEY
Governor of Maryland, 2007-2015

Preview: HON. LARRY 'BUTCH' BROWN
Mayor of Natchez, MS
Host of MRCTI 2016 Annual Meeting

Call to Action: CHAD PREGRACKE
Founder & President
Living Lands & Waters

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND INCENTIVIZING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

2:15pm – 3:30pm, Meeting Rooms 4 & 5, Grand River Center

Moderating: Mark Vulich, Mayor of Clinton, IA

Overview: AMBASSADOR KENNETH M. QUINN
President
World Food Prize Foundation

Presentation: ROD SNYDER
President
Field to Market, The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture

Presentation: SEAN MCMAHON
Executive Director
Iowa Agricultural Water Alliance

Break (3:30pm – 5:00pm) - Hotel

Host City Showcase & Dinner, Celebrating America's Main Streets, *Sponsored by: Dubuque Main Street*

5:30pm – 8:30pm, Grand Ballroom (2nd floor), Hotel Julien, 200 Main Street

Join Mayors as they celebrate the 30th anniversary of America's Main Streets Program

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of the Grand Harbor Resort at 5:15pm to transport mayors and meeting guests to dinner location at the historic Hotel Julien. Bus will return guests to the Grand Harbor Resort from 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

Welcome: TONY PFOHL
Vice President
Fischer Companies

Address: MARY COWNIE
Director
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Presentation: DAN LOBIANCO
Executive Director of Dubuque Main Street
Annual Main Street Awards

September 17

Registration

7:30am – 11:30pm, Main Lobby (1st floor), Hotel Julien

Plenary Breakfast: The Key to Resilience is Partnerships, *Sponsored by: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board*

8:30am – 9:45am, Grand Ballroom (2nd floor), Hotel Julien, 200 Main Street

A Bus will be available to transport guests from the Grand Harbor Resort beginning at 8:00am.

Presiding: Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Seating: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board

RANDY MOORE
President, Iowa American Water

MILTON HUGH
Senior VP, Viking River Cruises

MARK BINSFELD
Senior VP, J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.

KELLY MCGINNIS
Prog. Dir. Mississippi River Network

JOHNATHAN PALFENIER
Trade Lade Manager-Oceans, Federal Express

Address: JOEL B. SMITH
Principal, Abt Associates Environmental Research
Resilience and Adaptation Achieved Through Public/Private Partnerships

STATE/CITY ACTION TO ACHIEVE CLEAN WATER

10:00am – 11:15am, River Room (1st floor), Hotel Julien

Moderating: Hiram Copeland, Mayor of Vidalia, LA

Remarks: MARK HAGUE
Administrator, Region 7
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Presentation: SUSAN SYLVESTER
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Chair, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Water Quality Executive Committee

Presentation: JENNIFER TERRY
Agricultural Policy Specialist
Iowa Environmental Council

Break (15 min) – Refreshments provided

MRCTI Business Meeting

11:30am – 12:30pm, River Room (1st floor), Hotel Julien

Mayors will meet in an open-door session to hold elections for a new Executive Committee and Co-Chairs to serve a 2-year term. Mayors that currently serve on the Executive Committee and as Co-Chairs are eligible to run. One co-chair seat is reserved for the mayor of a city with a population above 100,000 and the other for a city with a population below 100,000. Mayors interested in hosting an annual meeting may also officially list their cities as a candidate for the 2018 and 2019 meetings.

Presiding: Roy Buol, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

Presentation: STACI WILLIAMS
American Rivers, Mississippi River Network
MRCTI/MRN Proclamations for the River

Presentation: DAN BARRY
ecoAmerica, Communities Program Director
“Path to Positive” Pledge Campaign

Update: Returning Container Movement to the Mississippi River

LARRY ‘BUTCH’ BROWN	FRANCIS SLAY
Mayor of Natchez, MS	Mayor of St. Louis, MO

Elections: MRCTI Co-Chairs, Executive Committee Members

Closing Luncheon, Clean Drinking Water – Our Number 1 Priority

12:30pm – 1:45pm, Grand Ballroom (2nd floor), Hotel Julien

Presiding: Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA

Introduction: Newly Elected MRCTI Co-Chairs and Executive Committee

Presentation: EcoAdapt and ClimateWise Adaptation and Resilience Survey

LARA J. HANSEN, PH.D.

Chief Scientist & Executive Director

EcoAdapt

TONYA GRAHAM

Executive Director

Geos Institute

1:30pm – Adjourn