

2023 Illinois Waterway Ports Annual Meeting Agenda Draft



2023 ILWW Ports Annual Meeting

Thursday, 31 Aug 23 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum
222 SW Washington St, Peoria, IL 61602

Purpose: The Illinois Waterway Ports initial meeting after State recognition is to share information amongst stakeholders, network and help build a common unified vision for the ILWW Ports

8:00-8:45 Registration

8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:05 Administrative Remarks – Heart of Illinois Regional Port District Staff (Host)

9:05-9:10 Welcome – Rita Ali, Mayor, Peoria, Illinois (Host)

9:10-9:15 Welcome - John Kahl, Mayor, East Peoria, Illinois (Host)

9:15-9:40 Keynote Speaker Illinois State Senator David Koehler, Assistant Majority Leader, 46th Senate District

9:40-10:00 ILWW Ports Commission and Corn Belt Ports Update

Federal Updates

10:00-10:05 Introduction – COL Jesse Curry, Commander and District Engineer, Rock Island District, US Army Corps of Engineers

10:05-10:30 Mr. Andrew Goodall Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) Program Manager - Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:30-10:55 Bob Castro, Illinois Waterway Operations Update - Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:55-11:20 Julie Millhollin, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program Update, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

11:20-11:45 Mr. Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD) Update, US Department of Transportation

Networking Lunch

11:45-1:00 Lunch Buffett Provided

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

1:00-1:25 Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (Remote)

State Updates

1:25-1:45 BJ Murray, Section Chief, Aviation & Marine Transportation Program Planning, Illinois Department of Transportation, Office of Planning & Programming

1:45-2:05 Steve Altman, Chief of Resource Management, Illinois Department of Natural Resource

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Regional Planning Agencies

2:05-2:15 Eric Miller, Executive Director, HIRPD Port Master Plan Update, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

2:15-2:25 Duane Calbow, Economic Development Planner, North Central Council of Governments

2:25-2:35 Break

Economic Development Organization

2:35-2:45 Chris Setti, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council

Other Stakeholder

2:45-3:00 Randy Smith, Illinois River Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

3:00-3:10 **Darren Melvin (Hanson Material Service), Treasurer, Illinois River Carriers Association**

3:10-3:30 Chris Merrett, WIU/Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, *Advancing Smart Logistics - Waterway Research Center*, National Science Foundation Grant

Registration fee is \$0 per person

RSVP NLT 25 August if you plan to attend in person

RSVP to chris.smith@ilwwports.com and anshu.singh@cornbeltports.com

Audio/Video - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83881244623?pwd=NEpFQXlwchHBZajlWYjkyY0h4dTU09>

Meeting ID: 838 8124 4623

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Illinois Waterway Ports Commission:

Passed: Senate on 3/29/2023 57 YEAS and 0 NAYS and 0 Present

Passed: House on 5/11/2023 113 YEAS and 0 NAYS and 0 Present

Signed: Governor Approved on 6/30/2023

Public Act 103-0214 ([Link](#)) - Effective Date 6/30/2023

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Illinois Waterway (ILWW) Ports Commission

Major Cities

Peoria Metropolitan Area
Ottawa

Ports (State Recognized)

Havana Regional Port (2311)
Heart of Illinois Regional Port (2312)
Illinois Valley Regional Port (2313)
Ottawa City Port (7712)
Seneca Regional Port (7710)

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Tri-County (Primary Applicant)

Regional Planning Agencies (See Map)

North Central Illinois
Tri-County

Western Illinois

USACE (Corps) ILWW Project Office

Peoria

Supporting USCG (Coast Guard) Office

Peoria

Illinois Waterway Visitors Center

Starved Rock Lock and Dam (Ottawa)

Lead Resource Supt Agency (Western IL Univ)

Institute for Rural Affairs (Plus)

