March 8 [All times are central]

Matinee Discussion with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
3:00pm – 5:00pm, Streamed from DOD Headquarters, Army Pentagon, Washington, DC
High ranking leaders from the U.S. Army and the Corps of Engineers will detail their plans to deploy Jobs Act Resources across the Mississippi River Basin and discuss priorities over the next five years.

3:00pm – 5:00pm, The U.S. Army and the Corps of Engineers Implementation of the Jobs Act

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair
George Flaggs, Mayor of Vicksburg, MS

Remarks: HON. JAMIE A. PINKHAM
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
United States Army

Recognition: HON. ROBERT EASTERN
Mayor of East St. Louis, IL
HON. PHIL STANG
Mayor of Kimmswick, MO

Introduction: MARK BINSFELD
Vice President of Marketing & Business Development
J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.
MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board Vice Chair

Presentation: LT. COLONEL THOMAS J. SEARS
Deputy Commander
St. Louis District, USACE

LT. COLONEL JOHN M. FERNAS
Deputy District Commander
Rock Island District, USACE

Introduction: HON. MITCH REYNOLDS
Mayor of La Crosse, WI
MRCTI Wisconsin State Chair

Honoring: HON. RON KIND
U.S. House of Representatives (WI)
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair
March 9 [All times are central]

Session I: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT AND THE MISSISSIPPI CORRIDOR
10:00am – 10:30pm, MRCTI Contribution to the Department of Interior’s America the Beautiful

Presiding: Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair

Introduction: HON. CHRIS LANE
Mayor, City of Savanna, IL

Remarks: HON. SHANNON A. ESTENOZ
Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
U.S. Department of the Interior

Welcome: Rick Pina
Vice President, Advisory Services and Chief Technology Advisor for Public Sector
World Wide Technology

10:30am – 11:00am, Unveiling of the MRCTI Infrastructure Facility

Introduction: HON. MELVIN CARTER
Mayor, City of St. Paul, MN
MRCTI Minnesota State Chair

Remarks: JAMES KIM
Partner, Planning & Resilience
Arnold & Porter

Mark Goodson
Principal, Planning & Resilience
CSRS

Eric Letsinger
CEO & Founder
Quantified Ventures

Aditya Ranade
Senior Partner
Two Degrees Adapt

11:00am – 12:00pm, High-Level Discussion with the U.S. Department of Transportation on the IIJA

IIJA Update: Charles Small
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation

12:00pm – 1:00pm, Virtual Event Break for Lunch

Session II: SECURING MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT
1:00pm – 1:30pm, Determining the True Cost of Nutrient Loading to Cities

Presiding: Brad Cavanagh, Mayor of Dubuque, IA

Presentation: ERIN MACKEY
Project Director
Earth Economics
1:30pm – 2:00pm, Disaster Response, Humanitarian Assistance, International Resources – Ukraine Crisis

**Orientation:** COLIN WELLENKAMP
MRCTI Executive Director

**Update:** JOHN DABEET
Muscatine, IA Sister Cities President
Sister Cities International State of Iowa Representative

2:00pm – 2:30pm, Developing a Systemic Resilience and Adaptation Plan for the United States

**Introduction:** Hon. Sharon Weston Broome  
Hon. Mitch Reynolds
Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA  
Mayor, City of La Crosse, WI
MRCTI Immediate Past Co-Chair  
MRCTI Wisconsin State Chair

**Presentation:** CHRIS AVILA
Legislative Lead Professional Staff
National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act (NCARS)
The Office of Senator Chris Coons
United States Senate (DE)

2:30pm – 3:00pm, High-Level Overview, Implementation of the Jobs Act

**Introduction:** HON. BELINDA CONSTANT
Mayor of Gretna, LA
MRCTI Louisiana State Chair

**Remarks:** HON. MITCH LANDRIEU
Senior Advisor to the President
IIJA Implementation

3:00pm – 4:00pm, Discussion on Solid Waste, Water Quality, and Recycling Infrastructure

**Moderating:** HON. AELICIA THOMAS  
Jennifer Wendt
Mayor of Rosedale, MS  
Plastic Waste Reduction Campaign Manager

**Remarks:** JANET MCCABE
Deputy Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Update:** BARBARA HENDRIE
Director
United Nations Environment Programme
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MAYORS’ HYBRID PRESS CONFERENCE

10:00am – 10:30am, Hybrid Press Event, Aeries Winery, 14 W Main Street, Grafton, IL 62037: MRCTI 2022 Federal Policy Platform and major announcements from the Capitol Meeting regarding the Jobs Act and disaster mitigation on the eve of flood season 2022.

Presiding:
Jim Strickland, Mayor of Memphis, TN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS, MRCTI Co-Chair

Spring Flood Season: Hon. Mike Morrow, Mayor of Grafton, IL
Michael Sertle, Chief Biologist, Ducks Unlimited

Announcement: JAMES KIM, Partner, Arnold & Porter
TIM BARFIELD, President, CSRS
Brian Smoliak, Partner, Two Degrees Adapt
Eric Letsinger, CEO & Founder, Quantified Ventures

Session III: INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING, LONGER TERM

10:30am – 11:00am, Quantified Ventures Announces New Outcomes-Based Financing Challenge with MRCTI

Introduction: HON. LIONEL JOHNSON
Mayor, City of St. Gabriel, LA
Past Co-Chair of MRCTI

Presentation: ERIC LETSINGER
Founder, Quantified Ventures

DISCUSSION WITH BICAMERAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER CAUCUS, MRCTI 10TH ANNIVERSARY

11:00am – 11:30pm, Honoring Founding Caucus Co-Chair

Presiding:
Phil Stang, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO
Laurie Elliott, Mayor of Newport, MN

Welcome: HON. AMY KLOBUCHAR
United State Senate (MN)
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

Honoring: HON. ROY BLUNT
United States Senate (MO)
Mississippi River Caucus Co-Chair

11:30am – 12:00pm, MRCTI Annual Meeting, 10th Anniversary, St. Louis, MO, Sept 13-15

Preview:
Phil Stang, Mayor of Kimmswick, MO
Bob Fox, Mayor of Cape Girardeau, MO
Preview: NEAL RICHARDSON  
Executive Director  
St. Louis Development Corporation  
MATTHEW McBRIDE  
Chairman  
St. Louis Port Commission

MRCTI at 10: ALEXANDER LOUCOPOULOS  
Partner, Sciens Capital  
MRCTI Corp. Advisory Board Chair  
MARK BINSFELD  
Vice President, J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.  
MRCTI Corp. Advisory Board Vice Chair

Announcement: HAROLD HAMBY  
Founder  
LaChance Vineyards