



PORT OF KROTZ SPRINGS

Avoyelles Parish Port



ATCHAFALAYA RIVER AND RED RIVER PORTS, AND THE RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION

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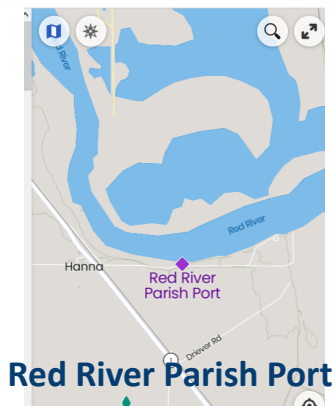


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PRESENT THE

ATCHAFALAYA—RED RIVER MARITIME ROUNDTABLE



Red River Parish Port



TUESDAY, JUNE 7—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

AGENDA
ATCHAFALAYA – RED RIVER MARITIME ROUNDTABLE
TUESDAY, JUNE 7 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON Sign In & Light Lunch

12:00 NOON TO 12:15 PM Welcome and Introductions
Mac Wade, Executive Director, Port of Morgan City

UPDATES FROM OUR ADVOCATES

12:20 PM – 12:40 PM Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Office of Soil & Water Conservation
Joey Breaux, Assistant Commissioner

Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)
Danielle Viguerie Coco, Marketing & Communications Director

12:45 PM – 1:05 PM Louisiana Economic Development
Stacey Neal, Director, Community Competitiveness

1:10 PM – 1:30 PM Louisiana Department of Transportation
Office of Multimodal Commerce
Renee Lapeyrolerie, Commissioner

1:35 PM – 1:55 PM Louisiana Department of Transportation
Office of Multimodal Commerce
Molly Bourgoyne, Director of Ports

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM Break

Atchafalaya River and Red River Related Waterways Overview and Project Updates

2:20 PM – 2:40 PM USACE Vicksburg District
Pat Hemphill, Deputy District Engineer for Programs & Project Management

2:45 PM – 3:05 PM USACE New Orleans District
Colonel Stephen Murphy, District Commander

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022 (Continued)

- 3:10 PM – 3:25 PM Innovations in Waterway Maintenance & Ribbon Cutting Overview
Brice Civil Constructors
Jon McVay, President
- 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM Break and travel to Port of Morgan City Terminal Facility, 800 Youngs Road (transportation provided) – Bus leaves at 4:00 PM
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Atchafalaya Bar Channel Ribbon Cutting and Dredge Arulaq Demonstration at Port of Morgan City Terminal Facility
- 5:30 PM to 5:45 PM Return to Port of Morgan City Emergency Operations Center for Dinner Reception
- 5:45 PM to 7:30 PM Dinner Reception (spouses invited)

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Sign In
- 8:30 AM – 8:40 AM Welcome and Introductions
- WHAT ARE OUR POSSIBILITIES?**
- 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM America’s Marine Highway Program Overview and Process
U. S. Maritime Administration, Office of Ports and Waterways Planning
Fred Jones, Operations Development Specialist
- Case Studies
- 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM Nucor Steel – Anthony M. Nath
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Chambers County Texas Hub & Spoke – Bill Kinzeler
- 10:00 AM – 10:15AM Seacor AMH, LLC – Richard Teubner
- 10:25 AM – 10:45 AM Break

ATCHAFALAYA AND RED RIVER PORTS

WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

Atchafalaya River

- 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Port of Morgan City – Mac Wade, Executive Director
- 11:00 AM – 11:10 AM Port of Krotz Springs – Cindy Stelly, Executive Director
- 11:10 AM – 11:20 AM Avoyelles Parish Port – Sammy Ducote, Executive Director

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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER (continued)

Red River

11:20 AM – 11:30 AM Red River Waterways Commission – Eric Gilmore
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM Caddo – Bossier Port - Zazell Dudley, Director of Economic Development
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM Red River/Natchitoches Port - Travis Tyler, Executive Director
11:50 AM – 12:00 NOON Central Louisiana Regional Port - Ben Russo, Executive Director

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Break and Lunch Served

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP US SUCCEED

Overview of Regional Economic Development Activities

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM To be Announced

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM South Louisiana Economic Council
Vic Lafont, President / CEO

Funding and Program Assistance - Overview of Federal Assistance Programs

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM U S Maritime Administration
Office of Ports & Waterways Planning
Wade Morefield, Transportation Analyst

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM EDA & Delta Regional Programs
Louisiana State Planning District 6, Kisatchie – Delta Regional Planning & Development District
Heather Smoak Urena, Executive Director

Funding and Program Assistance - State and Federal Assistance Programs – Opportunities In Louisiana for International Trade

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM Louisiana Economic Development, Office of International Commerce
Larry Collins, Executive Director

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Opportunities on the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers

Roundtable Activities & Discussion

Moderated by Wade Morefield, MARAD

Organized Groups with a variety of representatives from Port & Waterway Commissions, terminal operators, stevedores, tug and barge companies, shippers, and representatives from agriculture forestry, and chemical industries will participate in guided dialogue with the goal of increasing waterway commerce on the Atchafalaya and Red Rivers.

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 (Continued)

3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM to 4:30 PM

Opportunities on the Red River and Atchafalaya River
Roundtable Discussion Continues

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Wrap up - Reports and Next Steps

5:00 PM

Adjourn

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Farewell Dinner

OUR SPEAKERS

Joey Breaux, Executive Director, LA Soil & Water Conservation Commission; Assistant Commissioner, LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry/Office of Soil & Water Conservation



Breaux began work with the Office of Soil & Water Conservation in 1994 as a Coastal Revegetation Project Manager working with coastal SWCDs, and in 1996 began helping to administer the statewide Soil & Water Conservation District Program. He also served as the State Coordinator for the Louisiana Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Program.

He's a native of Cameron Parish, was raised in southwest LA's rice, cattle and crawfish production region and graduated from Bell City, LA High School and McNeese State University with a B.S. in Wildlife Management.

Danielle Viguerie Coco, Southern United States Trade Association, Director, Marketing and Communications



Danielle Coco is the Marketing & Communications Director at the Southern U.S. Trade Association (SUSTA). Since 2013, Danielle has been responsible for creating awareness of SUSTA and reaching out to new companies that can take advantage of SUSTA's export assistance.

The mission of the regional non-profit trade association is to help southern companies promote their agricultural products internationally. SUSTA works closely with the Departments of Agriculture in 15 southern states to administer the Market Access Program (MAP) funded by the USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service.

Stacey Neal, Louisiana Economic Development, Director, Community Competitiveness



Stacey Neal is the Director of Community Competitiveness with Louisiana Economic Development. For 14 years prior to joining LED, she was the Community Developer for the City of Hammond and then Executive Director of Economic Development for Tangipahoa Parish.

Stacey grew up in Tangipahoa Parish and graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1991 earning a bachelor's degree in Marketing. She has also completed training through the Community Development Institute in Conway, AR, where she received the Professional Community and Economic Development certification 2010. In addition, she holds the Certified Louisiana Economic Developer certification through LIDEA and the Master Economic Development Practitioner certification through AEDL.

She has served on committees for multiple Chambers of Commerce, was a board member on the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Northshore Technical and Community College Advisory Board, a board member of Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association (LIDEA), Past President of Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association, sits on the Southeastern College of Business Advisory Board, and is a graduate and past board member of Leadership Tangipahoa. Stacey completed the Delta Leadership Institute training, a community development program of the Delta Regional Authority and is currently working toward her Master in Economic Development at University of Southern Miss.

Renee Lapeyrolerie, Commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development



Renee Lapeyrolerie is a native of St. John the Baptist Parish and was appointed March 2, 2020, by Governor John Bel Edwards. The Office of Multimodal Commerce was formed in 2016 within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), to enhance the state's focus on multimodal transportation.

Renee has nearly 30 years of both public service and private sector experience. She comes to DOTD after eight years in business development for an engineering firm specializing in water, energy, environment, and transportation, from where she was tapped to serve on the Interim Emergency Management Team at the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Renee is a former executive director of the Louisiana Democratic Party and founder of High Note Communications, a political consulting and public relations agency. She also served as director of local operations for the Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB 2000), a convention of 7,000 financiers and government officials from 46 countries. Her public service includes economic development, public housing, and law enforcement agencies.

She represents the Treme neighborhood on the New Orleans Historic Districts Landmark Commission. Her prior board service includes the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District Board of Commissioners.

Lapeyrolerie is a graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans, a Fellow of the Loyola Institute of Politics, and studied at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

Mary "Molly" Bourgoyne, PE, (I)MPE, Director of Ports, Office of Multimodal Commerce Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development



"Molly" Bourgoyne currently serves as Director of Ports, the Port Groups Section Head with Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development.

Molly graduated from LSU with a BS in Civil Engineering and an MS in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis in Coastal Engineering. She worked in consulting for a couple years before joining the state workforce. Over the last 11 years she has worked at CPRA in the Engineering Division, at DNR in the Office of Conservation, Pipeline Safety, and at DOTD, as a Dam Safety Engineer, a Waterways Program Manager, and for the last 4 years in her current position.

Patricia R. Hemphill Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District



Ms. Patricia Hemphill has served as the deputy district engineer for Programs and Project Management for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District since 2013. Her responsibilities include long-range planning, management and supervision of the project management business process for the district. In the absence of the commander, she assumes responsibility for all activities and functions of the organization.

Over the span of her career, she has worked in numerous positions to include hydraulic engineer, value engineering officer, strategic planner and deputy chief for planning for the district's Programs and Project Management Division.

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She also served as interim executive assistant to the commanding general, Mississippi Valley Division.

In 2008, she served as interim deputy commander for the Vicksburg District.

She earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University. She is a graduate of the Army Management Staff College Sustaining Base Management Leadership Program and the Harvard University J. F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Education Program.

She is a registered professional engineer in the State of Mississippi.

Ms. Hemphill has completed Gallup's Strengths Coach program. She has completed the Army's Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training program. She is a member of the Society of Military Engineers and serves on Mississippi State University's Bagley College of Engineering Board of Diversity.

She also serves on Jackson State University's College of Engineering Advisory Council.

Her awards include the Department of Army Superior Civilian Service Award and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service; the District's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equal Opportunity; the District's 2011 Employee of the Year; Women of Color Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Award; Modern Day Technology Leader, Black Engineer Science and Technology Awards; and has been recognized as one of Mississippi's top 50 Leading Business Women. Hemphill is a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Colonel Stephen Murphy, Commander and Chief Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District



Col. Stephen Murphy serves as the 64th commander of the New Orleans District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Col. Murphy's Army career began in 1997 when he received his commission as an engineer officer from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Over the last 22 years, he has served at all echelons within the Army, to include assignments with Armored, Stryker, Airborne, and Special Operations units, as well as in the interagency in Washington D.C. No stranger to USACE, Col. Murphy commanded the Nashville District from 2015 to 2017 where he delivered a civil works program estimated at 290 million dollars annually with a focus on navigation, hydropower, and flood risk management. He has deployed to combat four times in both Iraq and Afghanistan as well as to conduct peacekeeping operations in the Balkans. Within the United States, Col. Murphy has also participated in humanitarian assistance missions, to include fighting forest fires in Montana and providing hurricane relief in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

Col. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Arts in Strategy from the Army War College.

Col. Murphy comes to New Orleans from Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania where he recently graduated from the U.S. Army War College. Prior to the War College, his two decades of service span numerous engineer command and staff assignments in USACE, the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), the US Army Special Operations Aviation Command

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(USASOAC), 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), the 82nd Airborne Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, and the 1st Cavalry Division. He has also had the unique experiences of serving as an infantry battalion operations officer in combat in southern Afghanistan with 2-1 Infantry (Stryker) out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord as well as an Army Inter-agency Fellow assigned to the Pakistan Desk at the Department of State in Washington D.C. when Osama Bin Laden was killed in 2011.

Col. Murphy's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, NATO medals for both Bosnia and Afghanistan, and the Combat Action Badge. He is also a recipient of the Army Engineer Association's Bronze De Fleury Medal.

Col Murphy has earned the Ranger tab, Sapper tab, and Master Parachutist Badge. In addition to the Army War College, Col. Murphy is also a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Joint Engineer Officer Course, and the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, he is happily married to the former Nicole Lyda, also from South Carolina, and they have two children, Will, 15, and Claire, 12.

Jon McVay, President, Brice Civil Constructors, Inc.



Jon McVay, the president of Brice Civil Constructors Inc., is an experienced professional with a demonstrated history of working in the construction and Environmental industries. With over 25 years of experience managing federal projects and programs he earned a BS in Natural Science from the University of Puget Sound, an MS in Engineering and Science Management from University of Alaska Anchorage, and an MBA from University of Alaska Fairbanks.

He is a proud father of two sons and happy husband to Lori.

Fred Jones, Logistics Manager, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning, U.S. Department of Transportation



Fred Jones is the Logistics Manager for the Office of Port & Waterways Planning which is responsible for "America's Marine Highways Program". The Program's mission is to lead in the development and expansion of Marine Highway Services and to facilitate their integration into the U.S. surface transportation system.

Fred is an accomplished logistics specialist with over 30 years of service in the transportation industry. With his strong strategic and technical background coupled with his operational leadership skills he effectively manages all programs grants and cooperative agreements for the office. He began his maritime career in the U.S. Army in 1988 and has served in several transportation positions until he retired with over 24 years of active military service.

Fred has earned a Master's degree in Business Organization from Webster University. He is also a graduate of the International Association of Maritime and Port Professional course and the Professional Port Manager's certification program.

Vic Lafont, President/CEO, South Louisiana Economic Council



A native of Lafourche Parish and the bayou region, Vic Lafont has aggressively worked in public services to implement community and economic growth in the Southeastern Louisiana parishes. As President/CEO of the South Louisiana Economic Council since 1990, Lafont's primary responsibility is to administer and manage a regional economic/community development program for the Bayou parishes of Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption and St. Mary. Lafont, a 1978 graduate, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Nicholls State University. He earned his Master of Science degree in sports administration from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, and his Master of Arts degree in Mass Communications and Marketing from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Lafont completed his community/economic development training at the Community Development Institute (CDI) and is certified as a Professional Community Economic Developer (PCED).

Wade Morefield, Transportation Industry Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation MARAD



Wade Morefield is a Transportation Industry Analyst with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD). During his 10+ years at MARAD, Wade has supported several maritime and infrastructure programs including the *Marine Highway Program*; the *TIGER, BUILD, RAISE, INFRA, and Port Infrastructure Development grant programs*; and the *Deepwater Port Licensing Program*.

Prior to joining MARAD, Wade was the Director of Planning at Port Canaveral, Florida where he worked to coordinate the port's capital improvement efforts with State, local, and regional transportation plans and programs.

Wade has a bachelor of arts degree in public administration from the University of Central Florida and a master of science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University. Wade is also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Heather Smoke Urena, CEcD, Executive Director, Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning and Development District



Heather Smoak Urena, CEcD is the Executive Director of Kisatchie-Delta Regional Planning & Development District, a quasi-governmental regional planning and development district serving eight parishes of Central Louisiana. Mrs. Urena has 25 years' experience and is a certified economic developer (CEcD) recognized by the International Economic Development Council. She has worked with communities, businesses, would-be entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations, multiple layers of governments and agencies — across eight parishes and also regions across Delta and southwest states — to benefit job retention/creation, improved quality of life, resilience, and competitiveness for the central Louisiana region.

The agency's expertise includes Planning, Technical Assistance, Developing Loans, and Business Outreach and Entrepreneurship. Technical Assistance is highly characterized by specialization in business incentives, procurement technical assistance, entrepreneurship development, and special-purpose planning to include reapportionment, GIS analysis, and resiliency/mitigation, pre-development planning, and grant packaging and award management.

She has a bachelor of arts in journalism with an emphasis in public relations from Northwestern State University. She had completed the Economic Development Institute at the Oklahoma University division of continuing education and is also a certified facilitator in NxLevel. Urena first joined Kisatchie-Delta as Economic Development Specialist in 1996.

Mrs. Urena is a member of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association (LIDEA), a member of the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

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(LAPDD), secretary of the Louisiana Colonial Trails Association, and board member with the Southwest Region Economic Development Association.

Ms. Urena is a life-long resident of Louisiana. She is mother to three daughters: Megan, Amanda, and Hailey, married to Tim Urena, and grandmother to Emma, all of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Larry Collins, Executive Director, Office of International Commerce, Louisiana Economic Development



Larry Collins, Executive Director Office of International Commerce – Louisiana Economic Development (OIC), is responsible for international trade development and recruitment & expansion of investment into Louisiana by international firms. OIC manages a network of representatives around the world. Since 2000, over \$100 billion has been invested into Louisiana and Louisiana is consistently ranked as a top ten exporting state.

Collins is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He has worked in local and regional economic development offices and has worked at LED for over 25 years.

LACI P. MELANCON, COASTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER , PROGRAM COORDINATOR



The South Louisiana Economic Council (SLEC) announced Laci P. Melancon as Program Coordinator for the Coastal Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) IN February 2021. Laci is a native of coastal Louisiana.

Laci's primary responsibility is to assist businesses through a not-for-profit unique business assistance center focused on helping Louisiana firms, consisting primarily of small businesses, in soliciting work and procurement opportunities related to and in support of coastal protection and restoration projects.

Prior to her role with CTAC, Laci held executive level positions in higher education, technical operations, and the non-profit sector. She is an experienced Chief Administrative Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the aviation and aerospace industry. She is skilled in Nonprofit Management, Organizational Development, Social Media, Training, and Adult Education.

Laci obtained a Master of Arts focused in Psychology from University of Houston-Clear Lake.

CTAC was established in 2019 to assist Louisiana-based companies prepare and obtain contracts related to coastal restoration and protection projects. The program is funded by Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and is currently housed and managed at SLEC.

EVAN BOUDREAU, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ST. MARY PARISH



Evan Boudreau is the current Director of Economic Development for St. Mary Parish located in South Louisiana. Evan has held positions in both the public and private sectors, with experience working directly within or around the state and federal levels. Directly prior to his appointment as Director of Economic Development, he served as the Political Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Louisiana's Senior U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy. Evan's experience working at the federal level also includes serving as a policy advisor on the staff of former Congressman Charles Boustany as well as working for the Louisiana-based government relations firm, The Picard Group.

Boudreau graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He is currently completing his Masters in Public Administration at Tulane University. He is a current member of the 705 Young Professionals Organization serving as the Chair of the Civic Engagement Committee, a graduate of Leadership Lafayette Class XXXII (2019), a member of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Alumni Council as vice-chair of the Government Affairs Committee, a Board Member of the I-49S Coalition, as well as on the Board of Directors for OneAcadiana, the regional Economic Development Organization that covers 9 parishes. Boudreau previously served on boards for CODOFIL's fundraising arm Franco-Fete and Cross Catholic Outreach's Village of Hope Gala.