

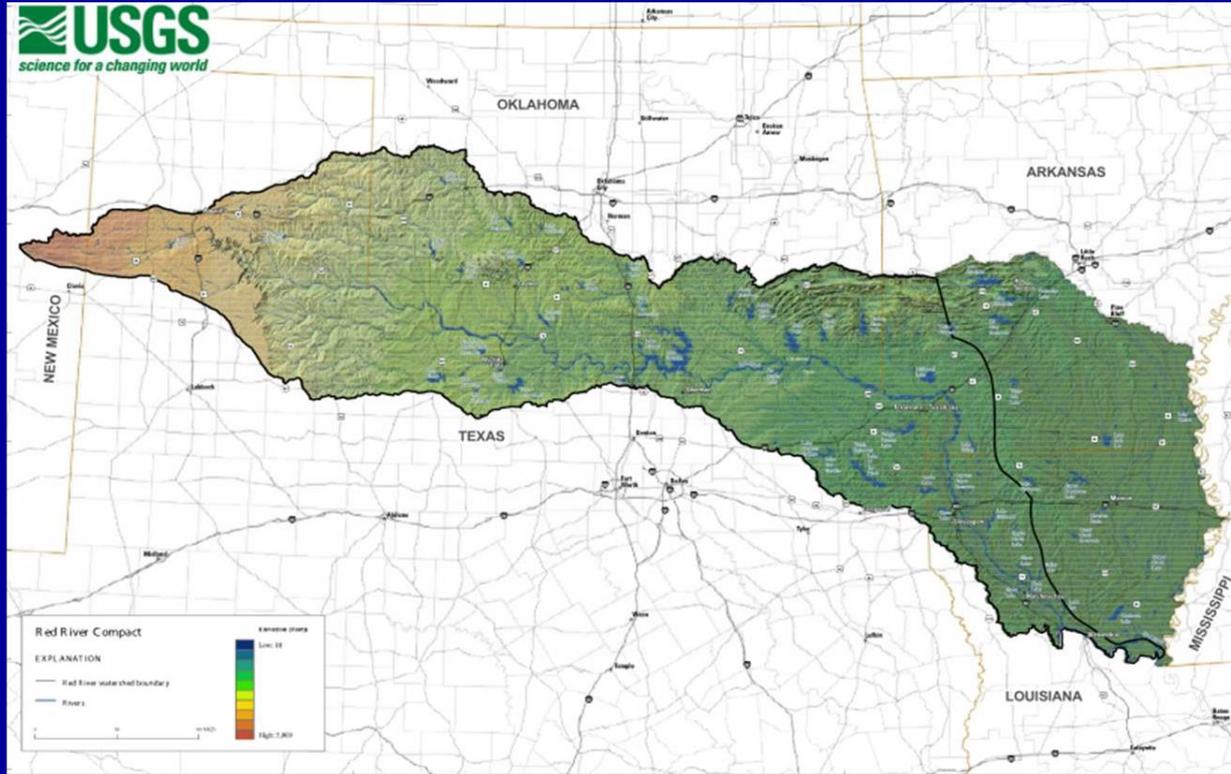
2022 MARAD Roundtable

J. Bennett Johnston Waterway



RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION
Colin Brown- Executive Director
Eric Gilmore – Marketing Director
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The Red River



- Begins as a small creek in eastern New Mexico
- Flows through 5 states: NM, TX, OK, AR, & LA
- 1,200-miles long
- 93,250 square miles of river basin (almost 2X the size of LA)
- 270-miles in LA
- 220 navigable miles from the Caddo-Bossier Port to Old River Lock on the Mississippi River

Red River Waterway Commission



SERVING THE PARISHES OF

- Caddo
- Bossier
- Red River
- Natchitoches
- Grant
- Rapides
- Avoyelles



Red River Waterway Commission

Chaired by LADOTD

Governed by 11 Additional Commissioners Appointed by the Governor

- ***Chairman – Secretary Shawn Wilson, Ph.D. – LADOTD***
- ***Acting Chairman – Troy Roussell – LADOTD***
- ***Mr. Jacques Goudeau - Avoyelles Parish***
- ***Mr. David Jones - Bossier Parish***
- ***Mr. Ronald Lattier – Caddo Parish***
- ***Mr. Randell Fletcher - Grant Parish***
- ***Mr. Paul Fleming - Natchitoches Parish***
- ***Mr. David Crutchfield – Rapides Parish***
- ***Mr. Michael Simpson - Red River Parish***
- ***Mr. Charles Greer - At Large***
- ***Mr. Michael Deville- At Large***
- ***Mr. James Maxey - At Large***
- ***Mr. Versa Clark - At Large***



Red River Waterway Commission

FUNDING

- Ad Valorem tax based on value of property in the district – 2.34 mills (current).
- 65% Construction / Capital Outlay & 35% Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

MISSION

- to acquire right of way for Red River Waterway project (currently own over 25,000 acres, most of which was acquired for project construction.)
- to work with Corps of Engineers to accomplish their mission to maintain authorized channel dimensions of the Red River as well as maintaining 24/7/365 lock operations.
- to promote economic development by developing recreation areas.
- to promote economic development through funding assistance to ports to assist in development of their facilities.
- to promote development of the Waterway by maintaining a navigable channel from port to river channel.

GOALS

- increase tonnage and economic development through port funding.
- gather support for, and promote, a 12' channel.
- continue development of recreation areas at appropriate locations.
- support Corps of Engineers in their civil works effort.

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1968

Red River Navig.
Project Authorized

1984

1st Lock & Dam
Opens

1989

Alex. Reg. Port
Opens

1995

Caddo-Bossier
Port Opens

2005

Red River Parish
Port Opens

1977

Lock & Dam
Construction Begins

1988

1st Recreation
Area Opens

1994

Final Locks &
Dams Open

1996

Natchitoches
Parish Port Opens

2007

Avoyelles Parish
Port Opens

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5 Lock & Dams

19 Recreation Areas

(2 million visitors annually)

5 Public Ports

(Caddo-Bossier Port, Red River Parish Port, Natchitoches Parish Port, Central LA Regional Port, and Avoyelles Parish Port)

Private Terminals

▶● Shreveport-Bossier

▶● Red River Parish

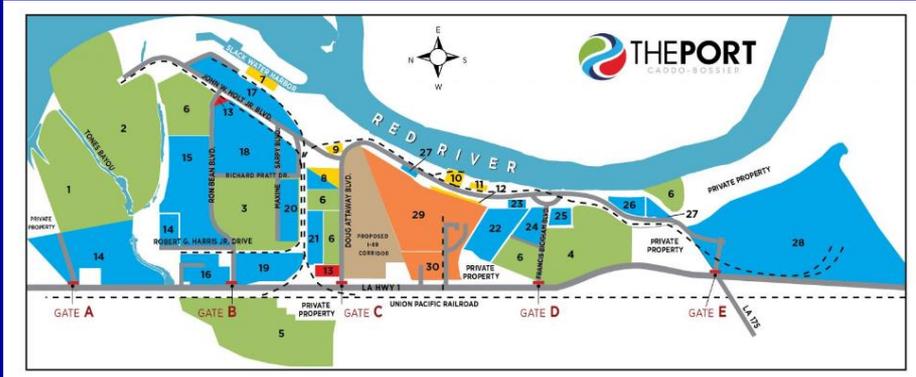
▶● Natchitoches

▶● Alexandria

▶● Avoyelles Parish

Ports

Caddo-Bossier Port



- **Development-ready**
- **2,400 Acres (Port Expansion Study Underway)**
- **600' General Cargo Dock; 400' Wharf on Slack Water Harbor**
- **Immediate Access to major roadways (I-20, I-49, & future I-69)**
- **Comprehensive Rail Network**
- **Dual-Feed 138 kV Electric & Abundance of Natural Gas**

Red River Parish Port



- **Two Cargo Docks**
- **30,000 square foot storage area**
- **10 Miles from I-49**

Natchitoches Parish Port



- **667 acres**
- **Transit shed**
- **Only slack-water port on Red River**
- **Cargo dock**
- **Wood chip loading facility**

Central LA Regional Port



- **Main Campus = 125 acres**
- **Bulk Container & Warehouse Facility**
- **General Cargo Dock**
- **Fertilizer & Grain Facility**
- **Petroleum Off-loading Facility**
- **Military Rotations for The JRTC at Fort Polk. 30+ barges each rotation. 1-2 annually**

Avoyelles Parish Port



- **Development-ready**
- **On the Atchafalaya River in Simmesport, LA**
- **687 Acres with Dock**

Cleco – Rodemacher III



1.5 mile conveyor
1.5M tons of pet
coke by barge

RED RIVER



WATERWAY COMMISSION

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RED RIVER WATERWAY

1965-2018

**\$14.5
BILLION**



11,500

jobs created
and supported



new
household
earnings

**\$50.6
BILLION**

new business
sales



2 Million

visitors annually

7 Parishes
Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Natchitoches,
Grant, Rapides, Avoyelles
19 Recreation Areas
2 RV parks

**J. Bennett Johnston
Waterway**
5 Public Ports
5 Lock & Dams
211 miles

**\$784.5
MILLION**

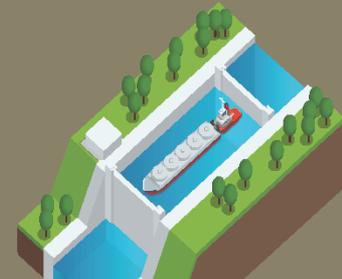
in local and
state taxes generated

**8 MILLION TONS MOVED BY BARGE
ANNUALLY**



Every \$1 of property tax collected
generates...

over \$36 in new spending



Economic Benefits

(all benefits in 2018 dollars)

IMPACT/BENEFITS	BASIC PROJECT	WITH GAMING
New Spending	\$14.4 billion	\$35.3 billion
New Business Sales	\$23.9 billion	\$50.6 billion
New Household Earnings	\$6.9 billion	\$14.5 billion
Jobs <i>in 2018</i>	4,741	11,506
New Local Govt. Taxes	\$373.3 million	\$784.5 million
Property Taxes Collected	\$394 million	394 million

Economic Benefits

Said another way...

Ignoring the impacts of casinos, for every **\$1** of property tax collected, the Red River Waterway region generated:

Over **\$36** in new state and federal spending

Over **\$61** in new business sales

Over **\$18** in new household earnings

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Significant and Positive Economic Impacts

- Over \$2 billion invested by non-federal sources in projects on Red River. ***This slightly exceeds the federal investment.***
- Water Compelled Rates – The ability to bring down freight rates across the multimodal spectrum with the ability to use barge rates to compete with rail and motor transport. – ***Important for the USACE to consider as a benefit.***

RRWC Commitment

- Channel Dredging - RRWC spent nearly \$3.4M in 2016, Over \$4M in 2019
- Port Dredging – RRWC spent nearly \$1M in 2015-2016
- Oxbow Dredging – RRWC spent over \$2M in 2015-2016, Over \$2M in 2019, \$1.5M in 2020
- Port Development – RRWC has spent or committed over \$70M
- Recreation Development – RRWC has spent or committed nearly \$60M

12' Channel

- Current Authorization is for 9' x 200' Channel
- September 2016 – RRWC and RRVA submitted request as required by WRRDA 2014 Section 7001
- March 2017 – Included in Annual Report
- October 2018 – 2018 WRDA Bill signed with Authorization for Feasibility Study
- Over 90% of the river is already 12'
- 12' Channel – 2010 Study Funded by RRWC – Shows a 4.6:1 B:C Ratio
- Deepening to 12' could result in 30% savings
- RRWC may consider a Section 203 Study

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