

2023 Northern Grain Belt Ports Annual Meeting Agenda

Final



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Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, WI

Purpose: The Northern Grain Belt Ports initial organization meeting is to share information amongst stakeholders, network and help build a common unified vision for the Northern Grain Belt Ports

9:00-9:45 Registration

9:45-9:50 Administrative Comments

9:50-9:55 Welcome – Mayor Mitch Reynolds, Mayor La Crosse, WI (Host)

9:55-10:00 Welcome – Lucy McMartin, Port Authority of Winona (Host)

10:00-10:10 Welcome – Mark Binsfeld, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at J.F. Brennan Company, Port of La Crosse (Host)

10:10-10:15 Keynote Speaker (Opening Remarks), United States Senator for Wisconsin Tammy Baldwin

10:15-10:20 Keynote Speaker (Opening Remarks), United States Representative Derrick Van Orden, Wisconsin 3rd District

10:20-10:35 Keynote Speaker (Opening Remarks), Wisconsin State Senator Howard Marklein, 17th Senate District

10:35-10:40 Welcome Remarks, Deputy Secretary Aileen Switzer, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection

Break 10:45-11:00

Northern Grain Belt Ports (NGBP)

10:55-11:15 Robert Sinkler, Corn Belt Ports, Update on the Northern Grain Belt Ports and the Corn Belt Ports

Federal Updates and Resources

11:20-11:25 Introduction – Mr. Karl Jansen, Deputy District Engineer, St. Paul District, US Army Corps of Engineers

11:25-11:45 Mr. Andrew Goodall Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) Program Manager - Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers **(Remote)**

11:45-12:50 Lunch

12:50-1:10 Julie Millhollin, Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program Update, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers **(Remote)**

1:10-1:30 Kristin Moe, Chief, MS River Project Navigation Business Line Manager, Operations Update, St. Paul District, US Army Corps of Engineers

1:30-1:50 Mr. Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway Office, Maritime Administration (MARAD) Update, US Department of Transportation **(Remote)**

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Upper Mississippi River Basin Update

1:50-2:10 Kirsten Wallace, Executive Director, Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (**Remote**)

2:10-2:25 Break

State Resources and Updates

2:25-2:40 Mike Halsted, Harbors & Waters Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (**Remote**)

2:40-2:55 Patrick Phenow, Ports and Waterways Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation

2:55-3:10 Vanessa Perry, Mississippi River Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

3:10-3:30 Keynote Speaker (Closing Remarks) Wisconsin State Senator Brad Pfaff, 32nd Senate District

The Annual Northern Grain Belt Ports Meeting will be held at on Thursday October 5, 2023

This event is offered in person and remotely.

There is no Registration fee (includes Thursday lunch)

