

# 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, 46<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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

### Federal Updates

10:00-10:05 Introduction MAJ Matthew Fletcher, Deputy 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 (**Remote**)

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

3:00-3:20 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](mailto:chris.smith@ilwwports.com) and [anshu.singh@cornbeltports.com](mailto:anshu.singh@cornbeltports.com)***

## Audio/Video - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83881244623?pwd=NEpFQXlwCHBZajlWYjkyY0h4dTEvUT09>

**Meeting ID: 838 8124 4623**

**Passcode: 242306**

## Audio Only - Dial by your location

**+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

## 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)

