Red River Valley Association

101st Annual Convention

Agenda

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Sam's Town Hotel & Convention Center
315 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101

12:00 – 5:00 pm *Foyer*	**Registration**
Committee Meetings *Ballroom B*	
1:00pm	~~Area Maritime Security Meeting~~* *(Meeting cancelled. Will be rescheduled.)*
3:00 pm	RRVA Navigation Meeting* ***(Congresswoman Julia Letlow speaking at 3:15pm)***
5:00 pm	ARRC Navigation Meeting* *(* Exact times and order of meetings subject to change)*
6:00 pm *Foyer*	**Opening Welcome Reception**
7:00 pm *Ballroom C*	**Annual Convention Banquet** ***Keynote Speaker: Dr. Loren C. Scott*** President, Loren C. Scott & Associates

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7:00-8:15 am Ballroom C	**Breakfast Buffet**
7:30 am *Foyer*	**Registration**
8:30 am *Ballroom A*	**Call to Order** – ***RRVA President Fabian Heaney*** **Welcome** – ***Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux*** *(Invited)* **Welcome** – ***Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler***
8:45 am *Ballroom A*	**Meet Your New RRVA Executive Director** ***RRVA President Fabian Heaney,*** General Manager Red River Authority of Texas ***Josh McClintock,*** Executive Director Red River Valley Association
9:15am *Ballroom A*	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Red River Valley Updates** ***Col. Jeremiah A. Gipson***, Commander, Vicksburg District ***Col. Jessica D. Goffena***, Commander, Tulsa District
10:45 am *Ballroom C*	**Networking Break**
11:00 am *Ballroom A*	**Multimodal Commerce Update** ***Chris Collins***, Director – Waterways Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development

12:00 pm *Ballroom C*	**Convention Luncheon**
	Lake Texoma Watershed Management Plan Development ***Kris Patton***, Executive Officer of Natural Resources Chickasaw Nation ***Duane Smith***, Executive Director Oka' Water Institute at East Central University – Ada, OK
1:15 pm *Ballroom A*	**MARAD Programs and Grants** ***Brian Hill,*** Western Gulf Gateway Director Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
1:45 pm *Ballroom A*	**The Red River as a Strategic Inland Corridor: Supporting Military Power Projection** ***Ben Russo,*** Executive Director Central Louisiana Regional Port
2:15 pm *Ballroom A*	**Louisiana Ports Deliver** ***Jennifer L. Marusak***, Executive Director Ports Association of Louisiana
2:45 pm *Ballroom C*	**Networking Break**
3:00 pm *Ballroom A*	**NRCS Update** ***Sarah Trichel***, Acting State Conservationist, Louisiana U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service
3:30 pm *Ballroom A*	**Update on Southwest Arkansas Navigation Project** ***Anthony Risko***, PE Freese & Nichols
4:00 pm *Ballroom A*	**Membership Meeting**
4:30pm	**RRVA Board Meeting**