# 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**

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

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

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