



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Annual Meeting

La Crosse, Wisconsin | September 17-19, 2019

2019 MRPC Annual Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

- 3:00-5:00pm Board of Directors Meeting (Illinois Room – Hotel 2nd floor)
- 5:00-6:00pm Registration (Hotel Lobby)
- 6:30-9:00pm Hospitality/Welcome Reception (Mississippi Suite – Hotel room #823)

Wednesday, September 18

- 7:15-8:30am Registration (Radisson Center Lobby – Located immediately to the south of the hotel parking lot)
- 7:45-8:15am New Member Orientation (Radisson Center Ballroom – Located immediately to the south of the hotel parking lot)
- 8:30-11:45am General Session (Radisson Center Ballroom – Located immediately to the south of the hotel parking lot)
- Wisconsin Great River Road Welcome – WI-MRPC State Chair Sherry Quamme
 - National Mississippi River Parkway Commission Address – MRPC Pilot Terri McCullough
 - Greeting – WI Representative Jill Billings
 - Infrastructure Overview – WI Department of Transportation Secretary Designee Craig Thompson
 - Corridor Management Plan Discussion – MRPC Transportation Chair Carol Zoff
 - Working with Federal Agencies Panel – John Anfinson, Superintendent at Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, and Sabrina Chandler, Manager and Area Supervisor for Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
 - Economic Impact of Tourism along the Great River Road – WI Department of Tourism Secretary Designee Sara Meaney
 - Raising Local Public Official Awareness of the Great River Road – Fred Lochner, Consultant, Innovation Disrupter, Big-Picture Thinker, Enthusiast, “You can do this.” Owner of Fall T&J, LLC





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- Noon-1:45pm** **Lunch & State Reports with Q&A -MN, IA, WI**
(Radisson Center Ballroom – Located immediately to the south of the hotel parking lot)
- 2:15-5:30pm** **Mobile Session (Meet buses on Harborview Plaza – River side of hotel)**
Load 2:00pm. Depart 2:15pm.
- Tour of the Genoa National Fish Hatchery Great River Road Interpretive Center
- OR**
- Paddling on Lake Onalaska in the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge
- 5:30pm** **Return to Hotel**
- 6:00-8:15pm** **Farm-to-Table Dinner at the Shrine of Guadalupe**
(Meet buses on Harborview Plaza – River side of hotel)
Load 5:45pm. Depart 6:00pm.

Thursday, September 19

- 8:45-11:30am** **General Session (Wisconsin Room – Hotel 1st floor)**
- Welcome and Recap – WI-MRPC State Chair Sherry Quamme
 - National Scenic Byway Program Update – Penny Simonson, National Scenic Byway Foundation
 - Working with Elected Officials Panel – Tara Johnson, La Crosse County Board of Supervisors Chair and Karrie Jackelen, Aide for WI Congressman Ron Kind
 - Bike Routes along the Great River Road – Francis Schelfhout, WI Department of Transportation
 - Report from the Nominations Committee – Pilot Emeritus Karl Samp
 - Closing Remarks – MRPC Pilot Terri McCullough
- 11:45am-1:30pm** **Lunch & State reports with Q&A – IL, KY, AR, LA**
(Wisconsin Room – Hotel 1st floor)
- 2:00-4:30pm** **Technical Committee Sessions (Wisconsin Room – Hotel 1st floor)**
- 5:30-8:00pm** **Pilot's Banquet & Awards (Hotel Ballroom B – 1st floor)**
(Including great door prizes – but must be present to win!)

