The 5th Annual Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative
Organizational Meeting
September 13-15, 2016, Natchez, MS

Draft Agenda, Check www.mrcti.org frequently for Annual Meeting Agenda updates

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions and events are open to all mayors and other officially invited attendees.
Official functions and meeting services are located in the Grand Hotel otherwise stated.

September 13
Registration
10:00am – 6:00pm, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Welcome Reception
6:00pm – 8:30pm, Dunleith Historic Estate, 84 Homochitto Street
Buses will begin loading at west entrance of Grand Hotel at 5:30pm
Welcome to Natchez, 300 years in the making. Mayors and guests are invited to stroll through the Dunleith Historic mansion and grounds of 1856.

Presiding: Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul, MN, MRCTI Co-Chair
Belinda Constant, Mayor of Gretna, LA, MRCTI Co-Chair

Welcome: Darryl Grennell, Mayor of Natchez, MS
Host of MRCTI 5th Annual Meeting

September 14
Registration
7:30am – 5:00pm, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Opening Breakfast
8:30am – 9:45am, A-B-C Meeting Rooms, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Presentation: National Geographic GEO-TOURISM Project Launch

SESSION: IMPROVING THE FOOD PRODUCTION SUPPLY CHAIN TO ACHIEVE CLEAN WATER
10:00am – 11:00am, Grand Hotel, Rose & Caroline Meeting Rooms
Mayors’ Press Conference
11:30am – 12:00pm, TBA
Mayor Coleman and Mayor Constant will convene a press conference to make a major announcement regarding the Mississippi River and its importance to the nation and the world.

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Opening Lunch Plenary
12:15pm – 2:00pm, Carriage House, Stanton Hall Historic Estate, 401 High Street

SESSION: LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN PREDICTING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS
2:15pm – 3:30pm, Grand Hotel, Rose & Caroline Meeting Rooms

Host City Showcase & Dinner, Celebrating Natchez’s 300 Years on the Mississippi River
5:30pm – 8:30pm, D’Evereux Historic Estate
Join Mayors as they celebrate the 300th anniversary of the first city on the Mississippi River – Natchez.

Buses will begin loading at main entrance of the Grand Hotel at 5:00pm to transport mayors and meeting guests to the dinner location at the historic and storied estate of D’Evereux. Buses will return guests to the Grand Hotel from 8:30pm to 9:30pm

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Cannon Salute: 5 CANNON SALUTE
Salute: Marking the Anniversary of MRCTI’s first Meeting and Natchez’s Tricentennial

Lifetime: THE HONORABLE LARRY ‘BUTCH’ BROWN

Awards: THE HONORABLE HYRAM COPELAND
         Mayor of Vidalia, LA, 1992 – 2016
September 15

Registration
7:30am – 11:30am, Rose & Caroline Room Foyer, Grand Hotel, 1st floor

Plenary Breakfast: Building City Services, Sponsored by: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board
8:30am – 10:00am, Longwood Historic Estate, 140 Lower Woodville Road
Buses will begin loading at the west entrance of the Grand Hotel at 8:00am

Presiding: Tim Kabat, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Seating: MRCTI Corporate Advisory Board
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SESSION: VALUATING THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
10:30am – 11:30am, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373

Break (15 min) – Refreshments provided

MRCTI Business Meeting
11:45am – 12:30pm, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373
Mayors will meet in an open-door session. Mayors interested in hosting an annual meeting may also officially list their city as a candidate for the 2019 meeting.

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Secretary: THE HONORABLE DAVID LATTUS
Report Mayor of Hickman, KY and MRCTI Secretary

Treasurer: THE HONORABLE ROY BUOL
Report Mayor of Dubuque, IA and MRCTI Treasurer

2019 Annual Meeting: Call for Candidate Cities

Closing Luncheon,
12:30pm – 1:30pm, Vidalia Conference and Convention Center, 112 Front Street, Vidalia, LA 71373

1:30pm – Adjourn