

ODOT WATERWAYS ADVISORY BOARD
4002 N. Mingo Valley Expressway; Tulsa, OK 74116-5002

AGENDA

Wednesday • September 7, 2011 • 9:30 a.m.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation
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1. **9:30 a.m.** - Call to Order..... Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
2. Take roll..... Carol A. King
3. Introduction of Deidre Smith and Todd Hiatt.....David Streb, ODOT
Introduction of Board members and other attendees Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
4. Approval of July 6, 2011, meeting minutes..... Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
5. Navigation Matters Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
 - a. MKARNS-lock repairs and maintenance update – *Patrick McQueen, USACE Tulsa*
 - b. Conditions of MPL&D & White River cutoff – *Ashley Zink, USACE Little Rock*
 - c. Dredging on the MKARNS – *McQueen, Zink*
 - d. Proposed Marina - MKARNS, Little Rock – *Ashley Zink*
6. Federal Outlook Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
 - a. Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) – *Cole Perryman, Schnake Turnbo Frank PR*
 - b. U.S. Coast Guard - miscommunications on MTSA requirements - *Steve Taylor*
 - c. Funding update for Corps – *Bob Portiss & others*
 - d. 29 named to Maritime Industry Advisory Panel by LaHood
 - e. Potential Impact of Deficit Reduction Plan on Navigation – *Ted Coombes*
7. Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan - *refer to www.owrb.ok.gov*..... OWRB
 - a. OWRB Meetings in Aug & Sept for last changes; OWRB final approval - October
 - b. Oklahoma Governor’s Water Conference – program & sponsorship
8. Old Business Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
9. New Business..... Acting Chairman Scott Robinson
10. Adjournment Acting Chairman Scott Robinson

2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 19-21 | National Waterways Conference Annual Meeting – <i>Ft. Worth, TX</i> |
| October 3-5 | Arkansas Regional Waterways Conference – <i>Little Rock, AR</i> |
| October 18-19 | Oklahoma Governor’s Water Conference & Research Symposium – <i>Norman, OK</i> |
| November 1 | 9:30 a.m. - ODOT Waterways Advisory Board meeting – <i>Port of Muskogee</i> |

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Agenda item 6(e)
Potential Impact of Deficit Reduction Plan on Navigation
Discussion leader: Ted Coombes

The “Super Committee” has been given until Thanksgiving to come up with a plan to cut at least \$1.2 trillion from the budget over the next decade. Assuming that benchmark is achieved, Congress will have until Christmas to enact cuts of that magnitude. Failure to achieve these benchmarks will lead to mandatory across-the-board cuts.

A weird coalition of conservative and environmental groups has prepared a “Green Scissors Report” which recommends to the Super Committee and Congress cuts that could be made that would reduce the deficit. Many of these suggestions deal with transportation in general, and the Corps’ inland waterways system in particular. Among other things, it calls for abandoning the rehabilitation of locks on the upper Mississippi; rejecting the Inland Waterways User Board’s recommendations for increasing the waterways diesel tax and substituting a plan that might include lockage fees and would substantially raise the non-federal cost-share of construction, operation and maintenance of the inland waterways system; and elimination of the Inland Waterways Users Board.