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TRVA VISITS WASHINGTON DC

The Coalition of Alabama Waterways Associations consisting of The Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association, The Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway Association, The Tri-Rivers Waterway Development Association, The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council, The Alabama State Port Authority, and The Tennessee River Valley Association visited Washington DC on September 22-25 calling on Members of Congress, Office of Management and Budget and the US Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters. Each association made presentations to the Alabama delegation and to members from their region of interest. Presentations were made to Members from the states of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The TRVA was proud to discuss and to offer materials on subjects affecting the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers

TRVA package contents consisted of:

- TRVA Information
- Funding for the Kentucky Lock Addition
- Funding for the Chickamauga Lock Replacement
- Funding for Chickamauga Lock O&M
- Tennessee-Cumberland Rivers Navigation System Study
- TRVA Opposition to :Proposed Administration Changes to Funding of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund
- Proposed Changes to The Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007
- Proposed Revisions to the USACE P&G's

TRVA made presentations to:

- Rep Bud Cramer AL
 - Rep Spencer Bachus AL
 - Rep Terry Everett AL
 - Rep Artur Davis AL
 - Rep Mike Rogers AL
 - Rep Jo Bonner AL
 - Rep Robert Aderholt AL
 - Rep Zach Wamp TN
 - Rep Ed Whitfield KY
 - Sen Richard Shelby AL
 - Sen Jeff Sessions AL
 - Sen Lamar Alexander TN
 - Sen Bob Corker TN
 - Sen Jim Bunning KY
 - Sen Mitch McConnell KY
- Additional presentations were made to :
- Steve Stockton, Deputy Director of Civil Works, USACE
 - Gary Waxman, Office of Management and Budget
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United States Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama takes time out of his busy schedule on Thursday September 25, 2008 to pose for this picture with Cline Jones, Executive Director of the Tennessee River Valley Association during the Coalition of Alabama Waterways Associations visit to Washington DC. Senator Shelby has worked with CAWA for many years as a strong supporter of navigation issues, recognizing their economic value to Alabama and to our Nation.

TRVA ATTENDS TENN-TOM ANNUAL MEETING IN POINT CLEAR, ALABAMA

Cline Jones attended the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Opportunities Conference & Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council Annual Meeting. This year marked the 25th meeting of the Tenn-Tom Council and the 26th Development Opportunities Conference. These meetings have gained a national reputation as some of the most informative and well-attended events of their kind. The first development conference was held in Mobile, Al in 1983, nearly two years before the Tenn-Tom was completed, and attracted nearly 700 waterway supporters. In the following year the Tenn-Tom Council was formed to complement the Tenn-Tom Waterway Development Authority.

This year, Mike Tagert and Agnes Zaiontz assembled an outstanding group of speakers that continued to focus attention on the progress and development of the Tenn-Tom and a myriad of regional benefits. Those same objectives are as important today as they were a quarter of a century ago. The Tennessee River Valley Association congratulates Mike Tagert and Agnes Zaiontz on a wonderful event in the beautiful and welcoming setting of The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama. Don Waldon presented a documentary on the History of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, and has graciously agreed to share it with the TRVA Annual Meeting in October this year.

TRVA VISITS MOBILE PORT

Judith Adams, Vice President of Marketing for the Alabama State Port Authority, provided TRVA's Cline Jones with a tour of the state port facilities in Mobile, Alabama on August 26th. Included was an update on the new container terminal which is to officially open for business this month. With their new state-of-the-art facility ready for business, they are facing a major issue in constructing a turning basin for the large container ships that will service the port, funding. Estimates to complete the needed work in the harbor are \$20 million, but with the current constraints on available moneys, the Authority is left searching for alternate solutions. Gary Waxman with the Office of Management and Budget explained that a determination was made by the administration to work to complete projects currently underway before beginning any new construction based on the availability of limited public funds. TRVA along with CAWA, strongly supports the Authority in their efforts to secure the needed funds to complete their much needed project.

The Alabama State Port Authority owns 11 inland facilities along the 1,500 miles of navigable rivers within the State of Alabama. With one facility located at Bridgeport, Alabama on the Tennessee River, the goal is a barge-connected system for bulk cargos such as industrial products, agricultural commodities, and opportunities for container on-barge shipments.

TRVA Ready to Spread The Word

The TRVA is ready to spread the word about the benefits of the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers to groups throughout the region. Many people in our areas of activities know that the rivers provide benefits to their communities, but few have heard the whole story. The history of our waterways is one of economic development and prosperity to not only our region, but to our nation.

We have assembled power point presentations that will educate and enlighten groups to the advantages waterborne transportation has to offer. Outlining the national waterway systems contributions to the national economy, pointing out energy savings, offering the modal comparisons, and environmental benefits is contained in the presentations. The benefits of membership in the Tennessee River Valley Association will be a highlight to build our base to strengthen our voice in these times of tight federal budgets. Goals also include informing the public of the importance of our two major ongoing projects on our system, the Chickamauga Lock Replacement, and the Kentucky Lock Addition. We need your help! If you have a group in your area interested in receiving our message, contact TRVA.

Cline Jones Appointed to Committees on Water Issues in Alabama

TRVA's Executive Director Cline Jones has been selected for service on two committees related to water issues in the state of Alabama. The Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Water Policy and Management was formed to make a continuous study of the state water supply and projected future needs and availability of the state water supply and make recommendations for legislation and initiatives that will create the necessary institutional and regulatory changes to accomplish the overall goals and objectives of the Alabama Water Management Plan in a manner that benefits the state's needs and protects the environment. Senator Kim Benefield is the Chairperson, and Representative Greg Canfield is the Vice-Chairperson. Representative Jeff McLaughlin Chairs the Water Management Mechanisms, Strategy and Policy sub-committee that Jones will serve on as a public representative. Jones also participated in a Water Resource Assessments, Studies, Data Collection and Storage Subcommittee meeting that is Chaired by Senator Arthur Orr and Co-Chaired by Senator Parker Griffith who is a candidate for the US House of Representatives seat being vacated by Congressman Bud Cramer in the 5th District of Alabama.

State Senator Hinton Mitchem President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate appointed Jones to the Alabama Waterfront Access Study Committee as a representative of the 5th congressional district, to study the degree of loss and potential loss of the diversity of uses along the coastal shoreline of Alabama and how these losses impact access to the public trust waters of the state.

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The CAWA delegation arrived in Washington on Monday September 22, 2008 for their stay at the Phoenix Park Hotel which served as a staging point for the weeks activities. Led by Bill Satterfield of the Birmingham law firm of Balch and Bingham, the group consisted of: Larry Merrihew, President of the Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway Association, Billy Houston, Executive Director of Tri Rivers Waterway Development Association, Mike Tagert, President of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council, Judith Adams, Vice President of Marketing of the Alabama State Port Authority, and Cline Jones, Executive Director of the Tennessee River Valley Association. Jerry Sailors, President of the Coosa-Alabama River Improvement Association was unable to attend..

TRVA's main focus was to encourage support for the Kentucky Lock Addition, the Chickamauga Lock Replacement, and to bring attention to the status if the Inland Waterways Trust Fund.. At every opportunity, we stressed the urgent need for a resolution to the funding crisis faced by our two Trust Fund Shared Projects on the Tennessee River. Decisions are being made in Washington that seem to be based on there being no resolution to the crisis, which will surely have devastating results on our two projects.

TRVA 42nd Annual Meeting

The Tennessee River Valley Association continues to make plans for our 42nd Annual Meeting on October 20-21 2008 in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This will be the last Annual Meeting for Jan Jones as an employee of the association. Her final date of her long tenure with TRVA is scheduled for January 31, 2009. It is important that we recognize the many contributions to the Tennessee and Cumberland River Valleys that she has made over the years. We urge all who are able to attend to please do so.

The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn & Suites Hotel one of Gatlinburg's finest hotels. To reserve your room call the hotel ASAP at 1-800-933-0777 ext. 135 and specify the TRVA Meeting.

As you know, it has never been TRVA's practice to make a profit on our annual meeting. We set our registration fee at a nominal amount that will cover our expenses, yet will not make attending cost prohibitive to our membership. We do not pay any of our speakers, nor do we cover their expenses. We do however, exempt their registration fee.

In observing what other organizations are providing during their meetings, and in an effort to continue to improve and enhance our meeting, we are now providing door prizes, speakers' gifts, awards, and prizes during the golf tournament, in addition to coffee breaks during the morning and afternoon sessions.

You are cordially invited to serve as a co-sponsor of these activities at a nominal cost of \$250.00. Our co-sponsors will be gratefully acknowledged in our program for your support and participation

If you wish to co-sponsor an event or portion of the meeting, please contact the TRVA office ASAP. As always thank you for your willingness to help and for your continued support.

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend The TRVA 42nd Annual Meeting in the Beautiful Smokey Mountains!

Schedule of Events

Monday October 20, 2008

10:30AM EDT Golf Outing-Gatlinburg Golf Course

6:00-7:00 PM EDT-Early Arrivals Reception
TRVA Penthouse Suite
EVENING OPEN: Dinner on your Own

Tuesday October 21, 2008

7:00AM EDT- Board of Directors Meeting
(Executive Session)

TRVA Annual Meeting

8:30AM EDT- Registration Desk Opens
8:45AM EDT- Meeting Opens
Presiding: Ken Canter, TRVA President
Introductions & Comments
Election of Board of Directors
Executive Director's Report

Speakers

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard R Lindstrom
US Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District

Ron Coles
Hanson Professional Services Nashville, TN

Michael McCall,
Tennessee Valley Authority Knoxville, TN

Michaela Martin,
Oak Ridge National Laboratory Oak Ridge, TN

Paula Shaw
Tennessee Department of Transportation Nashville, TN

Luncheon

Don Waldon
Former Administrator Tenn-Tom Development Authority Fayette, AL

Jerry Knapper
Waterways Council, Inc.

LCDR Joshua McTaggart
USCG, MSD Nashville, TN

Debbie Ruth
Navigation, Tennessee Valley Authority Knoxville, TN

Jeff Ross
USACE Chief Navigations Branch Nashville, TN

Tony Economy
Senior Chief USCG Cutter Ouachita Chattanooga, TN

Other Business Adjournment



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TRVA Annual Meeting, October 20-21, 2008, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

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