



ORVA NEWS

Ouachita River Valley Association
"Dedicated to Quality of Life in the Ouachita Valley"

FALL 2008

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ORVA is non-profit organization engaged in the development of projects that have been proven to be economically and environmentally justified that enhance the welfare of the people in the Ouachita River Basin in Arkansas and Louisiana.

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CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

Washington D. C. visits were made to Arkansas and Louisiana Congressional members and their staff during the period September 15-18, 2008 by Ouachita River Valley Association President Chris Claybaker, Vice President John Stringer, ORVA member Reynold Minsky, and Executive Director, Bill Hobgood. ORVA officials met with Sen. Blanche Lincoln; Mr. Bob Russell, CoS for Sen. Mark Pryor, Rep. Marion Berry; and Rep. Mike Ross, of Arkansas. From Louisiana, meetings were held with Sen. Mary Landrieu; Projects Legislative Assistant Fletcher Fitzpatrick for Sen. David Vitter; and Rep. Rodney Alexander. ORVA officials also met with MG Don Riley, Deputy Commanding General and Mr. Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works, Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers.

The Congressional officials indicated the Government would likely be operating on a Continuing Resolution until March, 2009 and hopefully soon thereafter, the FY-09 Appropriations would be released. All indications are that funding in FY-09 and FY-10 will be very limited. However, they all indicated strong support for the projects/studies that were discussed and promised to do everything possible to provide the requested funds/bill language.



Shown above are ORVA officials meeting with MG Don Riley, DCG, USACE, and Sen. Blanche Lincoln of AR.

NEW ORVA LOGO

The Ouachita River Valley Association, having been established in the late 1800's, was in dire need of a new, revised and updated logo. Several had been utilized over the years. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that the logo should be something unique and all encompassing. The organization members asked that it somehow depict water yet be simple and appealing. Another concern was that it be attractive and easily reproduced; especially on shirts, caps and promotional materials and for the media. In July 2008, ORVA proudly unveiled the new design shown below.



NEW ORVA BROCHURE

The Ouachita River Valley Association Board of Directors approved a new ORVA Brochure in August 2008 which incorporates a much expanded base of operations to include involvement in all water and land resources purposes. Historically ORVA has concentrated primarily on navigation; however the revised brochure's focus is on navigation, recreation, water supply, fish and wildlife conservation, and flood damage reduction, and highlights the importance of being involved on a basin-wide approach in the development of water and land resources. Also included is a discussion of the history of ORVA, its mission, objectives and services, and a membership application. Shown below is the cover of the new Brochure which contains the new ORVA Logo emphasizing that ORVA serves both the states of Arkansas and Louisiana, a photo of the MV Stephen Austin Golding of Golding Barge Line, the new slogan of "A River Basin of Opportunity...A Century Plus of Commitment" and the address of the Associations' offices in AR and LA. Members are encouraged to obtain copies from the West Monroe Chamber of Commerce (318-325-1961) and use the Brochure as a recruiting tool when talking to perspective members.



FY-09 STUDIES/PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ORVA

The FY-09 Federal budget remains in question since this is a Presidential election year. It is anticipated that the Federal government will operate on a Continuing Resolution until sometime after the election and Presidential Inauguration. Hopefully, after the new administration takes office, the agencies will receive their funding appropriation for FY-09. Normally, under a Continuing Resolution, government agencies can spend at the level of the previous year's budget.

ORVA is supporting six projects/studies in FY-09. The major project is the Ouachita-Black Navigation Project. The President's budget includes \$ 8.5 Mil. for operation and maintenance of this project. However, an additional capability of \$8.7 Mil. to address critical backlog items associated with the navigation project has been expressed—the critical need being to install slots for stoplogs at the Felsenthal L&D and repair to the tainter gates at the Felsenthal and Thatcher L&D's. Related to the navigation project is the General Reevaluation study of bendway enhancements (cutoffs) above Monroe, LA. An additional capability of \$100,000 to initiate this study in FY-09 has been stated. The second study is to perform a reconnaissance level study of the entire Ouachita River Valley to determine current and future needs of the basin— an additional capability of \$200,000 to initiate this study in FY-09 has been expressed.

An additional capability of \$6,000,000 for the Ouachita River Levees to be used to complete the design and construction of significant erosion sites along the Ouachita River in the vicinity of Columbia, LA has been stated. Regarding the Arkansas Lakes (Lake Ouachita, Lake Greeson, and DeGray Lake), an additional capability of about \$11 Mil. to address critical backlog items has been given. The priority backlog item is restoring the recreational level of service back to FY-07 levels which will require \$400k-\$450k for each lake. ORVA is also supporting the incorporation of bank stabilization as a project purpose of the navigation project from mile 0 to mile 460 at Rammel Dam near Hot Springs, AR.

This should be contained in the next Water Resources Development Act.

A summary of the FY-09 current funding status of studies/projects supported by ORVA is shown in Table 1. Probably one of the most important functions performed by ORVA is to support and promote these studies/projects with members of the U. S. Congress and Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers during visits conducted twice annually to Washington D.C.

Table 1
FY09 FUNDING STATUS
OUACHITA RIVER BASIN

PROJECT/STUDY	PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET	ADDITIONAL CAPABILITY	TOTAL	ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2009	
				SENATE	HOUSE
1. Ouachita-Black Navigation Project, Red River to Camden, AR	\$ 8,509,000	\$ 8,691,000*	\$17,200,000	\$ 8,509,000	\$ 8,084,000
2. Ouachita-Black Rivers, General Reevaluation Study (Bendway Enhancements)	\$ 0	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
3. Ouachita River and Tributaries Reconnaissance Study	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
4. Red-Ouachita Basin Levees, AR and LA	\$ 0	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
5. Arkansas Lakes - Lake Ouachita, AR - Lake Greeson, AR - DeGray Lake, AR	\$ 8,384,000 \$ 4,591,000 \$ 6,318,000	\$ 2,954,000 \$ 2,247,000 \$ 5,741,000	\$11,338,000 \$ 6,838,000 \$12,059,000	\$ 8,384,000 \$ 4,591,000 \$ 6,317,000	\$ 8,285,000 \$ 4,646,000 \$ 6,270,000
6. Bank Stabilization, Ouachita-Black, Mile 0 to 460 Rempel Dam (not authorized)					

*Additional Capability Breakdown(\$8,691,000)

\$4,600,000 - Initiate cutting slots at Felsenthal L&D

\$900,000 - Repairs to tainter gates at Felsenthal L&D

\$900,000 - Repairs to tainter gates at Thatcher L&D

\$140,000 - Replace and repair access road at Felsenthal L&D

\$200,000 - PLC upgrade L&Ds

\$160,000 - Repairs to tainter valves at Thatcher

\$1,791,000 - Maintenance of recreation areas

ORVA BOARD MEMBERS MEET W/CORPS OF ENGINEERS COMMANDERS

The ORVA Board of Directors made a special effort to meet with the Commanders of the Vicksburg District, Mississippi Valley Division, and Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers over the past several months. Board members met with Col. Mike Wehr, Commander, Vicksburg District on 28 May 2008, BG Mike Walsh, Commander, MVD on 30 June 2008 and with MG Don Riley, Deputy Commanding General, USACE, on 17 Sept. 2008. The ORVA Board of Directors believes it is of vital importance to maintain a close working relationship with the Corps of Engineers and keep them informed of the needs of the private sector of the economy as it relates to the development of water and land resources in the Ouachita River Basin. It is the full intent of ORVA to present a coordinated effort with the Corps to further develop water and land resources in the Ouachita River Valley.

ORVA PRESENTATION TO MRC

On 20 August 2008, Bill Hobgood, Executive Director, ORVA presented a statement to the Mississippi River Commission in Greenville, MS on behalf of ORVA expressing the views of the Ouachita River Valley Association regarding development of water and land resources in the Ouachita River Valley. The seven-member Presidentially appointed Mississippi River Commission (BG Michael Walsh, Commander, MVD, serves as President and Member) is responsible for the comprehensive Mississippi River and Tributaries project and engineering work associated with the Mississippi River drainage basin which impacts 41% of the geographical area of the United States and 2 Canadian provinces. The Commission conducts two public meetings annually aboard the Motor Vessel Mississippi to obtain the views of the public regarding the development of water and land resources along the entire stretch of the MS River from Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN to New Orleans, LA. The ORVA Board of Directors believes it is important that the Commission hear the needs of the Ouachita River Valley. A copy of Mr. Hobgood's statement can be obtained by contacting him at 601-529- 8131 or by e-mail at billhobgood@hotmail.com.

PAUL N. REVIS RETIRES AS EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR, ORVA

Paul Revis served as Executive Director of ORVA from late 2001 until December 2007, some 6 plus years. When Paul started, the organization had been without an Executive Director for several years—starting with no letterhead, business cards, lacking recognition as an organization, inadequate funding, and no clear direction, Paul provided the leadership that resulted in renewed recognition for The Ouachita-Black Rivers in waterway circles as a viable and important waterway to the region and to the nation.

Some of the major accomplishments during Paul's tenure include publication of navigation charts, ORVA Brochure, annual river inspections, development of web site, stoplog slots for two L&D's, regular dredging of the river, update of Moon Lake Recreation Area, periodic newsletters and establishment of the Navigation Committee. Needless to say, Paul has done a superb job as Executive Director and has placed ORVA in the forefront of organizations involved in the development of water and land resources. We wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.



John Stringer, VP, ORVA, presents hand-printed picture of Ouachita River to Paul Revis

ORVA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual ORVA Conference was held on August 14-15, 2008 at the West Monroe Convention Center in West Monroe, LA. The conference was attended by nearly 100 ORVA members and guests. Conference attendees were welcomed by Mayor Dave Norris. The dinner speaker on August 14th was Congressman Rodney Alexander (R-5th), who gave an excellent presentation on activities in Washington and throughout his congressional district. Other activities on the 14th included a Navigation Committee meeting, ORVA Board and Membership meetings, and an evening reception and dinner. Mr. Paul Revis, outgoing Executive Director of ORVA, was recognized for six plus years of outstanding service.



Congressman Alexander speaks at Annual ORVA Conference Dinner



Eunice Platt, former President, ORVA speaks to Monroe, LA press



ORVA President Chris Claybaker, serves as Master of Ceremonies



ORVA members enjoy evening reception

The conference keynote speaker on August 15th was Mr. Steve Stockton, Director, Civil

Works, US Army Corps of Engineers. Col. Michael Wehr, Commander of the Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers presented an overview of the District's activities in the Ouachita River Valley. Other featured speakers included Jay Moon, President-CEO, MS Manufacturers Association; Rich Brontoli, Executive Director, Red River Valley Association; Randy Walters, Marketing Director, Red River Waterways Commission; Raymond Butler, Executive Director, Gulf Intracoastal Association; Paul Trichel, Manager, Greater Ouachita Port; Mike Armstrong, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; Chief Richard Waring and Eric Washburn, US Coast Guard; Pat Chambers, Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers; and David Penick, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center.

Mary Ann Newton, President, West Monroe-West Ouachita Parish Chamber of Commerce and an ORVA Board member, and her staff did an excellent job of preparing for and hosting the conference. Following is a summary of several of the conference speakers' presentations:

STEVE STOCKTON'S COMMENTS

Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works, Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers, delivered the keynote address at our Annual Conference in West Monroe, LA during the period 14-15 August 2008. As Director of Civil Works, Steve is the top civilian in the Corps Civil Works area and oversees a program of approximately \$8.2 Bil. for FY-08.

Mr. Stockton stated the Civil Works program was extremely valuable to the U.S. and cited that the U. S. Ports and Waterways handle over 2 billion tons of commerce annually. On the negative side, he stated that there is less support for water resources and the Corps in Congress, an increasing number of competitors for Federal dollars, opponents are applying more sophisticated techniques to block projects, and the Office of Management and Budget is extremely unfriendly toward Civil Works projects.

Mr. Stockton stated that waterways are the only transportation system with significant capacity remaining as inland ground transportation is reaching its limits. Water transportation is the most energy efficient of the three systems, however more than half of the inland navigation locks have exceeded their 50 year design life.

Regarding the Corps FY-10 budget, he anticipates it being close to the FY-09 budget levels. The new Administration takes office on 20 Jan 2009 and is expected to submit the FY-10 budget on 8 Feb 2009. Steve stated that navigation construction is likely to be highly constrained in FY-10 and FY-11 due to inland waterway trust fund issues.

Specific comments by Mr. Stockton relating to the Ouachita River Valley included the following: 1-Tributary systems might not have tonnage of larger systems but they are still vital to the regional economy, 2-Ouachita-Black Rivers is more than a navigation project as there are significant recreation, water supply, flood damage reduction, and environmental benefits, 3- Draft language to "fix" WRDA 07 will put Ouachita River Levees in MR&T Project, 4-President's budget for FY-09 included \$8.5 Mil. in Operation and Maintenance for Ouachita-Black Rivers' locks and dams and maintenance dredging, and 5-House and Senate mark-ups of the Energy and Water Resources Development appropriations include \$8.1 and \$8.5 Mil., respectively for the navigation project.

In closing, Mr. Stockton stated that the waterway transportation system is a vital part of our Nation's infrastructure and is critical to America's continued growth and prosperity. As stakeholders, ORVA should communicate that inland waterways benefit many and attempt to include a broader base of constituencies in our Association as there is strength in numbers. We should assist in creating a national desire for a water resources infrastructure that will serve this nation's economic, quality of life, and defense needs. Mr. Stockton's comments were well accepted and appreciated and got our conference off to an excellent start.



Steve Stockton, Director-Civil Works, USACE, addresses conference attendees

COL MIKE WEHR'S COMMENTS

COL Wehr, Commander, Vicksburg District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers comments focused on the District's activities in the Ouachita River Valley. He stressed that the Ouachita River Basin of south-central AR and north-east LA comprise about 1/3 of the District's geographical boundary. He mentioned that the Ouachita-Black Rivers is the longest navigation system in the District, some 338 miles.

COL Wehr discussed the importance of the President's budget and the Congressional delegation historically adding funding over and above the budget. He expressed appreciation for ORVA's hard work every year to ensure appropriations for the Ouachita River Valley.

He addressed the efficiency of barge transportation in that it takes 15 rail cars or 55 trucks to equate to what one barge can transport by moving commodities on water. COL Wehr mentioned that eight areas in the vicinity of the Felsenthal L&D had been dredged this season and about 140 snags had been removed from the Ouachita River in the upper two pool areas along with reducing silt built-up at several locations at Camden, AR.

COL Wehr addressed the levee certification issue which according to FEMA is the responsibility of local communities. He stated that the District will certify levees for which it has Operation and Maintenance responsibilities to include MR&T levees. However the District has received no guidance from higher headquarters at this time and has not yet

begun the certification process. This is a very sensitive issue with local interest whose position is that the Federal Government should have levee certification responsibility.

COL Wehr also mentioned two critical studies that the District has under consideration. The first is the Ouachita –Black Rivers General Reevaluation Study. Significant problems with navigation in the Ouachita River has been experienced in recent years because authorized cutoffs were never constructed and the existing radius of bendways above Monroe, LA is too small for tows to make turns w/o “light loading” of barges. The Vicksburg District has expressed an additional capability of \$100,000 for FY-09 to initiate this study. The second study is a reconnaissance study of the entire Ouachita River Valley to determine current and future water and land

resources needs. The District has expressed an additional capability of \$200,000 to initiate this study in FY-09.

COL Wehr addressed the importance of the three Ark. Lakes in the upper end of the Ouachita River Basin (Lake Ouachita, DeGray Lake, and Lake Greeson) in that they contribute approxi-mately \$50 mil. annually to the local economy and create over 750 jobs for local citizens. He closed by expressing appreciation to ORVA for its continued support of development of water & land resources in the Ouachita River Valley and its close working relationship with the District.



COL Wehr, Commander, Vicksburg District, addresses conference attendees

JAY MOON'S COMMENTS

Mr. Jay Moon, President and CEO, Ms. Manufactures Association, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Global Economy and its Impact on Manufacturing and Logistics. He began by saying that the “new economy” involved China, India, and the U.S. He stated the U.S. had lost 3 million jobs since 2001 as jobs were flowing to cheaper markets overseas.

Mr. Moon focused on how recent increases in transportation costs have affected global trade, primarily due to the increase in the price of oil. He stated that the cost of moving goods, not tariffs, is the largest barrier to global trade. In 2000, it cost \$3,000 to ship a 40' container compared to \$8,000 today. Fuel cost now account for in excess of 50% of shipping costs. Mr. Moon said that U. S. produced steel is now competitive with China as U.

S. producers have a cost advantage over China by them having to add shipping cost to their product. China's exports of steel to the U. S. are decreasing 20%/year.

The bottom line is that higher transportation costs will shift more manufacturing to the U. S. or the region (Mexico). The key to success will be to find the cheapest labor force within reasonable shipping distance to the market.

RICH BRONTOLI'S COMMENTS

Mr. Brontoli, Executive Director, RRVA, gave an excellent presentation on the Red River Valley Association (RRVA). This Association, in conjunction with the Red River Waterway Commission, has done an outstanding job in bringing the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway to the point of being one of the outstanding examples of how public entities working with private industry can develop a waterway to its potential in terms of economic development and environmental sustainability. The RRVA has been in existence since 1925, is non-profit, and is member supported. The RRVA operates in multi-states and is involved in all facets of water and land resources development. They work very closely with two Corps of Engineers Divisions and four Districts. The primary goal is to make the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway a safe, reliable, and efficient system.

Mr. Brontoli is heavily involved in coordination efforts with congressional, federal, state, and local agencies and the private sector. The Red River is a high silt load river and river stage reduction after high water has to be an orchestrated event. In the early stages of the project life, much dredging had to be done. However, as the channel structures have matured and agency cooperation improved, the amount of dredging has dropped from a 3 year average of 2,500,000 cubic yards in 97-99 to an average of only 728,000 cubic yards in 05-07. One of the major initiatives of the RRVA presently is to obtain authorization for a 12' navigation channel on the Red River. With the Association's outstanding record of past achievements, this certainly is a reasonable and obtainable goal.

RANDY WALTERS' COMMENTS

Randy Walters, Director, Marketing, RRWC, discussed the Red River Waterway Commission (RRWC) and its role in the development of the Red River Waterway Project. The mission of the RRWC is to acquire rights-of-way for the navigation project, develop, operate and maintain recreational facilities and participate in the economic development of the waterway through the development of ports. The RRWC is funded by an ad valorem tax which is based on property value and is currently 2.49 mills. In 1968, Congress passed legislation to begin construction of the project and today the Red River is a navigable and controlled waterway providing commerce, education, and recreational opportunities for future generations.

RRWC has provided \$27 mil. for port development and there are five public ports. The LA DOTD has provided of \$45 mil. for port development. Nearly 10 million tons of commodities move on the Red River annually. Nineteen recreational sites have been developed at a cost of about \$46 mil. Visitation in 2007 was estimated at 2,151,000 for these recreational sites. The 2009 Bass Masters Classic, the super bowl of bass tournaments, will be held on the Red River Feb. 20-22, 2009, and is projected to have a \$24 mil. economic impact on the area's economy. Mr. Walters discussed the high value of the "cutoffs" from a fisheries standpoint. He stated that the slack water areas that were

created by the cutoffs are some of the best fishing areas on the waterway and also provide excellent fishery spawning areas. He mentioned that much of the commercial development that has taken place on the river has been on the cutoff areas as most business people prefer to locate on the slackwater off of the main river channel. The RRWC takes great pride in its accomplishments on the Red River and has been a major player in the overall success of the waterway.

PAUL TRICHEL'S COMMENTS

Mr. Trichel, Port Director, Ouachita Terminals, Inc. discussed the construction status of the new Greater Ouachita Port. Infrastructure completed to date on this \$22 Mil. facility includes an operational office, used and new top loader, partial rail spur, storage and queuing areas near dock and rail spur, dock and a new crane. The facility is approximately 50% complete. The Port has recently received an EDA grant of \$1.25 Mil. to extend the rail spur. Primary commodities handled include furniture, baby supplies, fuel, oil, aggregates, cotton, and paper. The Port specializes in handling containers and can transfer a 60,000 pound container from truck to rail in about 30 seconds. Total tonnage handled in 2006 was 866,400. The facility is shown below.



Greater Ouachita Port Facility,
West Monroe, LA

MIKE ARMSTRONG'S COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Armstrong, Chief of Fisheries, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, gave a presentation on "Ouachita River Recreational Opportunities". The AGFC has an excellent annual fishery stocking program on the Ouachita River to include some 12,000 rainbow trout that are released below Rammel Dam. Tourism is the second largest industry in AR providing \$3.1 Bil. in economic benefits annually. Mr. Armstrong mentioned that the Felsenthal Refuge contains a 15,000 surface acre permanent pool which is raised 5 feet in the winter to cover a surface area of 36,000 acres, making it the largest greentree reservoir in the world.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the visitation at the Felsenthal Refuge is down primarily due to the aquatic vegetation problem. Aquatic vegetation covers in excess of 90% of the backwater and some river banks and is having a major adverse on the fishery resource. The estimated economic loss since 2004 is \$5.4 Mil. annually. He stated this is the most degraded fishery resources area in the state however it is the most popular fishery area in South-Central AR. He recommends improving public access along the Ouachita River to meet the growing demand for recreation and managing fish and wildlife resources for greater public utilization.

DAVID PENICK'S COMMENTS

David Penick, Former Director of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC), New Orleans, LA gave an excellent presentation of the operation of the WCSC. Their primary mission is to collect and supply navigation data and information for U. S channels, ports and waterways. Vessel operating companies must report the name of vessel, vessel type, commodity, tonnage; alternate routes and vessel operator, There are stiff penalties for not reporting to include possible fines and imprisonment. Mr. Penick reported that 14 companies reported moving cargo on the Ouachita River in 2007. Thirteen docks were operational. Tonnage movement for 2007 was 1,833,000, down from 2,029,000 tons in 2006. Ton-miles data for 2007 should be available in October, 2008. Additional information is available from Amy Tujague at 504-862-1441.



John Hoopagh, Chairman, Navigation Committee,
conducts Navigation Committee Meeting

ORVA BRIEFING AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

A briefing on the Ouachita River Valley Association is available for members interested in speaking on the Association at local civic or other organizations. The briefing covers the Association's historical background, organizational structure, area of operation, mission, services provided, water and land resources development in the basin, current activities,

etc. It can be a very valuable tool in recruiting new members. You will need a computer with Power Point software and a projector to show the briefing. The briefing can be obtained on CD from Bill Hobgood, Executive Director, at 601-529-8131.

PUBLIC AWARENESS INSPECTION

TRIPS- OUACHITA-BLACK RIVERS

The Ouachita River Valley Association, in conjunction with the Vicksburg District, US Army Corps of Engineers, conducted public awareness inspection trips on the Ouachita-Black Rivers during the period 29 Sept.-8 Oct. 2008. Nearly 750 people attended. The purpose of the trips were to take community leaders, US & State legislators, media, state and local agencies, and industry officials, etc. on the rivers for them to see firsthand this valuable water and land resource that the Ouachita River Valley possesses. The groups were briefed on the activities of ORVA and the Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers. The trips were conducted at Jonesville, La.-attendance 154; Monroe/West Monroe, La.-attendance-200; Crossett, AR-attendance-150; and Camden, AR.-250. Also about 175 students from Crossett, AR visited the Inspection Barge and received briefings by Corps personnel. These Inspection Trips are very important from a public education standpoint, serve to maintain support for the Ouachita-Black Navigation Project and for the continued economic and environmental development of the resource. ORVA expresses its sincere appreciation to the Vicksburg District for supporting and participating in this important annual event.



Attendees at Crossett, AR, await ORVA brief just prior to the river inspection trip.

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Ouachita River Valley Association (ORVA)

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