



BUILDING A  
FOUNDATION

THE DELTA HAS NO BRANCHES... BUT IT HAS DEEP ROOTS.



LISA AND GEORGE KING

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# *George King*

A foundation is defined as the underlying basis or groundwork on which a structure is established. For over eight decades, the leadership of the Delta has made sure that they have built a strong foundation—a foundation of strength and common purpose that unites us and allows us to work together to achieve results that improve our economy and quality of life in the Mississippi Delta.

As I conclude my year of service as President of Delta Council, I am constantly amazed at the people I meet through Delta Council who not only have outstanding talents and wisdom, but most importantly, the ability to share it in the advancement of our regional objectives. The accomplishments we are able to make are due to the wise men and women who choose to build a strong foundation—beginning with the several thousand people, who consciously and consistently place their vote of confidence through a regional referendum when they return their membership form in support of Delta Council.

Today, and in this Annual Report, we celebrate some of those people, our accomplishments, and highlight some of our challenges. We also celebrate many of the friends of this organization who join us today and throughout the year, to work hand-in-hand with us to build a strong foundation and make positive things happen. This is also a time of transition for Delta Council, and because of the foundation of leadership that has been established, it will be seamless and positive.

Welcome to the 83rd Annual Meeting of Delta Council and thank you again for your part in making Delta Council, and the Delta, strong, secure, and special!

# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

*June 1, 2018*

BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

**9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**  
**2018 SALUTE TO  
DELTA HONOR GRADUATES**

**Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.**  
*President*

*Alcorn State University*

**Senator Briggs Hopson**  
*MS State Senate*

*Location: Lawn of the  
Bologna Performing Arts Center*

**10:30 a.m.**  
**WELCOME AND  
OPENING REMARKS**

**Dr. Vernell Bennett**  
*Vice-President of Student Affairs  
Delta State University*

**INVOCATION**

**Rev. Britt Williamson**  
*First Baptist Church  
Rolling Fork*

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

*Boy Scout Troop 200  
Greenwood*

**PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

*First Presbyterian Church of Greenwood  
Choral Group  
Ray Smithee, Choir Director*

**BUSINESS SESSION**

- Recognition of Special Guests
- Wear Cotton Recognition
- Good Middling Lady Recipient Recognition
- Recognition of Honor Graduates & Scholarship Recipient
- Introduction of New Officers

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE  
TO LEADERSHIP**

**INTRODUCTION OF  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**U.S. Senator Roger Wicker**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Trump Administration Official**

**12:00 NOON  
CATFISH LUNCHEON**

*Location: Delta State University  
Quadrangle Lawn*

**RECOGNITION OF  
2018 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**George King**  
*President*



# 2018 MISSISSIPPI DELTA *Honor Graduates*

## **BOLIVAR**

**Kayla Birdlong**, Shaw High  
**Korderrick Edwards**, West Bolivar High  
**Destiny Hall**, Broad Street High  
**Olecia James**, Cleveland Central High  
**Takeyionna Johnson**, West Bolivar High  
**Dynasty Latham**, John F Kennedy High  
**Watesha McKnight**, John F Kennedy High  
**Kyesha Miller**, Ray Brooks  
**Amidius Sigle**, Broad Street High  
**Lillie Thornton**, Bayou Academy  
**Victoria Waldbieser**, Cleveland Central High  
**Erin Wilson**, Bayou Academy  
**Leroy Woods, IV**, Shaw High  
**Zepporian Young**, Ray Brooks

## **CARROLL**

**Elena Bolanus**, J.Z. George High  
**Taylor Everett**, J.Z. George High  
**Sage McNamara**, Carroll Academy  
**Graycen Wiltshire**, Carroll Academy

## **COAHOMA**

**Layesha Ba**, Coahoma Early College High  
**Lamaria Banks**, Coahoma County High  
**Leslie Anne Bell**, Lee Academy  
**Brianna Burchfield**, Coahoma County High  
**Aerial Gasper**, Clarksdale High  
**Taylor Harris**, Clarksdale High  
**Hetal Shingrani**, Lee Academy  
**George Taylor IV**, Coahoma Early College High

## **DESOTO**

**Austin Dalton**, Southaven High  
**Jordon Ennis**, Hernando High  
**Donovan Gordon**, Lewisburg High  
**Rachel Greer**, Hernando High  
**Brooke Hull**, Northpoint Christian School  
**Kamiya Ingram**, Horn Lake High  
**Bailey Jones**, Lewisburg High  
**Emma Peacock**, Desoto Central High

**Priscilla Edith Ramirez**, Horn Lake High  
**Abigail Ransom**, Desoto Central High  
**Hannah Taylor**, Southaven High  
**Matthew Whiting**, Northpoint Christian School

## **HOLMES**

**Jon'na Bailey**, Holmes County Central High  
**Hannah Brown**, Central Holmes Christian  
**Stephen Coleman Frank**, Central Holmes Christian  
**Cianna Hooker**, Holmes County Central High School  
**Ke'Shaela Parker**, Durant High  
**Rha'Leijah Roberson**, Durant High

## **HUMPHREYS**

**Jordon Foster**, Humphreys Academy  
**Lajada James**, Humphreys Co. High  
**Olivia Lloyd**, Humphreys Academy  
**Shakira Posey**, Humphreys Co. High

## **LEFLORE**

**Pleasant Banks**, Greenwood High  
**TaJuan Beckworth**, Amanda Elzy High  
**Jo'kobe Brown**, Greenwood High  
**Kyla Cole**, Amanda Elzy High  
**Jasmine Green**, Leflore County High  
**Frednijah Harris**, Leflore County High  
**Smith Lyon**, Pillow Academy  
**Vraj Patel**, North New Summit School  
**Helen Olmsted Singleton**, Pillow Academy  
**Andrea Taylor**, North New Summit School

## **PANOLA**

**De'Yampert Brame Garner**, South Panola High  
**Anne Ellen Hodge**, North Delta School  
**Caroline Hodge**, North Delta School  
**Amayia Rhodes**, North Panola High  
**Franeisha Williams**, North Panola High  
**Tori Beth Wolfe**, South Panola High

## **QUITMAN**

**Matthew Jackson**, Delta Academy  
**Korteria Rudd**, Madison S. Palmer High

**William Vonallmen**, Delta Academy  
**Kieona Williams**, Madison S. Palmer High

## **SHARKEY/ISSAQUENA**

**Richard Walker Holcomb**, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy  
**Anderson Jones, Jr.**, South Delta High  
**Samantha Jade Merritt**, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy  
**Yarnell Page**, South Delta High

## **SUNFLOWER**

**Mykala Barnes**, Ruleville Central High  
**Jack Dodd**, Indianola Academy  
**Kaitlyn Jones**, Gentry High  
**Arin McIntyre**, North Sunflower Academy  
**Clarissa Prince**, Gentry High  
**Jamie Taylor Reed**, Indianola Academy  
**Mary Stafford Shurden**, North Sunflower Academy  
**Myesha Stovall**, Ruleville Central High

## **TALLAHATCHIE**

**Da'nyria Allison**, West Tallahatchie High  
**Jessica Herron**, Charleston High  
**Chandler Morris**, Strider Academy  
**Lexanna Newsom**, Charleston High  
**Jermynon Rice**, West Tallahatchie High  
**Hayden Ross**, Strider Academy

## **TATE**

**Nuriya Bonner**, Coldwater Attendance Center  
**Amiracle Smith**, Independence High  
**Hunter Spencer**, Magnolia Heights School  
**Gabrielle Spratlin**, Senatobia High  
**Caroline Taylor**, Magnolia Heights School  
**Kaylyn Truddle**, Coldwater Attendance Center  
**Jakeria Wilson**, Senatobia High  
**Juan Quinonez Zepeda**, Independence High

## **TUNICA**

**Kyonna Hubbard**, Rosa Fort High  
**Asma Obad**, Tunica Academy  
**Miracle Proctor**, Rosa Fort High  
**Matt Sullivan**, Tunica Academy

## **WARREN**

**Josh Arias**, Porter's Chapel Academy  
**Adrienne Eckstein**, St Aloysius High  
**Andrew Paul Hood**, Warren Central High  
**Ryan Jarratt**, St Aloysius High  
**Hope Isabella Lee**, Warren Central High  
**Cody Lyons**, Porter's Chapel Academy  
**Zachary Moore**, Vicksburg High  
**Valina Ariel Thuha**, Vicksburg High

## **WASHINGTON**

**Brianna Buggs**, O'Bannon High  
**James Robert Duncan**, St Joseph High School  
**Jakayla Edwards**, Riverside High  
**Phillip Fontenot**, Deer Creek School  
**Jeremy Hunter**, Deer Creek School  
**"Lacey" Aliyah Lucas**, Greenville Christian  
**McKenzie McDavid**, Washington School  
**Baylee Palasini**, Washington School  
**Dixitkumar Patel**, O'Bannon High  
**"Allie" Deanne Powers**, Greenville Christian  
**Jennifer Rich**, Greenville High  
**Leanna Sheppard**, Riverside High  
**Sarah Tonos**, St Joseph High School  
**Cora Tyler**, Simmons High  
**Jimmie Warren, Jr.**, Leland High  
**Kassidy Wells**, Simmons High  
**David White**, Leland High  
**Jayda Williams**, Greenville High

## **YAZOO**

**Devin Ammons**, Yazoo County High  
**Jhanel Greene**, Yazoo City High  
**Sarah Elizabeth Hardy**, Benton Academy  
**David "Blake" Humphreys**, Manchester Academy  
**Isaiah Jones**, Yazoo City High  
**Mary Russell Perry**, Manchester Academy  
**Bruce Ellis Ruschewski**, Benton Academy  
**Manyga Swinney**, Yazoo County High

## 2017-2018 OFFICERS



**George King**  
President  
Chatham



**Candy Davis**  
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Shaw



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**Andy Anderson**  
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Rolling Fork

## 2018-2019 OFFICERS



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Tchula



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Vice-President  
Greenwood



**Ransom Myers**  
Vice-President  
Dundee



**Andy Anderson**  
Treasurer  
Rolling Fork

# Delta Council ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Outstanding Rice Producer:**

Ransom Myers  
Myers Farms  
Dundee



**Outstanding Soybean  
Producer:**

James C. "Buddy" Morgan III  
Morgan City



**Outstanding Cotton Ginner:**

Johnny Laney, Jr.  
Big Creek Gin Co.  
Lyon



**Outstanding Contributions to  
Hardwood Forestry:**

Mike Staten  
Anderson-Tully  
Lake Village, AR



**Good Middling Recipient:**  
Jamie Murrell  
*Arcola*



**Conservation Farmer:**  
Mike Wagner  
Two Brooks Farm  
*Sumner*



**Researcher of the Year:**  
Wayne Ebelhar  
Delta Research & Extension Center



**Pace-Setter Award:**  
B. Jones  
*Tchula*



**Outstanding Contributions to Aquaculture:**  
Dr. David Wise  
Thad Cochran National Warmwater  
Aquaculture Center  
*Stoneville*

# 2018 ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORS



**Bryan Jones,**  
BankPlus Senior  
Executive Vice-President

BankPlus began as a community-focused bank in 1909 in Belzoni, Mississippi. After more than a hundred years of serving communities throughout the state of Mississippi, BankPlus has grown to operate 57 locations in 34 communities. The bank also employs more than 700 people throughout the state and has donated millions of dollars to local charities as part of its core mission.



◆ Part Of The Farm Credit System

Mississippi Land Bank and Southern Ag Credit provide long term and short term financing solutions for land, operation capital, equipment and farm equity.



**Joe Hayman,**  
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**Abbott Myers,**  
MS Land Bank  
Board Chairman



Sanders, established in 1953 and acquired in 2012 by Pinnacle Agriculture, is a multifaceted business that specializes in first in class retail distribution business. We specialize in seed production, crop protection – including the full line of quality products from Innvictis Crop Care, LLC, fertilizer, and precision agriculture services that utilize our award winning OptiGro platform. Sanders, Before Seed – Beyond Harvest



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- *Cotton Incorporated*
- *Mississippi Corn Promotion Board*
- *Mississippi Rice Promotion Board*
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- Gary Fioranelli,** *Cleveland*
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- Bubba Simmons,** *Hollandale*
- Jerry Slocum,** *Coldwater*
- Jimmy Sneed,** *Hernando*
- Bill Ryan Tabb,** *Cleveland*
- David Wansley,** *Valley Park*

# 2017-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## COUNTIES

### BOLIVAR

Kirk Satterfield  
Bill Griffith

### CARROLL

Calvin Bowlin  
Richard Macy

### COAHOMA

Cliff Heaton  
John McKee III

### DESOTO

Hugh Beckham  
Jim Sayle

### HOLMES

George Cunningham  
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### HUMPHREYS

Bill Allen  
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### ISSAQUENA

Steve Hunter  
Matt Sharpe

### LEFLORE

Wayne Bush  
Ray Makamson

### PANOLA

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Russell Stewart

### SUNFLOWER

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### TALLAHATCHIE

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### TATE

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## CITIES

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R.B. Flowers, Tunica  
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Walton Gresham, Indianola  
Kenneth Hood, Gunnison  
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Ben Lamensdorf, Cary

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Harley Metcalfe III, Greenville  
Frank Mitchener, Jr., Sumner  
Griffin Norquist, Jr., Yazoo City  
Cass Pennington, Indianola  
William Percy II, Greenville  
John Phillips, Yazoo City  
Al Rankins, Greenville  
Tom Robertson, Jr., Indianola  
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Harry Simmons, Jr., Yazoo City  
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Bryan Jones, Cruger  
Mike Lamensdorf, Cary

Lawrence Long, Indianola  
Reese Pillow, Greenwood  
Jim Robertson, Jr., Indianola  
Michael Sanders, Cleveland  
Gibson Steele, Hollandale  
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Charles Walker, Marks  
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Ellis T. Woolfolk,\* Tunica (1939-40)  
James Hand, Jr.,\* Rolling Fork (1940-41)  
Hugh L. Gary,\* Greenwood (1941-42)  
Walter Sillers,\* Rosedale (1942-43)  
Alexander Fitz-Hugh,\* Vicksburg (1943-44)  
W.K. Anderson,\* Clarksdale (1944-45)  
Jere B. Nash,\* Greenville (1945-46)  
Irby Turner,\* Belzoni (1946-47)  
Ellis T. Woolfolk, Jr.,\* Tunica (1947-48)  
W.T. McKinney,\* Anguilla (1948-49)  
W.M. Garrard, Jr.,\* Indianola (1949-50)  
Sam H. Coker,\* Yazoo City (1950-51)  
Maury Knowlton,\* Perthshire (1951-52)  
J.R. Flautt,\* Swan Lake (1952-53)  
C.R. Sayre,\* Scott (1953-54)  
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Luther W. Wade,\* Greenwood (1955-56)  
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R.P. Parish,\* Greenwood (1958-59)  
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Sidney Levingston,\* Ruleville (1960-61)  
O.C. Carr, Jr.,\* Clarksdale (1961-62)  
Aven Whittington,\* Greenwood (1962-63)

F.H. Nance,\* Cleveland (1963-64)  
George K. Wade,\* Greenwood (1964-65)  
Frank T. Brumfield,\* Inverness (1965-66)  
Monty Payne,\* Winterville (1966-67)  
E.M. Hood, Jr.,\* Tunica (1967-68)  
James Hand III,\* Rolling Fork (1968-69)  
Morris Lewis, Jr.,\* Indianola (1969-70)  
Harris S. Swayze,\* Benton (1970-71)  
Robert A. Carson,\* Marks (1971-72)  
J. Tol Thomas III,\* Cruger (1972-73)  
Frank M. Mitchener, Jr., Sumner (1973-74)  
Henry C. Self,\* Marks (1974-75)  
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W.P. Brown, Jr.,\* Schlater (1976-77)  
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Jimmie Dick Carter, Rolling Fork (1979-80)  
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Bruce J. Brumfield, Inverness (1981-82)  
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Harley Metcalfe, Greenville (1996-97)  
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Tom Robertson, Indianola (1998-99)  
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Ben Lamensdorf, Cary (2001-2002)  
Bryan Jones, Yazoo City (2002-2003)  
Dan Branton, Leland (2003-2004)  
Ken Murphree,\* Tunica (2004-05)  
Kent Wyatt, Cleveland (2005-06)  
Tom Gary, Jr., Greenwood (2006-07)  
Bill Kennedy, Inverness (2007-08)  
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Travis Satterfield, Benoit (2009-10)  
Cass Pennington, Indianola (2010-2011)  
Bowen Flowers, Clarksdale (2011-2012)  
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Walton Gresham, Indianola (2014-2015)  
Al Rankins, Greenville (2015-2016)  
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\* Deceased



# 2017-2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & VICE CHAIRMEN

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## **ADVISORY RESEARCH**

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# POLICIES & RESOLUTIONS

## ADVISORY RESEARCH

- Boll Weevil Eradication Program
- Transgenic and Conventional Cotton Varieties
- Support for Public Sector Science and Education in Agriculture
- Non Wovens
- Research and Extension Priorities
- Peanut Committee
- Water Resources Research Center
- Soil Health - Research & Extension
- Economic Thresholds

## AQUACULTURE

- Aquaculture Resolution
- Catfish
- Food Technology

## FARM POLICY

- Copper Theft
- Farm Policy
- Crop Insurance
- USA Rice
- Cotton Flow Policy

## FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- Hardwoods Research
- Feral Hogs

## GINNING AND COTTON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Ginning Lab
- ULGCS

## DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Delta Regional Authority
- Growth And Prosperity
- Workforce Development
- State Historic Tax Credits
- Delta Strong
- Port Expansion

## EDUCATION AND HEALTH POLICY

- Adult Literacy
- Early Learning
- Higher Education Funding
- Health Care

## HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Development
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Delta Rail Service
- Bridge Replacement and Repairs

## SOYBEAN WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS

- Soybean Resolution
- Corn Resolution

## FLOOD CONTROL

- Flood Control
- Mississippi River Levee Enlargement
- Hillside Watersheds
- Yazoo Basin Flood Control
- Carter Rocky Bayou

- Upper Yazoo Project
- Flood Control Reservoirs

## SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Groundwater Permits
- Conservation Programs
- Delta Water Resources Sustainability
- Water Balance
- Alternative Strategies & Potential Funding-Financing of Structural Approach for Water Balance
- Water Resources Research Center
- Adoption of Water Serving Practices & Interagency Cooperation
- Soil Health-Research & Extension

## RICE AND SMALL GRAINS

- Rice
- Check-off Funds
- USA Rice

Find Resolutions at:  
[www.deltacouncil.org/policies--resolutions.html](http://www.deltacouncil.org/policies--resolutions.html)

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**Senator Roger Wicker**  
**United States Senator for Mississippi**

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“Delta Council exemplifies the American spirit of industriousness, in which citizens come together to enact real, enduring change for their communities. Over the past eight decades, its work has led to smart policies and strategic investments that have helped the Delta and our entire state thrive. This success would not be possible without the tireless commitment of Delta Council’s members, who personally understand the unique challenges faced by farmers and small business owners in the region. The Delta’s continued growth and transformation are owed to Delta Council’s diligence to addressing problems with forward-looking solutions. Likewise, Chip Morgan has devoted his career to improving the lives of others in the Mississippi Delta. When you drive on a new road or bridge, when the floodwaters do not reach our farms, when job opportunities arrive with economic development – Chip and Delta Council have likely had a role to play. He has been instrumental in building relationships that produce results, and I am grateful to have worked with them for so many years on projects that make a difference in our communities.”



**Senator Jerry Moran**  
**United States Senator for Kansas**

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“Getting acquainted with Chip Morgan and Delta Council is one of the most fortunate things that has happened to me during my time in Congress. There is no better ally to agriculture and rural America than Chip – he is honorable, passionate and wise in the ways of the Delta and Washington, D.C. Chip demonstrates that, regardless of where we are from, with a little commonsense and goodwill we can work together for a better life in Hays, Kansas or Leland, Mississippi. Chip made a lot of little corners of our country better and I am proud to be his friend.”



**Dr. Mark Keenum**  
**President Mississippi State University**

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“For many years, Chip Morgan has been a transformative figure in Mississippi. His influence through the important work of the Delta Council is immeasurable. I have likewise been fortunate to benefit from his leadership and guidance in his role as a member of the State Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning. His vision and fairness in helping guide the fortunes of all eight of Mississippi’s public universities is invaluable. Chip leaves a profound legacy of service to his state and nation as he steps down from the helm of Delta Council.”



**Archie Tucker**  
Area Director  
USDA-ARS

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"As I reflect back over my 42-year career with ARS, I am proud of the reputation and credibility that the Stoneville Agricultural Research Center has earned as one of the premier Agricultural Research Centers in the World. Stoneville is commonly referred to as the Silicon Valley of agriculture. The leadership at USDA, ARS, Mississippi State University Delta Research and Extension Center, USDA-Forest Service and other entities at Stoneville has changed numerous times over the years. The one constant and consistent leader we have had is Chip Morgan and the Delta Council. Their outstanding leadership has made the difference. The results of their effective leadership is reflected in new research programs, state of the art facilities, and the scientific expertise assembled at Stoneville. I know of no other non-elected official in the World who has had as much impact on agricultural research than Chip Morgan and Delta Council. "



**Billy Percy**  
Delta Council Past President (1982-1983)

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"When Chip took over as Executive Director thirty-six years ago, I was president of Delta Council. I offered him one piece of what I thought was very sage advice: Do not try to chase every rabbit that jumps up. Concentrate your efforts on the one or two things at which you have a reasonable chance of being successful. Thank goodness he totally ignored this bit of wisdom. Because he did, Delta Council has become much more than an organization devoted to two or three missions. No longer is flood control, farm policy and industrial development the total focus of what Delta Council sets as it's mission. Conservation in the form of Delta Wildlife, best farm practices in the form of Delta F.A.R.M., rural health in the form of Delta Health Alliance, education in the form of the Adult Literacy initiative. These are just a few of the rabbits Chip has jumped and by God he has caught every damn one of them."



**John Hilpert**  
President Delta State University (2003-2013)

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"Not long after my arrival at Delta State in 2003, I met Chip Morgan and the two of us sat down for a chat. As a new Mississippian, I knew nothing about Chip or his organization. I asked, "How does Delta Council relate to what we do at Delta State?" Chip's simple answer was: "Don't worry, John, we'll lift our corner." I liked that imagery so much I used the phrase - with credit to Chip—as the theme of my inaugural address. During my decade as Delta State's president, it was my privilege to work with Chip and Delta Council on one project after another and to know I could always count on Delta Council to lift not only their corner, but most often more than their share of any burden."





**Dick Hall**  
**Central District Transportation Commissioner**  
**Mississippi Department of Transportation**

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"In my 40+ years of service, no organization has been more supportive of good roads and bridges than Delta Council, and no individual has been more effective in these efforts than Chip Morgan. Without Chip and Delta Council's leadership, there would be no four lane highways in the Mississippi Delta; and because of them, we'll be planning for many more. The efforts of Chip and Delta Council have been vital in supporting economic development in not only the Delta region, but the entire state of Mississippi."



**Austin Jones**  
**Catfish Producer**

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"Because of John Dillard, I was fortunate to be involved in the formation of the new Delta Council Aquaculture Committee. There I was able to witness the strengths of Delta Council making positive outcomes happen in the 1980's and 90's. Because of the foundation of leadership Delta Council possesses and the staff execution by Chip Morgan, we were able to produce a lot of results in the industry, while mitigating growing pains on a booming business. As the catfish industry has recently faced stormy waters and some deterioration, no one has been more focused and persistent on our needs and opportunities than Chip and Delta Council. Their commitment to ensure that we get treated like every other protein product in the United States, among many other pocketbook issues, will allow us to be a significant source of economic activity in the Mississippi Delta's future."



**The Honorable Phil Bryant**  
**Governor of Mississippi**

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"Chip Morgan has done a remarkable job leading Delta Council through a historic time of growth and prominence. It is with mixed emotions that I anticipate his retirement. Although we all wish him the very best, wherever the good Lord leads him, we will also miss his dedicated leadership at Delta Council."



**Delta Strong** is a regional branding, marketing, and business attraction program aimed exclusively at luring new manufacturing opportunities to the region. The initiative is supported by private sector financial institutions, our Planning and Development Districts, Port Terminals on the Mississippi River, local Economic Development Foundations, and our Utility and Infrastructure partners. (See logos.) This strategy, which is being led by the Delta Council Development Department, is a four-year plan which includes outcome measurements and transparency that will position the Mississippi Delta region as a major player in the attraction of manufacturing, distribution, and warehousing operations.

“Delta Council is an incredible and comprehensive regional organization which covers the entire gamut of economic development activities. From cutting edge workforce development, to government relations, to community and traditional economic development, no organization anywhere does it as well as Delta Council. The Delta Strong effort, led by Delta Council with unprecedented buy-in from entities around the territory, is just a further example of how a truly regional economic development effort can benefit the economy of local communities.”

Robert Ingram  
 President/CEO  
 Common Sense Economic  
 Development, LLC

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