

CELEBRATING THE *ART* OF THE DELTA



The *ART* of the
People



The *ART* of
Growing



The *ART* of
Working
Together

— 2012 —

Delta Council Annual Report

Bowen Flowers

Welcome to the 77th Annual Meeting of Delta Council and to the Delta Council Annual Report.

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of Delta Council this year and I can report to the members and friends of this organization that the work of advancing the Delta is ongoing in so many different areas. The Delta region is confronting the challenges and making positive outcomes in areas such as workforce training, resource conservation, transportation policy, health care, flood protection, early childhood education, agricultural research, and industrial development, just to name a few.

I thought the theme of this year's Annual Meeting was particularly relevant - "Celebrating the Art of the Delta...The Art of the People, The Art of Growing, and The Art of Working Together." My family has always been invested in the work of Delta Council, but my year serving as President has allowed me to see firsthand the importance of how the membership of this organization comes together to make good things happen on a daily basis in so many different facets of Delta life. This is why Delta Council is such a unique and successful organization. I can assure you the time, resources, and commitment that each of you give allows our region to enjoy a better economy and quality of life in this special place.

I hope you enjoy the Annual Meeting and I asked the staff to combine both the Program and Annual Report into one document so we can expand on some of the issues we are working on, as well as recognize many of the people who make the Delta and Delta Council special. We also welcome Governor Phil Bryant as our featured speaker. Phil is a native Deltan and has been a tireless supporter of working with us during his career, crafting creative solutions to meet Delta issues. That spirit of meeting challenges head-on has carried into his first six months as chief executive officer of the State of Mississippi, and we look forward to his thoughts and friendship both today and into the future on how we can continue to improve the Delta!

Please enjoy the meeting and thank you for your support!

PHIL BRYANT PROFILE



- Native of Moorhead and Sunflower County
- A former Deputy Sheriff, Bryant earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master's Degree in Political Science from Mississippi College.
- Elected to the Mississippi Legislature in 1990, serving five years in the House of Representatives.
- Appointed State Auditor in 1996 and then elected two full terms.
- Elected Lt. Governor, 2007.
- On November 8, 2011, Bryant was elected Governor of Mississippi and assumed office on January 10, 2012.
- He and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Katie and Patrick. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

Delta Council Day May 11, 2012



9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Delta 1000 Political Event

The Real Forces Driving Washington Today:
An Elaboration on the current state of U.S. Politics

Featuring Tom Davis

Former Congressman, Virginia

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Location: McPherson Recital Hall

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

2012 Salute to Delta Honor Graduates

Lt. Governor Tate Reeves

& Cass Pennington, Co-hosts

Location: Southeast Side of
Bologna Performing Arts Center

10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Bowen Flowers

President

Invocation

Rev. Andy Cotten

First United Methodist Church, Clarksdale

Presentation of Colors

Boy Scout Troop 91

Belzoni

Patriotic Music

Presbyterian Day School, Clarksdale
Senior Kindergarten Class

Business

- Recognition of Special Guests
- Good Middling Lady Presentation
- Achievement Awards
- Wear Cotton Recognition
- Delta's Top Honor Graduate
- In Memoriam
- Sponsor Recognition
- Introduction of New Officers

Special Analysis: 2012 Elections

Tom Davis

Former Congressman, Virginia

Keynote Address

Honorable Phil Bryant

Governor, State of Mississippi

12:00 Noon

Catfish Luncheon

Delta State University

Location: Quadrangle Lawn



2012 Delta Honor Graduates & Schools

Kimberly Ables, Benton Academy
 Shannequa Adams, Ray Brooks
 Jalisa Allen, Coahoma Agricultural High
 Kate Rivers Allen, Humphreys Academy
 Hayden Anthony, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 Tekerra Applewhite, Gentry High
 Andrew Bell, St. Aloysius
 Brooke Bell, Central Holmes Christian
 Jacob Bell, Olive Branch High
 Justin Bell, Leland High
 Amaani Belton, Leland High
 Caitlin Benson, Charleston High
 Taylor Bishop, Central Holmes Christian
 Ellisteonna Bracey, Drew Hunter High
 Destiny Bradley, East Side High
 Eric Bridgett, Broad Street High
 Caitlin Brown, Tunica Academy
 Abbey Bufkin, Bayou Academy
 Mark Buys, Porters Chapel Academy
 Dakota Byrd, Strider Academy
 Lauren Calvert, South Panola High
 Lindsey Calvert, South Panola High
 Mildrica Cannon, Coahoma County High
 Katherine Carson, Center Hill High
 Mary Kendal Champion, Humphreys Academy
 Jasmine Coleman, Yazoo City High
 Tacorya Collins, Amanda Elzy High
 Mary Chandler Cossar, Senatobia High
 Kerneshia Crigler, Amanda Elzy High
 Jessica Crose, Riverside High
 Jalen Dagher, Warren Central High
 Elizabeth Daniels, Indianola Academy
 Allysa Davis, Hernando High
 ShaKeyia Davis, Leflore County High
 Tkeyah Davis, Lake Cormorant High
 Rachel Dennis, Olive Branch High
 Trey Densford, Lewisburg High
 Tyler Densford, Lewisburg High
 Ricky Dixon, Rosa Fort High
 Ashaley Drain, Yazoo City High
 Keartis Drummer, East Side High
 Randy Echols, Strayhorn High
 Charkyria Evans, Greenville-Weston High
 JaKevin Farmer, Coldwater High
 Naphateria Farrow, Gentry High
 Meesha Fleming, Williams-Sullivan High
 Zachary Flowers, Lee Academy
 Contesa Franklin, John F Kennedy High
 Brittany Fratesi, Deer Creek

Keelyn Frey, Deer Creek
 Rachel Fuller, Cleveland High
 Trebor L Gainwell, Yazoo County High
 Wairterrica Galmore, Coahoma Agricultural High
 Ariana Gardner, Greenwood High
 Fatima Gardner, Independence High
 Janadrea Gooden, West Bolivar High
 Terrica Gordon, Rosa Fort High
 Hanna Greenlee, North Delta
 Jesse Gresham, Ruleville Central High
 Riley Griffith, St. Aloysius
 Desiree S Haralson, Yazoo County High
 Nathan Harris, Clarksdale High
 Tyler Hassell, Center Hill High
 Kendra Haywood, Broad Street High
 QuaNiya Head, Pillow Academy
 Mary Heath, Warren Central High
 Anthony Hicks, Greenville-Weston High
 Rebecca Hilderbrand, Benton Academy
 Kaitlyn Marie Hill, Desoto Central High
 Breylund Hinton, O'Bannon High
 Mary Hitt, Manchester Academy
 Tiffany Hobbs, J.Z. George High
 Gregory Holly, Coahoma County High
 Brandon Holmes, Tunica Academy
 Deunta Howard, North Panola High
 Kya Huell, Vicksburg High
 Justin Husband, Greenville Christian
 Shalisa Jackson, Shaw High
 Krystal Johnson, South Delta High
 Sylvia Jones, Humphreys County High
 Tamaraneshia Jones, Simmons High
 Samiha Karim, Washington School
 Darius Kennedy, Senatobia High
 Covell Kent, West Tallahatchie High
 Kashianna Keys, South Delta High
 Catherine Anne Kronfol, Washington School
 Andrea Leach, Durant High
 Jalen Lewis, West Bolivar High
 Brittany Mabry, J.J. McClain High
 Kadeja Manning, Williams-Sullivan High
 Kristina Mays, Independence High
 Kelsey McFerrin, Strider Academy
 Rachel McLendon, Greenville Christian
 Lemuel McWilliams, Ruleville Central High
 Dalton Montgomery, Southaven High
 Denton Morgan, Bayou Academy
 Callie Musslewhite, Hernando High
 Kevin Muzzi, St. Joseph High



Lt. Governor Tate Reeves
Master of Ceremonies

Rebecca Erin O'Halloran, Lake Cormorant High
 Gregory O'Neal, Strayhorn High
 Kaneshia Phillips, Ray Brooks
 Raven Pitchford, S.V. Marshall High
 Elisabeth Pollard, Lee Academy
 Emily Nichole Rhea, Desoto Central High
 Donovan Robinson, Coldwater High
 Devin Sampson, O'Bannon High
 Lakeeta Sanders, Leflore County High
 Thomas Sherman, St. Joseph High
 Sharanbir Singh, North Sunflower Academy
 Heather Sit, Porters Chapel Academy
 Jakeitric Smith, Charleston High
 Kyle Smith, Drew Hunter High
 Sabrina Smith, Madison S. Palmer High
 Shalia Smith, Madison S. Palmer High
 Princess Spears, Vicksburg High
 J'Kea Starks, Simmons High
 Kristen Stephens, Pillow Academy
 Kelli Stevens, Sharkey-Issaquena Academy
 Quenton Stevenson, Greenwood High
 Matthew Stovall, Delta Academy
 Charley Rebecca Tackett, North Sunflower Academy
 Ariel Taylor, Humphreys County High
 Cassandra Taylor, Carroll Academy
 Trey Taylor, Carroll Academy
 Melissa Toliver, John F Kennedy High
 Stephanie Tosses, Riverside High
 Camille Tyner, Indianola Academy
 Delia Wadlington, Southaven High
 Davida Walls, Clarksdale High
 Whitney Wansley, West Tallahatchie High
 Marquatte Ware, S.V. Marshall High
 Jessica Webb, North Panola High
 Miranda Wieneke, Horn Lake High
 Anna Wies, Cleveland High
 Lacey Wiggins, J.Z. George High
 Alexis Williams, Shaw High
 Luke Williams, North Delta
 Ian Windam, Delta Academy
 Shaquita Woodson, J.J. McClain High
 Victoria Wright, Durant High
 John Alan Yerger, Manchester Academy
 Daneille Young, Horn Lake High

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2011-2012

Delta Council Achievement Awards

The 2011 Flood made an indelible impact on the Delta. One casualty of the flood was that Delta Council was unable to properly recognize the Achievement Award winners at last year's altered Annual Meeting. In recognition of this, Delta Council President Bowen Flowers asked that these individuals be properly recognized at the 77th Annual Meeting. In addition to the Achievement Award recipients below, Delta Council is also honoring Good Middling Lady Lanny Kennedy of Inverness.



Outstanding Rice Producer:
Pemble Davis & Lex Davis
Pemble Farms, Merigold, MS



Outstanding Cotton Ginner:
Rodge Rodgers
Clarksdale, MS



Membership Chairman:
Bubba Simmons
Hollandale, MS



Good Middling Lady:
Lanny Kennedy
Inverness, MS

Kennedy Recognized as Good Middling Lady

Lanny Kennedy of Inverness, a well-known educator and civic leader, was recently selected to serve as the Good Middling Lady for 2011-12. Mrs. Kennedy, a native of Leland and having lived in Inverness for more than 35 years, has impacted the lives and families of many children with special needs in the Mississippi Delta.

"When it comes to the word 'giving,' there is no individual in the Delta who surpasses Lanny," stated Bowen Flowers, President of Delta Council.



Outstanding Contributions to
Hardwood Forestry:
Mike Mikell
Port Gibson, MS



Outstanding Soybean Producer:
Mike Wagner
Sumner, MS



Outstanding Contributions to Aquaculture:
Craig Tucker
Thad Cochran National Warmwater Aquaculture Center
Stoneville, MS



Researcher of the Year:
Gabe Sciumbato
Delta Research & Extension Center
Stoneville, MS



Jimmy Sanders, Inc., established in 1953, is one of the largest agricultural input supply and distribution businesses in the Mid-South. Family owned and headquartered in Cleveland, Mississippi, the company currently services growers through 70 retail locations in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Sanders is multifaceted in its operations, which include seed production and sales, agricultural chemical distribution, bulk handling of fertilizer and, through its award-winning OptiGro® program, variable rate technology and other precision agriculture services. The company also provides wildlife food plot products and services through its Wildwood Genetics™ brand.



Part Of The Farm Credit System

For over 100 years, BankPlus has served the people and businesses of Mississippi. BankPlus has over 60 banking offices in 33 Mississippi communities. As a bank that started in the Delta and maintains strong community values, BankPlus is proud to sponsor Delta Council. BankPlus offers cutting-edge services and products coupled with the best in customer service and customer care. For additional information on BankPlus, please visit www.BankPlus.net.

Mississippi Land Bank and Southern Ag Credit provide long term and short term financing solutions for land, operation capital, equipment and farm equity. From a few acres to a few thousand acres, these Farm Credit Association lenders have been working with growers and rural land owners in Mississippi for over 95 years. They offer flexible loan programs, knowledge of the territory, expertise in land values and agricultural operation needs. As cooperatives, the borrowers are the owners of these banks and, as such, share in the profits through a patronage refund at the end of each successful year. Mississippi Land Bank has ten locations across north Mississippi. Southern Ag Credit also has eleven offices located throughout south Mississippi and North Louisiana. Both of these financial institutions are proud to support Delta Council and welcome the opportunity to discuss a financing solution designed to help you grow. Visit them online at www.MississippiLandBanks.com.

Voices of MS AGRICULTURE

- Catfish Farmers of MS
- Corn Promotion Board
- Cotton, Inc.
- Rice Promotion Board
- Soybean Promotion Board

“Voices of Mississippi Agriculture” represent the farmer-funded research and market development efforts of the five major commodities produced in the Mississippi Delta — catfish, corn, cotton, rice and soybeans. Combined, these industries account for the economic chassis that the economy of the region rides upon, producing over 31,000 jobs and accounting for more than \$580 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues to support basic services, from school teachers to garbage pick-up. These farmer funded programs work to invest in the future of agriculture, so that the ag part of our Delta Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to generate a positive cash flow on the farm and provide a major contribution to the State’s economy.



Bill Battle, Tunica
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 Brian Crawford, Carrollton
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 Ed Pentecost, Cleveland
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 Turner Massey, Rich
 Mike Pannell, New Albany
 Charlie Pilkinton, Columbus
 Pepper Roberts, Belzoni
 Ben Robertson, Indianola
 Walker Sturdivant, Glendora
 Todd Williams, Olive Branch



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 Jan DeRegt, Hollandale
 Wayne Dulaney, Clarksdale
 Mike Guedon, Natchez
 Keith Morton, Falkner
 C.D. “Bubba” Simmons, Hollandale
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 Jimmy Sneed, President, Hernando
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 David Wansley, Valley Park



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 Curtis Berry, Robinsonville
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TOM DAVIS PROFILE



- Served seven terms in Congress representing Virginia's 11th Congressional district.
- During his tenure in the House, he served as Chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, as well as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy. Under Davis' leadership, the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee investigated matters related to the effective administration of government programs of great public interest.
- Currently serves as the Director of Federal Government Affairs for Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he continues his commitment to effective, common-sense solutions to government.
- Prior to serving as a Member of Congress, Mr. Davis was the chief elected official in Fairfax County, the eleventh most populous municipality with the second largest county budget in the United States.
- Davis received his B.A. from Amherst College in 1971 and his J.D. from the University of Virginia in 1975.

"While it is regrettable that I cannot join you this year, I know that Tom Davis' message on the current state of affairs in Washington will resonate with my Delta Council friends of all stripes. He will not only entertain you, but his insights on the cause and situation of the political environment in the Nation are very powerful and thought-provoking."

-Stu Rothenberg

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 Monty Payne,* Winterville(1966-67)
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 T. S. Shuler,* Greenwood(1992-93)
 John McPherson*, Indianola (1993-94)
 Mike Sturdivant, Jr., Itta Bena (1994-95)
 Bobby Carson, Marks (1995-96)
 Harley Metcalfe, Greenville (1996-97)
 Griffin Norquist, Jr., Yazoo City (1997-98)
 Tom Robertson, Indianola (1998-99)
 Curt Presley, Clarksdale (1999-2000)
 Kenneth Hood, Gunnison (2000-2001)
 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)
 John Phillips, Yazoo City (2008-09)
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Resolutions

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Advisory Research:

- Research and Extension Priorities
- Advisory Research
- Mississippi Boll Weevil Program
- Gross Domestic Product: Agriculture's Impact on the Delta
- Transgenic and Conventional Plant Varieties
- Cotton Research and Market Development: Non-Wovens

Aquaculture:

- CP-40 – Catfish Ponds: Conservation Reserve Program
- Catfish

Farm Policy:

- Corn
- Farm Policy
- Copper Theft

Rice and Small Grains:

- Mississippi Rice Check-Off
- Rice

Soybean, Wheat and Feed Grains:

- Soybeans

Soil and Water Resources:

- NRCS Programs Aimed at Water Supply
- Agricultural Chemical Water Study
- Conservation Programs– USDA-Wetlands Reserve Program Enrollment Caps – CRP-Catfish Ponds

- USDA Conservation Programs and Local Tax Base
- Water Resources
- USDA-NRCS National Priority Area – Water Balance – Water Quality Research
- South Delta Environmental Education Center

Development Department

- Delta Regional Authority
- Workforce
- Delta Heritage Area
- Mississippi Delta Developers Association
- Genesee and Wyoming Rail: Rail Line between Columbus and Greenwood
- Improved Broadband and Wireless Opportunities for the Delta

Education and Health Policy:

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

Highway Improvement and Transportation:

- Highway Development – Federal Highway Authorization Measure
- Corridor 18 (I-69)
- Highway 8
- Expanded Four-Lane Highway System
- Delta Rail Service
- Regional Air Service



PERSEVERING

Longtime Delta Council leader Al Rankins of Greenville always said that Delta Council flood control policy was centered around working every day to prepare for “the day.” Well, as we all know, “the day” came in 2011. And, while the system passed the test with flying colors, the residue of the Great Flood of 2011 leaves us with more work that Delta Council will continue to address every day – wet or dry.

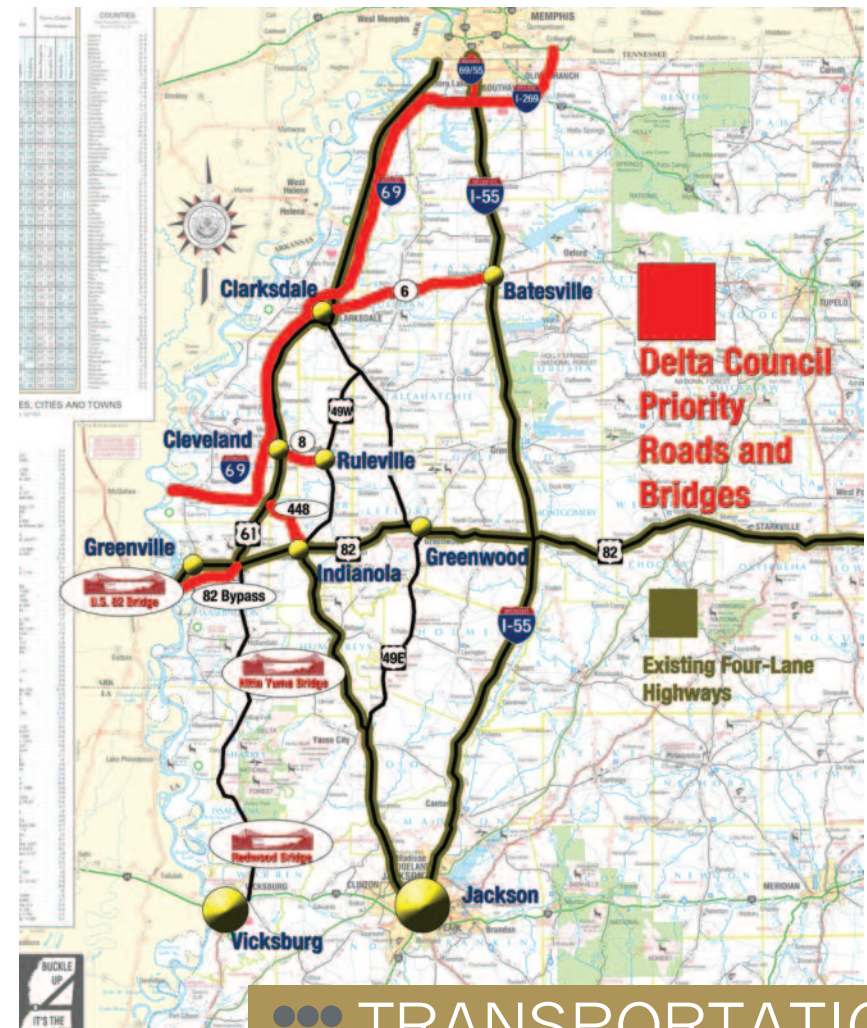
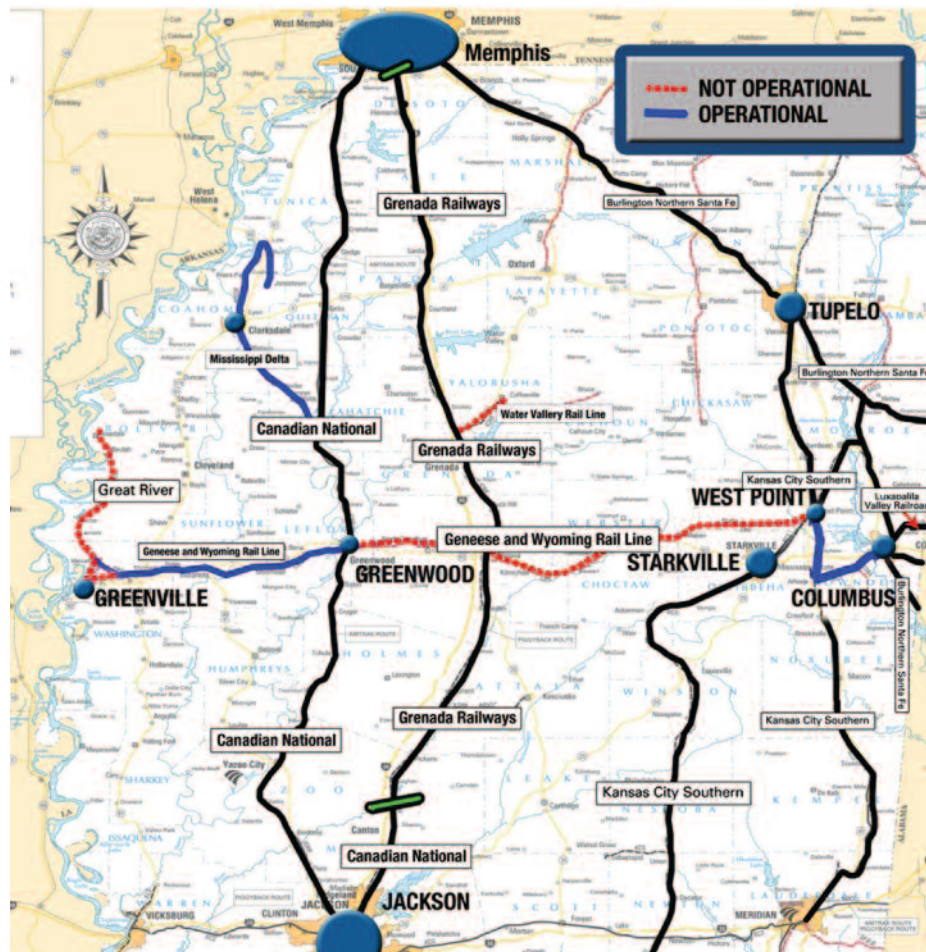
The 2011 Flood altered the Base Flood Elevation, causing the Yazoo Backwater Levee to be “decertified” and work to raise the levee cannot happen until other levee projects are completed in other states. Meanwhile, Delta Council will be working with Yazoo County, state and federal agencies to advance a plan to develop, design and construct a Yazoo River East Bank Levee in the Rocky Bayou area and a West Bank Levee from the Whittington Channel to the existing levee south of Belzoni.

Although very complicated issues will require much time and talent from the leadership of the region, both of them have severe economic consequences for the affected communities, both in development-killing insurance premiums and vulnerability to inundation.

Join us as we address these issues every day so the next time “the day” comes, nobody can say the Delta did not rise to the challenge.



Six Railroads make Competitive Freight Rates – the Broken Economic Development Chain



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation priorities at Delta Council include continued progress on Interstate 69 as we work toward an eventual re-authorization of a federal highway bill and other priorities that have been identified as regional in the Delta Council Transportation Committee. We remain concerned that, with the lack of federal re-authorization combined with dwindling state funds, it will take the lion's share of existing revenues just to maintain the roads and bridges we currently have. However, Delta Council has already signaled that it will begin discussion with other statewide business groups if there is any groundswell of support for looking at “pay as you go” options for enhancing dwindling revenues for state transportation priorities.

In another transportation priority, Delta Council will continue to work with the Mississippi Department of Transportation Commissioners, the Mississippi Development Authority, the Genessee and Wyoming Rail Company, and existing businesses who have an interest in getting to the Mississippi River ports, along the 92 miles of abandoned rail line between Greenwood and Columbus, to look at options for re-opening this critical east-west rail line.



FARMERS ADVOCATING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DELTA F.A.R.M.

Farmers are serious about conservation. It is obvious when farm operators and landowners have enrolled more than 40% of all the farmland in the region into a voluntary environmental stewardship program that is Delta Farmers Advocating Resource Management. This group has grown to earn the key to the farm gate while also earning a seat at the table with regulators to find voluntary solutions to difficult natural resource issues. Delta F.A.R.M. represents the interests of the region by seeking both economic and environmental sustainability for agriculture.

CONSERVATION

In its 22nd year, Delta Wildlife continues to serve the best interests of private landowners and land managers in the Yazoo Mississippi Delta. No other wildlife group is more qualified or experienced to address the unique concerns and interests of those who recreate and manage wildlife in the region. From backyards to farmland and from farmland to forests, Delta Wildlife is helping its members meet their wildlife and conservation objectives.





The future of groundwater supplies is an issue that is fundamental to the very fabric of life and economy in the Mississippi Delta, and one that Delta Council is addressing as a priority issue every day of the year. Delta Council is committed to working through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-led Mississippi Sustainable Water Resources Task Force, including the Yazoo Mississippi Delta Joint Water Management District, Delta Council, Delta FARM, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission. When setting up the Task Force, MDEQ Director Trudy Fisher outlined six commitments the group made at the first meeting. These sentiments should guide us as we tackle this issue, as well as many others:

1. Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
2. Weigh all unintended consequences.
3. Do not complicate things unnecessarily.
4. Seek more MOJO and less NOJO.
5. Remember we are all in this together.
6. Be urgent in our thinking, in our decision making, in our actions.



 PRESERVATION



Delta Council D.A.R.E.'s goal is to decrease the chances of alcohol, cigarette, and marijuana usage among middle school adolescents. Using pre- and post- tests, student beliefs were measured to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. The final evaluation from Mississippi State University reports that after completion of the program:



- Students do not believe that alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana offer social benefits.
- Students are confident in their ability to decline offers of alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana.
- There was improvement in active decision making scores after the program.
- Students are resisting peer pressure and are not "giving in" to the line of thinking that "...everybody's doing it."



HERITAGE



We are often asked why Delta Council is so committed to the process of the Delta National Heritage Area, especially since the process of being affirmed as a fully recognized Heritage Area takes several years, significant dollars, and a (another) study. "Aren't there already a lot of good things happening in Delta heritage and cultural tourism development currently taking place in local communities?"

There are many positive things taking place in the region, however if we are to fully realize the potential of those efforts, it is critical that the "Delta" brand be fully explored. Additionally, we have learned there is not a more effective avenue to achieve that result than the designation of a National Heritage Area....and the iconic National Park Service logo. Furthermore, the diverse 15-member Governing Board of the Heritage Area, led by Delta State's Center for Culture and Learning, has made great progress in focusing both attention and resources in identifying what the Delta offers.

Hard work? Regional? Forward thinking? Yes, yes, and yes! And, that is why Delta Council is among those looking to make something great even better. Come join us.



“The wisdom of creating a Delta Workforce Pilot Coordinator has been instrumental to our team at Baxter. We have been able to create more training opportunities for our employees. We appreciate the fact that all of the workforce partners make it simpler for companies like ours to take advantage of the opportunities that the Mississippi workforce training system allows. It gives us a single point of accountability through the Coordinator.”

Krista Roberts, Plant Manager, Baxter
Tish Givens, Human Resources Manager
Judy Brantley, Senior Human Resources Representative

WORKFORCE

The Delta Pilot Workforce Cabinet has been charged to work with businesses to provide an accountable, one point of contact system allowing employers to access the many workforce delivery programs that are offered in Mississippi. With the portfolio of many different state and federal partners, the Cabinet, under the leadership of five Delta business leaders (Cobie Collins, Tom Gresham, Al Rankins, Butch Scipper, and Kent Wyatt) and a Coordinator hired under the banner of the Mississippi Development Authority domiciled in Stoneville, has made measurable strides in identifying workforce problems and creating solutions before they end up on the front page of a newspaper often with disastrous results. Another example of the Delta crafting creative solutions to meet its challenges!



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