



## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Mississippi Airports Association Annual Conference  
Wednesday, September 18 – Friday, September 20, 2024  
Cadence Bank Conference Center  
Tupelo, MS

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18**

- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm:** Exhibitors set up, Conference Center
- 11:30 am:** Golf and Lunch, Tupelo National Golf Club
- 6:00 pm:** Opening Reception – Conference Center

### **THURSDAY, SEPT 19**

- 6:30 – 7:45 am:** Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:08 am:** “Welcome & Introductions,” Wes Kirkpatrick, President, Mississippi Airports Association
- 8:08 – 8:18 am:** Sponsor Presentation
- 8:18 – 9:00 am:** “MDOT and Your Airport,” Brad White, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation
- 9:00 – 10:00am:** “Wetlands Issues Raised by the Sackett Case,” Keith Turner, Attorney, Watkins & Eager
- 10:00 – 10:10 am:** Sponsor Presentation
- 10:10 – 10:40 am:** Break – Exhibitors’ Room
- 10:30 am:** Spouses depart for Toyota Plant Tour and Lunch
- 10:40 – 11:40 am:** “Identifying and Dealing with Venomous Snakes,” Emily Field, State Herpetologist, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks
- 11:40 – 11:50am:** Sponsor Presentation
- 11:50 am – 1:15 pm:** Lunch, Speaker TBD
- 1:15 – 2:15 pm:** “Airport Security - Physical and Virtual,” Tara Ford, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 2:15 – 2:17 pm:** Sponsor Presentation
- 2:17 – 2:45 pm:** Break
- 2:45 – 3:25 pm:** “UAS Updates & New Considerations for Ag Spraying,” Madison Dixon, Associate Director, MSU Agricultural Autonomy Institute
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm:** FAA One on Ones
- 3:30 – 4:45 pm:** Board Meeting
- 5:30 – 8:00 pm:** Party at Tupelo Airport – Buses departing from Hotel Tupelo and Hilton Garden Inn

## **FRIDAY, SEPT 20**

- 6:30 – 7:45 am:** Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:28 am:** General Membership Meeting
- 8:28 – 8:30 am:** Sponsor Presentation
- 8:30 – 9:15 am:** Sara Doss, Executive Director, Aerospace and Defense Alliance of Mississippi
- 9:15 – 10:00am:** Speaker TBD
- 10:00 – 10:02 am:** Sponsor presentation
- 10:02 – 10:30 am:** Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 am:** “Leveraging Funding Opportunities for GA Airports,” Mike Forster, President, Winston Louisville County Airport Board
- 11:00 – 11:15 am:** “What the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Can Do for Your Airport,” Mike Hainsey, ACRP Ambassador
- 11:15 – 11:30 am:** “MDOT Aeronautics Report,” Josh Stubbs, Director of Aeronautics and Rails, Mississippi Department of Transportation
- 11:30 – 11:45 am:** “FAA Report,” Rans Black, ADO, Federal Aviation Administration
- 11:45 am – 12:00 pm** “Legislative Report,” Jeff Wagner, Shareholder, Baker Donelson
- 12:00 – 12:15 pm:** “TSA Report,” Kim Jackson, Federal Security Director in Mississippi, Transportation Security Administration
- 12:15 – 12:20 pm** “Closing Remarks,” Wes Kirkpatrick, President, Mississippi Airports Association