

Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation (CURRENT) Authority Board

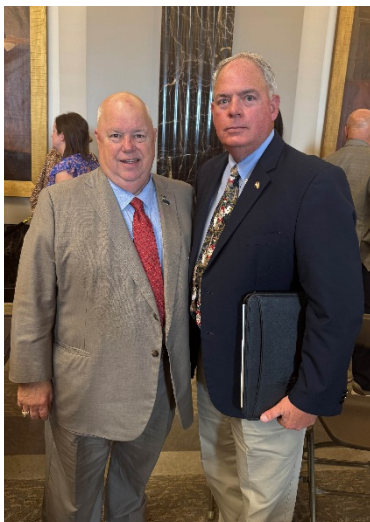
Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry on January 29, 2026, selected the Executive Directors of the Red River Valley Association and the Ouachita River Valley Association to serve on the CURRENT Authority Board.

Through Act 418 of the 2025 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature created the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board. The CURRENT Authority was established as a single coordinating entity responsible for the prioritization, planning, and funding of projects related to flood control, risk reduction, and navigation in the non-coastal areas of the state.

David Weeks, ORVA Executive Director, at the initial CURRENT Authority meeting. Seated next to Mr. Weeks is Mr. Andrew Kilshaw (right), Commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce. Louisiana State Senator Thomas Pressly, primary author of Senate Bill 97 which established CURRENT, is also in the photo (with back to the camera).



In order to achieve this mission, the CURRENT Authority is charged to develop a comprehensive Master Plan. The Master Plan serves as a roadmap for future investment in projects and actions to support CURRENT's goals and objectives in Louisiana's non-coastal areas. This roadmap is designed to identify, evaluate, and prioritize projects and actions for future implementation. It will include current analysis to identify gaps and issues to address which will be scientifically based and stakeholder driven, and it will include input from subject-matter experts, key stakeholders, decision-makers, and the interested public. The Master Plan will follow a structured, multi-phase framework to guide development and implementation. This framework is designed to evolve over time based on data, stakeholder input, and future planning cycles.



The Louisiana Legislature has provided \$1 M in FY 2026 funding to initiate these efforts. Funding is designed to set the strategic direction of the CURRENT Authority, build the Master Plan, assess and prioritize resources, coordinate stakeholders and agencies, and begin public engagement activities.

Mr. Weeks poses with Dr. Mike Strain, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, also a member of the CURRENT Authority.

The initial CURRENT Authority meeting was held in the Governor's Briefing Room at the state capitol in Baton Rouge on May 7, 2026. Federal water resources projects were

discussed by the District Commanders from the Vicksburg District and the New Orleans District, as well as a discussion of the Master Plan, Annual Plan, and the presentation and approval of the FY 2026 Fiscal Plan.

Draft By-Laws were presented and will be approved at the next scheduled board meeting planned for the July 2026 timeframe. The jurisdictional authority of CURRENT is essentially the non-coastal parishes of Louisiana.