

Drainage Work Group Meeting

When: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: **Minnesota Farmers Union**
305 Roselawn Ave E #200
St Paul, MN 55117

Attendance:

Tom Gile, BWSR; Jermoe Deal, RRWMB; Greg Hamvik RRWMB; Rita Weaver, BWSR; Greg Knopff, MN Senate Staff; Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan; Tim Dritz, MAWD; March Dittrich, MDA; Emily Javens, MAWD; Allen Wold, BdSWD; Randall Doneen, DNR; Steven Colvin, DNR; Kale Van Bruggen, Rinke Noonan; Leif Fixen, TNC; Alan Perish, MFU/MVA; John Kolb, Rinke Noonan; Craig Austinson, MADI; Tom Loveall BWSR Board; Mike Sevensen FWCA; John Jaschke, BWSR; Adam Wilke, U of MN WRC; Chad Engels, Moore Engineering; Dave Weirens, BWSR; Pete Waller, BWSR; Henry Van Offelen, BWSR; Amanda Bilek, MN Corn Growers; Lisa Frenette, RRWMB; Josie Lonetti, MN Farm Bureau; Elizabeth Henley, Smith Parnters; Tim Gillette, ISG; Ben Stanley, MN Senate Staff; Chris Otterness, HEI; Cara Josephson, MCEA; Jim Stark, Legislative Water Committee.

Handouts prior to/during meeting:

None

Introductions and agenda overview

All in attendance introduced themselves. Tom G. provided overview of agenda for the meeting – Tom G.

Share information about recent and upcoming drainage related events – All

- [MAWD](#), Convention and Preconference Drainage Workshop, meeting December 5, Alexandria, MN
- [Minnesota Viewers Association, Training Seminar](#), The Minnesota Viewers' November seminar, November 7th, Jackpot Junction, Morton, MN. (Use of GIS in the viewing process)
- [MDA](#), Woodchip Bioreactor Recharge Event, Date: TBD ...when it dries out, Location: Doug and Lois Albin Site

DNR Guidance/Reestablishment updates– MAWD/DNR

First Meeting was scheduled for the week following the DWG meeting. Further meetings anticipated.

Ag BMP Loan Program Overview and Drainage Authority Utilization- Dwight Wilcox

Group discussion with Mark Dittrich (MDA) on the opportunities and options available to Drainage Authorities via the Ag BMP Loan Program. Status of current funding and potential future efforts to increase funding to the program.

Jackson Co/Heron Lake WD

Brief discussion of a disagreement between the two Drainage Authorities on funding. Since this update the County has since rescinded a previous resolution which alleviates a sizable portion of the areas of disagreement. There are still local items to work through.

1W1P & Drainage.

Pete Waller (BWSR), Henry Van Offlen (BWSR) gave an overview of the One Watershed One Plan plan development process and engaged in a group discussion about ways Drainage Authorities could

be an active planning participant in an effort to ensure due consideration of drainage related items in the plan implementation phase and as a way to build local relationships and capacity.

MPCA Amendments to Water Quality Standards

Informed the group of the rule being posted for public comments and pending hearing.

BWSR Chief Engineer Staffing Update

BWSR Welcomes Rita Weaver as the new Chief Engineer. Rita attended and gave a brief introduction to the DWG.

Next DWG meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14,

Group Discussed and the Nov Meeting will be Skype call with MPCA presentation on TALU

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