Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** [Join Skype Meeting](https://meet.lync.com/mn365/tom.gile/VQBLGPPJ)

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**Attendance**: Elizabeth Henley ,Smith Partners; Chris Otterness, HEI; Elise Larson, MCEA; Allen Wold, BdSWD; Brian Martinson, AMC; Doug Krueger, MRC; John Jaschke, BWSR; Jill Crafton, IWLA; Dave Weirens, BWSR; Ben Stanley, MN Senate Counsel; Lisa Frenette, RRWMB; LeAnn Buck, MASWCD; Adam Wilke, U MN WRC; Rob Sip, RRWMB; Chad Engels Moore Engineering/BdSWD; Randal Doneen, MN DNR; Cris Skonard NFCRWD/MAWD; Tom Gile, BWSR; Darren Mayers, BWSR; Richard Gruenes, MDA; Mark Hiles, BWSR; Ed Lenz, BWSR; Rita Weaver, BWSR; Dwight Wilcox, MDA; Jim Stark, LLC.Leg.mn; John Kolb, Rinke Noonan; Leif, Fixen, TNC; Mark Dittrich, MDA; Mark Ten Eyck, Izak Walton League; Molly Jansen; Randy Kramer, AMC; Ray Bohn, MAWD; Shannon Sweeney, David Drown Associates Inc; Tim Dritz, MAWD; Tim Gillette, ISG.

**Introductions and agenda overview**

Tom G. provided overview of agenda for the meeting.

**Share information about recent and upcoming drainage related events** – All

Many meeting and training have been cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19.

* https://web.cvent.com/event/804d6232-d200-4dec-b0d1-c5e81606c0a6/summary[Minnesota Viewers Association, Training Seminar](http://www.mndrainageviewers.org/training-seminar-information.html),
* On June 3-4 the new Conservation Drainage Network (formerly ADMS) held is first annual meeting. The network moved their in-person online with prerecorded 15-min presentations posted ahead of the live meeting, with the live Zoom meeting focusing on discussion and interactions. All presentations and recordings from the meeting are available at [https://conservationdrainage.net/2020-cdn-meeting/](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconservationdrainage.net%2F2020-cdn-meeting%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ctom.gile%40state.mn.us%7Caa267875563e4af7795308d81c3f2b5a%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c2159828c%7C0%7C0%7C637290404915222137&sdata=pNksGSFdnBwjwYeXNhrVkeJd9wXaJOYCa95UzrGCOkw%3D&reserved=0)

**Other Group updates/information**–

* FEMA meeting on storm disaster, waiting on funds, trying to get extension -Ryan (McCloud)

Concerned that funds do not allow for adjustment of slopes, would like for recommendation from DWG to FEMA. – Doug Krueger

Federal funds only allow for repair to return to original - Dave W.

* Climate SubCabinet Status (4 sectors); Natural and Working Lands group and Resiliency and Adaptation group are identifying methodology that may affect DWG. – John J.
* Clean Water Fund RFP is open until Aug. 17. – Tom G.

**Multipurpose Drainage Management RFP update -Tom**

* MDM RFP – now open
* RFP tweaks from last year – Project location must be identified in application; 103E statutory requirements must be met. Question about what makes MDM practices different -John K and Mark D.
* Suggest considering increasing applications to increase strength of pool.
* Future FAQ item to clarify Ponds and retention are allowable, and that they need to provide treatment/storage above and beyond minimum needed for Cost Benefit Ratio and what is needed to provide an adequate outlet (Will work with Members on specific language as things move forward)

**2020 DWG & COVID19- Tom**

* Meeting logistics – discussed difficulties of Skype and ways to improve discussions.
* Meeting structure – increase breaks and interactive questions for engagement. Possibly shorten meetings and change meeting time.
* Vote on changing format: mixed response, pursue this later.
* Input from the Group

**Drainage Bonding** – **Tom** background. **Shannon Sweeny,** David Drown Associates Inc. Presenter

* Overview of information a Public Financing entity looks at when financing drainage projects and discussion with DWG membership. Options for funding from multiple sources. PPT by Shannon Sweeny has been distributed to DWG members.

**103E Revisions to read as WD or County Drainage Authority** – Tom G.

* Tom began adding in Secretary and WD through 103E. Will try to get further input from early reviewers and then will be looking for comments and feedback from DWG. Comments made to consider need of changes prior to making a recommendation to legislature as this would open the entire drainage law.

**Understanding MN Public Drainage Law Docs** – Tom G.

* Al’s finished draft with comments was shared. Created overview with more diagrams. The current idea is that these will be available on BWSR website soon. Some discussion on this document regarding DWG input. Documents are a living draft.

**Next DWG meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2020, MFU**