Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. VIRTUAL ONLY

**Where:** Virtual Option at:

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Red Board Flood Damage Reduction and Water Quality Review Process – Rob Sip**

* Rob Sip gave a presentation on The Red Board with specific attention given to the mediation agreement and multiple technical papers used to support a framework for drainage related projects and activities in the Red River Valley. A good group discussion was had sharing the successes of those efforts as well as some encouragement for a similar model to be used in other parts of the state.

**Petition Notice feedback on options sent out for discussion and Next steps-Tom**

* A brief discussion on the early coordination framework and possible legislation. The key conversation points were that there is no need to re-use language previously introduced unless folks feel that it addresses concerns raised by the proponents of the bill/effort. DWG members have asked the proponents of last year’s “Registry bill” to lay out, in writing, what their concerns are and what the goals are with the proposed activities. We anticipate something in writing prior to the end of August and will use this to navigate future discussions.

**Local drainage project feasibility and early coordination process- Chuck Brandel**

* Chuck Brandel form ISG gave a presentation on an early coordination framework that ISG has used with their clients in SW/SC MN when the opportunity presents itself. One of the key components is meeting with landowners BEFORE a petition is submitted to have some conversations on goals and feasibility of any potential projects prior to the investment of a petition. Again good discussion and some good examples of the benefits of coordinating earlier in the process.

2:00 **Adjourn**