

Drainage Work Group Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

100 Empire Drive, Suite 100, St. Paul, MN 55103-1885

Attendance

Tom Loveall, BWSR Brd.; Elizabeth Henley, Smith Partners; Jason Dinsmore, MCF; Chris Otterness, HEI; Elise Larson, MCEA; Emily Javens, MAWD; Allen Wold, BdSWD; Amanda Bilek, MCGA; Brian Marthinson, AMC; Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan; Greg Knopff, MN Senate Analyst; Janelle Taylor, MN House Research; Doug Krueger, MRC; Jerome Deal, RRWMB; John Jaschke, BWSR; Jill Crafton, IWLA; Dave Weirens, BWSR; Ben Stanley, MN Senate Counsel; Ruth Simpson, MAT; Lisa Frenette, RRWMB; LeAnn Buck, MASWCD; Adam Wilke, U MN WRC; Rob Sip, RRWMB; Chad Engels Moore Engineering/BdSWD; Tom Hovey, MN DNR; Cris Skonard NCFRWD/MAWD; Kale Van Bruggen, Rinke Noonan; Josie Lonett, MNFB; Bruce Kleven, MN Ag Groups; Tom Gile, BWSR;

Handouts prior to/during meeting:

Meeting logistics and agenda for 7/11/19 meeting
2019 BWSR Multipurpose Drainage Management overview
DWG Prioritization updated from survey dated 7/11/19
DWG Survey results Power Point available by request

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

- [MADI](#), Fall meeting August 2019 (Specific Date TBD)
- [Minnesota Viewers Association, Training Seminar](#), The Minnesota Viewers' held July 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Minnesota, Southwest Research and Outreach Center near Lambert, Minnesota.
- [ISG](#) Agricultural Drainage + Future of Water Quality Workshop, July 10&11 SW State University, Marshall, MN
- [MAWD Summer tour](#) MAWD staff gave overview of summer tour and feedback

DWG staffing update

Tom G. provided introduction as new DWG coordinator

DWG 2018 Recommendations and Legislative Update

Tom G. provided brief overview of legislative outcomes from the 2018 DWG recommendations.

Multipurpose Drainage Management program update

Tom G. Shared current BWSR multipurpose drainage management RFP information. RFP is currently open through mid-September 2019. Slight increase in funding from legislature this year over past appropriations. If DWG members have questions contact Tom G. or Mark Hiles of BWSR.

DWG Prioritization for 2019

Review of DWG Stakeholder survey results and rankings. Discuss topics and finalize anticipated primary topics for DWG consideration for this year as well as topics of interest for informational items. Via survey results and discussion no changes were made from the 7/11/19 DWG prioritization sheet (which was distributed). Discussion primarily surrounded DNR PWI guidance and re-establishment of records. DNR was asked, and committed to, present at the August DWG with an overview of guidance changes and their perspective on the topic. John Kolb will also give a presentation on these topics from a drainage authorities perspective. Pending discussion at August DWG the group agreed the primary efforts may be best done off line from DWG meetings and updates provided at future DWG meetings as warranted. Other notable topics of discussion included overlap of drainage management and TMDL/WRAPS/1W1P and the ability to effectively communicate drainage efforts to advocate for funding of projects that provide multiple benefits in the landscape while also providing mutually beneficial drainage efforts. Expected information topics to be discussed in the future; WCA 404 assumption, 1W1P and drainage.

Nutrient Reduction Strategies Update and N standard development

Dave Wall (MPCA) gave a presentation of MPCA efforts to “refresh” the Nutrient Reduction Strategies for Minnesota with some general connections to drainage.

DWG coordinator role in other settings.

Tom G and some Group discussion of roles the DWG Facilitator could/should carry to represent and be aware of topics and discussion pertinent to the DWG in other settings (CWC/LCCMR/LSOHC/other). General agreement of value in DWG awareness, though it was less clear if any defined role would be prudent for DWG coordinator.

Next DWG meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2019, MFU