

## Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Thursday, August 8, 2019 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

### Attendance

NOTE\* sign in from the 8/8/19 meeting was misplaced. This may not be an accurate list for this meeting if changes are warranted please inform Tom Gile.... 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 Martinson, AMC; 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; Steve Colvin, MN DNR; Randal Doneen, MN DNR; Cris Skonard NFCRWD/MAWD; Kale Van Bruggen, Rinke Noonan; Josie Lonetti, MNFB; Bruce Kleven, MN Ag Groups; Tom Gile, BWSR;

### Handouts prior to/during meeting:

Meeting logistics and agenda for 7/11/19 meeting

John Kolb DNR Guidance Power Point available by request

404 assumption 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 15 201, Alexandria
- [MACATFO](#) Drainage Training August 21 & 22 Holiday Inn St. Cloud
- [ISG](#) Agricultural Drainage + Future of Water Quality Workshop, July 10&11 SW State University, Marshall, MN

Brief discussion of Buffer Enforcement funding allocations and results of the recent legislative session on that topic.

Brief discussion on Ag BMP loan program funding (Looking into more detailed discussion at next DWG)

### DNR Guidance/Reestablishment updates and DNR perspective – DNR staff (Steve Colvin)

Update of DNR decision making process update for determinations of Letter of Permission VS Permit. General discussion on Re-establishment of records.

### DNR Guidance/Reestablishment updates and Drainage Authority perspective – John Kolb

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Discussion followed both DNR Guidance/Reestablishment of records presentations.

DNR is willing to meet with AMC/MAWD reps to discuss options to find agreement on paths forward that may include statute revisions. RRWMB, MCEA and DWG Coordinator expressed interest in

participating in meetings once dates, goals and sideboards can be established by DNR/AMC/MAWD. Expect an update on meeting status at next DWG meeting.

**WCA 404 assumption update/discussion on impact on Drainage Projects. –**

Les Lemm BWSR Wetlands Section Manager gave a General update on 404 assumption, what is it, where are we at, what are next steps and discussion of how this may impact the world of our drainage administration & projects. Recent discussions and information has vastly changed the impact of 404 assumption in terms of the number of waters which the stat could assume 404 jurisdiction. This change has significantly added features available to assume. Funding have been made available to do more detailed assessment of costs for the state to implement 404. BWSR will be posting a position to complete this task and continue to engage with federal partners.

**Next DWG meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2019 at MFU.**

**Adjourn**