Drainage Work Group Meeting

**When:** Thursday, July 8, 2021 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams meeting

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Welcome and Introductions

Overview and any updates of agenda for the meeting – Tom G.

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

* MN Association of County Auditors, Treasurers and Finance Officers August 19&20 Kelly Inn St. Cloud
* MN Viewers Association July Seminar. July 29 10AM-1PM Jackpot Junction Hotel and Convention Center Morton, MN
* Shared by MADI, Beaver Deterrents July 15 2PM – 3PM **ET** Presented by the Federal Highway Administration Local Aid Support. No registration required and you may **Join on your computer or mobile app** (Contact MADI for details on participation)

**Other Group updates/information**–

**MN Public Drainage Manual Status update -Tom**

Tom provided an update to the future hosting location of the Drainage Manual on the BWSR website. This Page is under construction. Aside from removing some hyperlinks the content is expected to stay the same. Once the content is transferred we will begin updates to the section related to RSDO as well as share any other areas of the MPDM that are in need of housekeeping updates.

**2021 DWG & COVID19- Tom**

An update on tentative ability to meet in person was discussed with the membership. Since the DWG meeting the state has issued updated policy. I expect status updates to continue during future DWG meetings.

**Multipurpose Drainage Management –**

Updated MDM RFP language and legislative appropriation. Discussion on past year’s application requests and discussion on future programing options. [FY22\_CWF\_RFP\_FINAL.pdf (state.mn.us)](https://bwsr.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/2021-06/FY22_CWF_RFP_FINAL.pdf) . We expect a presentation on program implementation at an upcoming DWG meeting

**Bills during Session** – Sharing the Bill Language we are aware of.. Any discussion from folks familiar with the proposals or intent. Setting the stage for possible DWG work on them this year? Folks in the DWG associated with the bills from the session expressed that they are not of sufficient priority for their membership to pursue changes via DWG at this time. Ongoing conversation may be appropriate but not expected to be full DWG work items. Re-establishment of records language is on folks radar but again not sufficient interest to develop policy proposals at this time.

]**List of Potential DWG topics and prioritization of topics for this year.**

We walked through the list of DWG prioritization topics. Several items were recommended to be “Split out” into multiple categories/topics and some adjustment was made to the specific content of each. Tom will go back and update the document and distribute to the membership for additional comments. This will come back to the next DWG for another quick overview for comments… This is a living working document so no action is needed. We can simply update/adapt the document as we progress through the year.. That said this should guide a bulk of our work and discussions for the next several months.

**Next DWG meeting, 1:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 12, 2021, Virtual**

**Adjourn**