Drainage Work Group Meeting

When: Thursday, August 2, 2012 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Association of Minnesota Counties
125 Charles Ave.
St. Paul, MN
651-224-3344
(www.mncounties.org)

Agenda:
✓ 12:30 Welcome and introductions – Al Kean and All in attendance
✓ 12:35 Overview and any updates of agenda for the meeting – Al Kean
✓ 12:40 Questions or corrections and approval of notes for 6-28-12 meeting – All
✓ 12:45 Overview of recent Conservation Drainage Field Day and Workshop July 31 - August 1 – This event includes demonstrations and/or presentations about controlled subsurface drainage, woodchip bioreactors, streambank stabilization, and saturated buffers, as well as information about applicable federal and state cost-share – Mark Dittrich, MDA, and other DWG members who attended
✓ 1:00 Presentation and discussion about Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit (RGP-002-MN) regarding certain types of drainage activities on agricultural lands – A meeting involving the Corps of Engineers, ag producer groups, drainage authority representatives, other federal and state agencies, and other stakeholders was held on July 26 to review and discuss the proposed general permit – Tim Smith, Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch and DWG members who attended the 7-26-12 meeting
✓ 1:45 Break
✓ 2:00 Review DWG Discussion Points documentation for 2-17-12 meeting regarding Smith Partners LCCMR report, Minnesota Drainage Law Analysis and Evaluation, Recommendations 4.a. - 4.d. – See Summary of Recommended Actions and DWG Discussion Points document dated 7-23-12. – All
✓ 2:15 Begin discussion and definition of potential DWG statute language recommendations in relation to Smith Partners LCCMR report for Recommendations 4.a. - 4.d. – In order to get started defining potential consensus DWG statute revision recommendations, I’m suggesting that we start with Smith Partners recommendations 4.a. - 4.d., because these are fresh in our minds from the 6-28-12 DWG meeting and appeared to have substantial support for addressing – Al Kean and All

3:20 Planning for next DWG meeting – All
3:30 Adjourn
NWP - 40

30 Day - Initial Run + Test for Additional Info
45 Days - Final Run + Issuance

Need
Increase in Potentially Regulated Activities on Ag. Lands
Increased workload associated w/ regulated activities on Ag. Lands
Training USDA and State processes, resulting in time delays for products
Timeframes assoc w/ proposed work
Complexities assoc w/ Jurisdictional determinations/Res. Evaluations on Ag. Lands

* This is for replacing open channel w/ Tile

Reporting Thresholds: 500 linear feet
400 sq ft

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