

Wednesday, March 5th, 2025: [Willmar Best Western Plus Reserve Hotel Accommodations](#)

12:30 – 4:00 pm **Drainage 101 Presentations** – New to drainage? Come learn the history, the basics of drainage systems & how to administer them

5:00 – 7:00 pm **Networking Opportunity & Round Table Discussion – Hors d 'oeuvres & beverages**
Sponsored by ISG

Thursday, March 6th, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am **Registration (Fee \$50) & Breakfast –** **Sponsored by Bolton & Menk**

9:00 – 9:30 am **Business Meeting:**
Meeting Minute Approvals
Treasurer's Report
Debit Card Approval
Board Meeting Dates – June 11th, 2025, August Conference, November 12th, 2025
Summer/Fall Conference Details
Microsoft Teams Platform role out!

9:30 – 10:00 am **Drainage Work Group & BWSR Update – Tom Gile, BWSR**
Learn what the Drainage Work Group has been working on & proposed legislation

10:00 – 10:30 am **ArcGIS Pro Introduction & Tutorial - Jared Baloun, Jackson County**
Learn what the new ArcGIS Pro looks like, generally how to navigate & make a map

10:30 – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 – 11:30 am **Public Drainage from a Contractor's Perspective -Ryan Yokiel, Ground Works & Jay Engles, Gustafson Drainage**
Hear from the guys in the trenches! What works, what doesn't work, what makes your projects appealing or not appealing - from bidding to construction administration to construction itself.

11:30 – 12:00 pm **Repair Reporter – Dave Macek & Jared Baloun, Jackson County**
See Jackson County's Work Order Request interactive mapping system – public reporter & landowner drainage system viewer

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch –** **Sponsored by Houston Engineering**



Annual Business Meeting & Conference

Willmar Conference Center

240 23rd Street SE Willmar, MN 56201

March 5-6th, 2025

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| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | When to Repair the Repair – Chris Otterness, HEI & Drainage Staff
Considerations of repairing a recent repair - when plastic tile installation doesn't meet standards when completed or open ditch cleaning – when to plan the next one |
| 2:00 – 2:45 pm | Environmental Barriers & Permitting – Bailey Bocchino, ISG
Learn about environmental barriers to drainage projects & ways to stay ahead of issues |
| 2:45 – 3:00 pm | Break & Snacks |
| 3:00 – 3:30 pm | The Power of Technology – Dustin Anderson, Faribault County
Learn how technology can provide efficient & effective repairs solutions |