

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025: [Best Western Plus Kelly Inn Reserve Hotel Accommodations](#)

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

Thursday, September 11th, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 am Registration (Fee \$50) & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 am Business Meeting:
Meeting Minute Approvals
Old Business
Upcoming Board Positions
Bylaw Updates
Fund Balance – Action Items
Board Meeting Dates – November 12th, 2025 & January 14th, 2026
Annual Conference Details – March 18-19th, 2026

9:30 – 10:30 am Arising Issues – John Kolb, Kale Van Bruggen, & Hannah Schacherl Jansen, Rinke Noonan
Learn issues that are arising in drainage proceedings & prevention & mitigation methods

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 – 11:15 am Drainage Work Group & BWSR Update – Tom Gile, BWSR
Learn what the Drainage Work Group is working on & legislative session outcomes

11:15 – 12:00 pm What does the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Legislative Changes mean for Public Drainage Proceedings – Chris Otterness, BWSR
Learn how the changes to WCA affect public drainage proceedings & status update on the BWSR rulemaking

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch – [Sponsored by Houston Engineering](#)

1:00 – 2:00 pm Storage in Drainage Projects – Rita Weaver, BWSR & ISG

- Part 1: Hear the BWSR's prospective on storage projects & funding opportunities
- Part 2: Learn how Engineers consider storage in projects, how to gain landowner support, benefits of natural vs manmade (wetland vs pond/storage basin), future maintenance considerations

2:00 – 2:15 pm Break

2:15 – 3:30 pm Drainage Improvement Projects Panel – Rinke Noonan, Engineering Firms, Drainage Authority Staff
How to navigate improvement projects in the current political climate – low commodity prices, failing infrastructure, environmental concerns & pressures, permitting requirements. Hear & discuss solutions & ways to navigate the process – What is working & what isn't.