

2023 IADD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

Thursday, January 19th

12:00pm Registration & Trade Show Open

1:00pm Adequate Assessments: History, Law and Hidden Help

Presented by Robert Koerner, Drainage Commissioner

2:00pm How to Make Your Drainage District Wealthy (or at least able to pay the bills).

Don Wauthier, Project Manager with the engineering firm Berns, Clancy & Associates will teach you how to update your District's finances so that you are able to properly operate and maintain the District's facilities without bankrupting your neighbors.

3:00pm Break

3:30pm Drainage Debasement: Are You Missing Out?

Brenda Matherly, Director of Local Government, Illinois Farm Bureau will discuss how you can get a property assessment adjustment on the acres within your drainage district which could save you money. Richard Lyons, IADD Board Member and Drainage District Commissioner will then give real world examples of how debasement has helped his district.

4:15pm Yes, You Need Insurance

Frank Pinson, VP of Sales and Scott Lage, VP of Claims at Bliss McKnight will discuss why Drainage Districts as Governmental entities need insurance coverage and the types of coverage that are available. They will also talk about some of the claims they have handled in the past.

5:00pm Hospitality Event

Friday, January 20th

7:00am Registration, Breakfast & Tradeshow Open

8:00am IADD Annual Business Meeting & Legislative Report

Come VOTE in the Election of Directors and learn about "The State of the Association" and our Legislative efforts.

8:45am Option A: Drainage District's Responsibilities - When to Repair or Replace a Bridge or Culvert

In this presentation you will learn about purpose and design use of different types of bridges and culverts. In addition, we will discuss the drainage district's responsibility for repair or replacement and working with township, county, and state agencies. Presented by George Markle of Maurer-Stutz.

Option B: Open Meetings Act Training/FOIA Information

Sara Smith, IADD Executive Director, will provide the required OMA training for Drainage District Commissioners. Upon completion, all attendees will be presented with a certificate of attendance. She will also briefly discuss FOIA requirements.

9:30am Break

9:45am Option A: Agricultural Drainage for Economic and Environmental Risk Reduction

Dr. Michael Castellano will discuss the effects of several drainage system designs on crop yield and nitrogen fertilizer requirements with regard to both the amount and the year-to-year variability. He will also discuss the effects of drainage system upgrades on environmental nitrogen losses including opportunities for drainage system improvements to reduce environmental nitrogen losses and enable participation in emerging nutrient and carbon markets.

Option B: The Most Opposed Project in Wind Farm History: One Year Later

Stephen Anderson, Engineer with Water Management Solutions will share his experience working on this controversial project. He will discuss what has transpired over the past year and what he has learned in the process so that you will be better prepared when windfarms want to build in your district.

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