

2023 IADD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

Friday, January 20th continued

10:30am Break

10:45am **Option A: Commissioner Responsibilities**

Attorney Kyle Emkes with Maatuka Al-Heeti Emkes will discuss the various responsibilities of commissioners.

Option B: The Most Opposed Project in Wind Farm History: One Year Later Part 2.

11:30pm Luncheon

12:30pm **Keynote Speaker - Dr. Jim Angel**

1:00pm **Attorney & Engineer Panel**

Leading Illinois Drainage Attorneys and Engineers will answer your questions. It is a GREAT time to get solid, FREE advice for drainage problems.

2:00pm Break

2:30pm **Option A: Annexation, Detachment and Consolidation**

With operating costs rising, it may make sense for your district to consolidate with another district, annex additional land or in some cases, there may even be a reason to detach land from the district. Attorney Allen Yow with Rammelkamp Bradney will discuss reasons for drainage district consolidation, annexing and detaching along with the requirements for each.

Option B: Innovative Approaches to Scaling Up Conservation Practice Adoption in Tile Drained Landscapes

Edge of field conservation practices such as filter strips, constructed wetlands, saturated buffers, and more play an important role in reducing nutrient and sediment losses from agricultural lands. Several members of the IL Sustainable Ag Partnership (ISAP) are developing approaches that make implementation of these practices easier, more efficient, and more attractive to farmers and landowners. In this session, speakers from the Ag Drainage Management Coalition, The Wetland Initiative, and The Nature Conservancy will discuss opportunities to utilize these approaches at farm, drainage district and watershed scales throughout Illinois.

3:15pm Break

3:30pm **Option A: Digital Maps of Illinois Drainage Districts**

The IADD has recently contracted Patrick McPartlan of Agrowhere, LLC to develop a geographic database of the Drainage Districts in Illinois. Learn how this database works and how it can help your district.

Option B: Options for Control of Aquatic Vegetation in Drainage Ditches

Presented by Steve Lee, Aquatic Control.

4:00pm Adjourn

***Please note: The agenda is subject to change without notice.**

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