

MAWD Education and Training Opportunities: August 2022

MAWD Summer Tour hosted by Red River Partners

The **Red River Partners Summer Tour** was held August 23-25. The primary location for the event was the Canad Inns at Grand Forks, ND. There were three radio shows broadcasting live. Interviews were done with board members from partner organizations.

The event began with “An Evening with Red River Partners”. Allen Grasser, Grand Forks City Engineer spoke about the [1997 Flood and Lessons Learned](#). Randy Gjestvang, Red River Water Resource Engineer, explained the [North Dakota Red River Joint Water Resource District](#). Rob Sip, Executive Director of the Red River Watershed Management Board gave a [RRWMB Update](#). Keith Weston, Executive Director of the Red River Retention Authority presented [An Introduction to the RRRR](#). Ted Preister, Executive Director, Red River Basin Commission explained the [RRBC’s Long-Term Flood Solutions Plan](#). The evening concluded with Nicole Bernd, District Manager, West Polk SWCD and Brent Arne, Board Conservationist, BWSR summarizing [Watershed Partnerships and Collaboration](#).

The Red River Partners Summer Tour was held on August 24. The tour featured drive-by locations and tour stops. One scene featured the Springbrook flood protection project (below – photo courtesy of Jan Voit). Completed in 2013, the erosion and flood control project included 9.7 miles of dikes, 28 side-water inlets and 300 acres of a grass buffer corridor created through RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) easements. Other funding sources: [U.S. Department of Agriculture’s NRCS](#) small watershed program, the [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ Flood Hazard Mitigation grant program](#), and the [Two Rivers Watershed District](#). (Photo of Springbrook courtesy of Jan Voit. Photo of Dan Money and crowd courtesy of BWSR.)



Pictured (left): Keith Weston of the Red River Retention Authority explained Minnesota and North Dakota floodplain easements. (Photo courtesy of Jan Voit.)



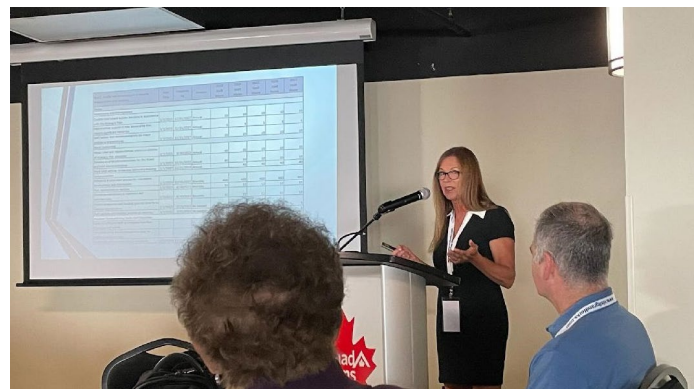
During the Summer Bus Tour, Danny Omdahl from Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD gives an overview of the Aggasiz Valley Water Resource Management Project. It is a multipurpose project which combines flood control and environmental enhancement features. (Photo courtesy of BWSR.)

On day three, MAWD conducted an education/training session. Speakers Louis Smith, Smith Partners; Tara Jensen, Wild Rice WD; and Tracy Halstensgard, Roseau River WD presented the legal background and [Experiences with Eminent Domain](#). (Photo courtesy of Nikki Swenson, RRWMB)



Kate Raddatz and Bryan McClung, Park Street Public provided information on [Emergency Communications and Interacting with the Media](#). (Photo courtesy of Nikki Swenson, RRWMB)

Jan Voit, MAWD Interim Executive Director gave a [Strategic Plan Overview](#). (Photo courtesy of Mark Doneux, Capitol Region WD) The event concluded with Louis Smith and Rob Sip, RRWMB Executive Director giving a [legislative update](#).



RED RIVER PARTNERS SUMMER TOUR

Grand Forks, ND | August 23-25, 2022



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**RED RIVER BASIN
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2022 Annual MAWD Conference

The MAWD Events Committee called for abstracts for the **2022 MAWD Annual Conference**. Speakers were invited to share their knowledge and findings that strengthen the management, protection, and restoration of the water resources in Minnesota, particularly those under the management of local watershed jurisdictions. The deadline to submit an abstract was August 26, 2022.

The MAWD Events Committee will meet in early September to review the abstracts. A schedule of events will be prepared. The MAWD Annual Conference will be held **December 1- 3** at the Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria, Minnesota.

11th International Drainage Symposium



The **11th International Drainage Symposium** will be held August 30 to September 2 in Des Moines, Iowa. Two days of sessions will highlight drainage research, practice design, implementation, and policy. The third day of the symposium will feature field tours highlighting some of the innovative drainage work happening locally. To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

BWSR Academy

Planning is underway for the 2022 BWSR Academy. The local government unit staff training event will be held October 25-27 at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd. Click [here](#) for more information.

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MAWD Training Calendar

Check out MAWD’s [online training calendar](#) for information regarding upcoming education and training events.

- August 30-September 2: 11th International Drainage Symposium
- September 7: MAWD Events Committee meeting
- October 25-27: BWSR Academy

THANK YOU!

We encourage you to NEVER STOP LEARNING!

As we know, continuing education is a pivotal component to organizational success. MAWD is committed to connecting you with high quality training events whether it is offered at our events or through our partners. Please forward opportunities you see that would be of value to other members. Thank you for making education investments and keeping training a top priority for your watershed.