



**2020 Red River Basin Drainage Conference**  
**Monday – January 27, 2020**  
**Marriott Hotel and Convention Center**  
**Moorhead, MN**

**8:00 to 8:45 AM Registration**

- 8:45 AM**                    **Welcome**  
*Robert Sip, Executive Director, Red River Watershed Management Board*
- 8:50 AM**                    **Case and Regulatory Law Updates Impacting Public Drainage**  
*Louis Smith, Attorney, Smith Partners Law Firm*  
*John Kolb, Attorney, Rinke - Noonan Law Firm*
- 9:50 AM**                    **Refreshment Break**
- 10:05 AM**                  **Drainage Authority Consideration Requirements of Public Drainage Law**  
*Louis Smith, Attorney, Smith Partners Law Firm*  
*John Kolb, Attorney, Rinke - Noonan Law Firm*  
*Tracy Halstengard, Administrator, Roseau River Watershed District*  
*Chad Engels, Engineer, Moore Engineering, Incorporated*
- 11:05 AM**                  **Interface Between Public Drainage and Public Waters Regulation: Status of the Current Framework, Minnesota DNR Guidance, and Friction Points**  
*John Kolb, Attorney, Rinke - Noonan Law Firm*
- 11:35 AM**                  **The Minnesota DNR Role in Review of Drainage and Repair Projects**  
*Nathan Kestner, Northwest Regional Manager, MN Dept. of Natural Resources*
- 12:00 NOON**                **Lunch - Provided Onsite**
- 12:45 PM**                  **General Drainage System and Procedural Management**  
*Louis Smith, Attorney, Smith Partners Law Firm*  
*John Kolb, Attorney, Rinke - Noonan Law Firm*
- 1:45 PM**                    **The Red River Watershed Management Board Technical Advisory Committee: Working to Inform Drainage and Flood Mitigation Decisions**  
*Jerry Bents, Engineer, Houston Engineering Incorporated*  
*Nate Dalager, Engineer, HDR Incorporated*  
*Blake Carlson, Engineer, WSN Engineering, Incorporated*  
*Chad Engels, Engineer, Moore Engineering Incorporated*
- 2:45 PM**                    **Refreshment Break**
- 3:00 PM**                    **Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project: Intersection of Drainage and Flood Damage Reduction Goals in an Urban Setting**  
*Myron Jesme, Administrator, Red Lake Watershed District*
- 3:30**                        **The National Wetland Inventory Update: Its use by Red River Basin Drainage Authorities in Decision Making at the Local Level**  
*Doug Norris, Wetlands Program Coordinator, MN Dept. of Natural Resources*
- 4:00 PM**                    **Panel Discussion With All Presenters**
- 4:45 PM**                    **Conclusion**