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GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

Greetings to all of our members.

Since the wind is blowing hard and the snow is flying today, March 3, I am taking time to write my news brief. It is cold today, but at the National LICA winter meeting and convention in Tampa, FL it was pleasantly warm, but not compared to the Florida standards. The meetings, associates night, tours, river boat cruise and seminars were very good. The seminar that I think got the most attention was the role out of a new benefit to all of our members. It is a health insurance package that is exclusive for only LICA members. It is administered through Krueger & James Insurance, Kansas City, Mo. To get a more information, go to the national website and click on the insurance benefit. You will have to contact Krueger & James Insurance to get a quote for you company and they can offer more information about the program. The national executive director, Jerry Buiso, has helped to get this benefit and many others for LICA members. We are the only organization in the United States that has as many benefits to our members as we do. They will only stay available to us if you use them. Look and see what they can do for you.

We are still in the process of looking for an executive director for MnLICA. It does take a while. We have had OSHA trainings and MSHA trainings that have been well attended again this year. Thanks to Kevin Bakken for organizing them.

We have our March meeting on the 17th at RDO Equipment in Mankato, starting at noon. Our next board meeting is in June and we have a National LICA meeting in Little Rock, AR this summer July 14-18. Remember; get one person to sign up for membership to help grow our organization. Stay safe this spring as you get back into the swing of things.

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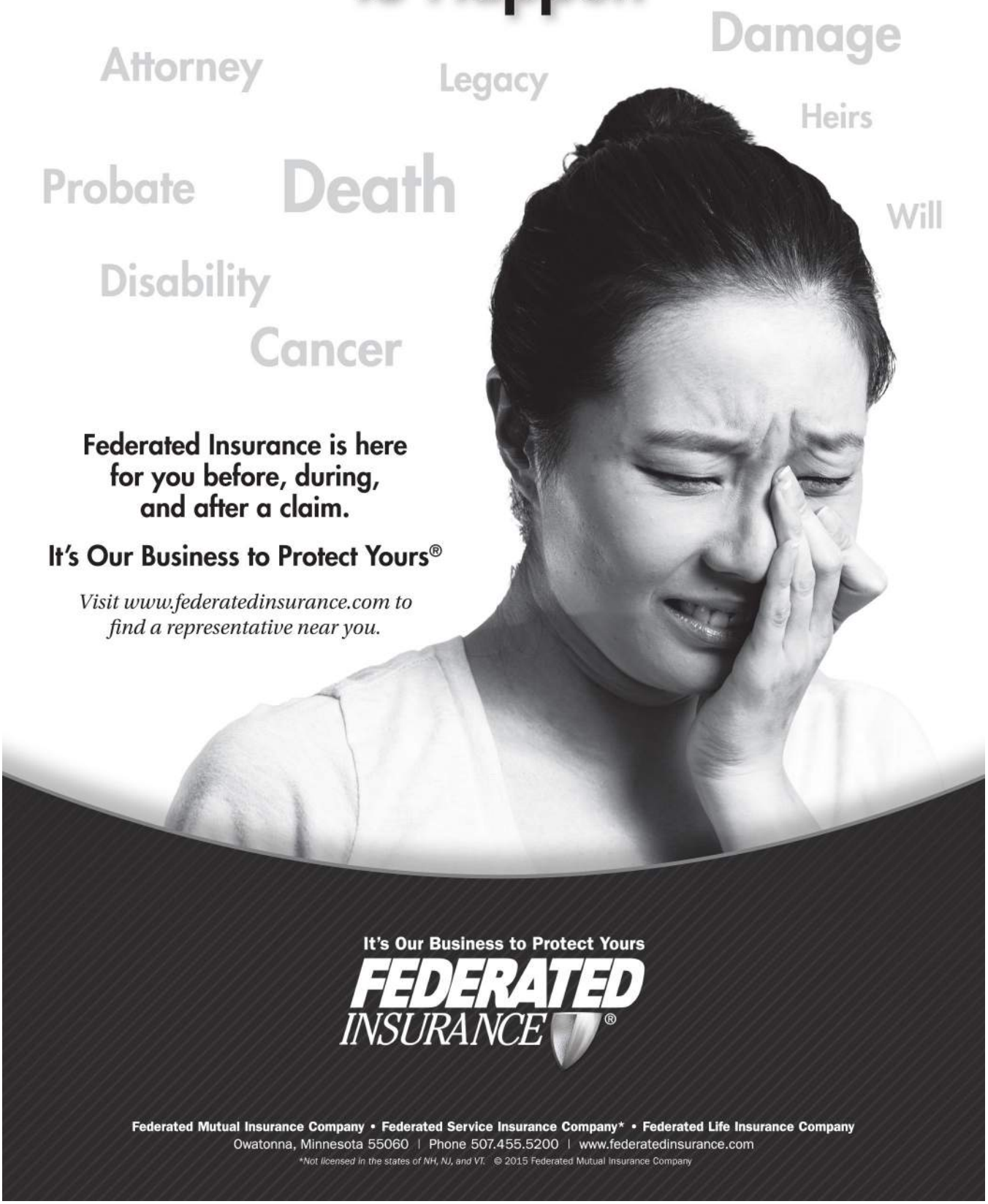

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BUFFER STRIPS ON MINNESOTA'S WATERWAYS AND DITCHES

By John C. Kolb, Attorney, and Kale R. Van Bruggen, Attorney
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At the January 16, 2015 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") Roundtable meeting, Governor Mark Dayton announced his intent to propose to this Legislature that all waterways in the state be buffered with strips of grass or other vegetative cover 50 feet wide. The Governor's pitch claimed to provide 125,000 acres of additional pheasant habitat, while also helping to improve the quality of our state's waters. Any cost to the proposal, the Governor suggested, would be covered by levied fines enforced by the DNR. *See* Dennis Anderson, *Dayton to Propose Environmental Buffer Zone for All State Waterways*, STAR TRIBUNE, Jan. 16, 2015, *available at* http://www.startribune.com/politics/statelocal/ 288839371.html.

The announcement left landowners, farmers, and contractors wondering, "Am I currently out of compliance?" and "Can the state fine me for not maintaining a 50 foot vegetative buffer?" While many reporters and farm organizations have offered comments on these questions, their answers cry out for legal clarification. While the authors of this article do not intend to claim vegetative buffers are not an effective tool for improving water quality, the intent is to call out the false allegation that landowners and counties are currently violating state and local buffer strip rules and that establishment of buffer strips can be accomplished without compensation to landowners.

Current law requires vegetative buffer strips in two instances: (1) on each side of a public drainage ditch managed under Minnesota's public drainage code; and (2) as a condition to a permit or zoning requirement under county shoreland management rules.

Under the public drainage code, drainage authorities must order "a permanent strip of perennial vegetation . . . be established on each side of the [public drainage] ditch." Minn. Stat. § 103E.021, subd. 1 (2014). The permanent strips must be 16.5 feet (one rod) in width. *Id.* Because certain agricultural practices are prohibited on any portion of the buffer strip, damages (compensation) must be paid to the landowner when the buffer strip is acquired. *Id.* at § 103E.021, subd. 6.

The shoreland management rules consist of standards and criteria developed by the DNR for the use, subdivision, and development of shorelands. In 1989, the DNR updated the rules, combining municipal and county standards into one set of minimum, statewide standards which each LGU must adopt.

General cultivation farming, grazing, nurseries, horticulture, truck farming, sod farming, and wild crop harvesting are permitted uses if the shore impact zones are maintained in permanent vegetative buffer or operated under a conservation plan approved by the soil and water conservation district or the NRCS. Minn. R. 6120.3300, subp. 7(B) (2014). The "shore impact zone" is equal to a line parallel to and 50 feet from the ordinary high water level. Minn. R. 6120.3300, subp. 7(A) (2014).

Blaming half-hearted enforcement of the shoreland management rules by Minnesota's counties, Governor Dayton's proposal seeks to take enforcement of the buffer strip rules away from LGUs, and place that power with the DNR. *See* Josephine Marcotty, *Dayton Wants Tougher Water and Wildlife Protection Law*, STAR TRIBUNE, January 17, 2015, *available at* http://www.startribune.com/politics/statelocal/ 288891021.html. But the allegation that Minnesota counties are not doing their job, or that landowners are not in compliance, is misleading. It ignores, completely, a major constitutional and legal hurdle of enforcing new land-use ordinances: the law of preexisting, nonconforming uses.

A "nonconformity" can be a lot size, structure, building, or land use. When a new land use ordinance is adopted, land uses already in existence that are not in compliance with the new ordinance are called "nonconformities." Minnesota is most familiar with this concept when applied to lake cabins, or shoreline retaining walls that are sometimes referred to as being "grandfathered in."

Minnesota law permits nonconformities to continue in existence after a new ordinance is adopted. *See* Minn. Stat. § 462.357, subd. 1e (2014) (cities and townships); *id*. at § 394.22, subd. 8 (counties). It is a property right held by the landowner. If a zoning authority desires to eliminate the nonconformity, the legislature has provided several remedies that allow an LGU to do so. For example, if the landowner changes the use of the property or abandons the use of property, the ordinance applies to the new use.

Another method of eliminating preexisting nonconformities is by "amortization," which allows the nonconforming use to continue for a limited period of time to allow recovery of the established or assessed value of or investment in the property. In 1999, however, the legislature prohibited the use of amortization. Minn. Stat. § 394.21 (counties); *id*. § 462.357 (municipalities). Without the availability of "amortization" to eliminate preexisting nonconformities, the only way a county may enforce the 50 foot vegetative buffer against property that was in agricultural use at the time the ordinance was adopted, is to purchase or condemn the vegetative buffer area from the landowner. It is not the counties' half-hearted enforcement of the rules that is the issue, but the Governor's ambitious proposal of taking away property rights from Minnesota's landowners without just compensation.

On March 9, 2015, Governor Dayton's riparian buffer bill was introduced by Representatives Torkelson, Carlson, Bly and Hansen (House File No. 1534). A companion bill was introduced by Senator Marty (Senate File No. 1537). The bill requires a "50-foot wide buffer of perennially rooted vegetation" adjacent to "all perennial waters." Perennial waters are defined to include all public waters as defined in chapter 103G and other watercourse that have a defined bed and bank, evidence or indicators of flow during the majority of the growing season in most years, and are mapped by the Commissioner.

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REGION IV REPORT; Nordis Estrem

As your Region IV Representative I attended the NLICA Winter Convention in Tampa, FL. The pre-tours were very interesting and educational at the same time. The trainings were very well attended, interesting and educational. A big thank you to all the Region VI members that attended and I hope you all had a great time and learned something new.

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The bill directs the DNR Commissioner to establish and maintain an inventory map of each county that shows waters which are subject to the buffer requirement. Proposed maps must be prepared by April 1, 2016 and invite comments or suggested adjustments from affected cities, counties, watershed districts, and soil and water conservation districts within 60 days of receiving the map. Final maps are to be published by August 1, 2016 and updated every five years.

Areas enrolled in the federal conservation reserve program, used as a public or private water access or recreational use area, are covered by a road, building, or other structure, or are regulated by a NPDES/SDS permit for MS4s, CSW, or ISW are exempt. These exemptions remove some of the most polluting land uses adjacent to waters from the bill's requirements because they are expensive to eliminate and present the greatest potential for strong and well-organized opposition to the bill. Imagine if lakeshore owners were required to remove cabins and retaining walls and replace them with vegetative buffers. These exemptions lift the veil on a bill that, at heart, wants to go after existing, lawful agricultural uses.

The bill charges local soil and water conservation districts with implementation of the riparian buffer requirements. It grants the DNR Commissioner authority to issue orders requiring violations of the vegetative buffer requirement to be corrected. If corrective orders are not complied with, penalties can range from $1,000 to $20,000 depending on the severity of the violation.

The bill raises the same issues created by the shoreland management rules: How will the preexisting nonconformities be addressed? Will the local soil and water conservation districts be expected, and authorized, to exercise eminent domain authority to acquire buffer areas or retire land uses? Will public grants funds currently available for voluntary compliance practices, such as the Clean Water Fund and the Land & Legacy Fund, be used to acquire buffer areas by eminent domain? What about lakeshore properties that are currently developed with retaining walls, riprap, landscaping, or mowed lawn down to the water's edge?

Landowners, farmers, and contractors should watch this bill closely as it goes through Committee. Many of these questions need to be adequately answered lest the bill, if approved, be challenged through litigation.

Tips on Effective Working with Congress (Lobbying?)

By John Peterson

Don't underestimate legislators. With very rare exceptions, they are honest, intelligent, and want to do the right thing. Your role is to inform them on what you think is right.

1. **Be understanding**. Put yourself in the legislators place. Try to understand their constituent's positions, their outlooks, and their goals. Then you are more likely to persuade them to adopt your position.
2. **Be practical**. Recognize that each legislator has commitments. Don't unduly chastise a legislator if they happen to vote against one of your issues. This does not mean they have deserted your whole program. Give legislators the benefit of the doubt. They will appreciate and remember that you did.
3. **Be informed**. Never meet with legislators to advocate a position without first mastering all the facts on it, and the arguments for and against.
4. **Be a good opponent**. Fight issues, not persons. Be ready with alternatives and solutions as well as with criticisms. This is constructive opposition.
5. **Don't run down the opposition**. Name calling or derogatory remarks don't win friends and influence legislation.
6. **Don't assume each legislator is a walking encyclopedia on every pending issue.** Each session of Congress or your State Legislature sees thousands of bills introduced and passed. In my Commonwealth of Virginia in 2004, 3,006 different bills and resolutions were introduced, and 1,715 passed by the General Assembly. That's a lot of legislation to read and remember. It's impossible for every legislator to know every bill, chapter, and verse.

Don't talk without the facts. Smoke and mirrors won't do the job in winning a legislator over. You must demonstrate, through tangible evidence supported by facts, that a particular action is both desirable and justified. Couch your arguments in long term investments. Discuss cost effectiveness and efficiency.

9. **Don't forget there is always another side to the issue**. Each VA State Representative has an average of 71,000 constituents, and each Federal Representative about 700,000. It's even more for Senators. You can be sure that there is at least one of their constituents who have a different position on your issue, and like you expect to have their voice heard.
10. **Don't expect commitment on the spot**. Most legislators are thoughtful and deliberate, who make a point of seeking all sides of an issue before taking a position. This does not mean that you fail to ensure they know what you would like them to do, be specific. Good politicians check the depth of the water before diving in.
11. **Be reasonable**. Recognize that legitimate differences of opinion exist. Never indulge in threats. Remember that friends come and go, but enemies accumulate.
12. **Never break a promise**. This is a cardinal rule of politics. If you tell a legislator you will do something, then do it. No excuses. Keep your word. Keep all commitments and promises in a timely manner.
13. **Learn to evaluate and weigh issues**. Many bills which are introduced "by request" are never intended to become law. So don't criticize legislators for bills introduced, and don't call out the "troops" until you are sure a bill you oppose is serious.
14. **Don't change horses in the middle of the stream**. Never leave legislators out on a limb supporting your issue, and then change your position after they have publicly supported a position you asked them to take.
15. **Be realistic**. Remember that controversial legislation or regulations usually result in compromise. It has always been so and will always be in our Constitutional Republic. Like it or not, compromise is the language of politics.
16. **Don't burn your bridges when you don't win**. Working with legislators is an investment that may not pay off immediately. Don't burn your bridges if the results you want are not immediately forthcoming.
17. **Be thoughtful**. Commend the things your legislators do that you support. They may not even be your main issues. That is the way you would like to be treated. Lawmakers will tell you they get dozens of letters asking them to do something, but very few thanking them for what they have done.
18. **Be friendly.** Don't contact legislators only when you want their help. Invite them to attend your organization's meeting when they are back in their district to say "thank you" and discuss issues. Take pains to stay in touch with them throughout the year – every year.
19. **Don't fail to say "thank you."** Even though meeting with constituents comes with the territory for legislators, it is still an act that should be acknowledged. A thank you is always in order and appreciated.

Don't leave never to be heard from again. One phone call or visit is not enough. Stay on top of developments relating to your issue so that when new and relevant information becomes available, you can pass it along.

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2015 MN LICA Visits the Capitol

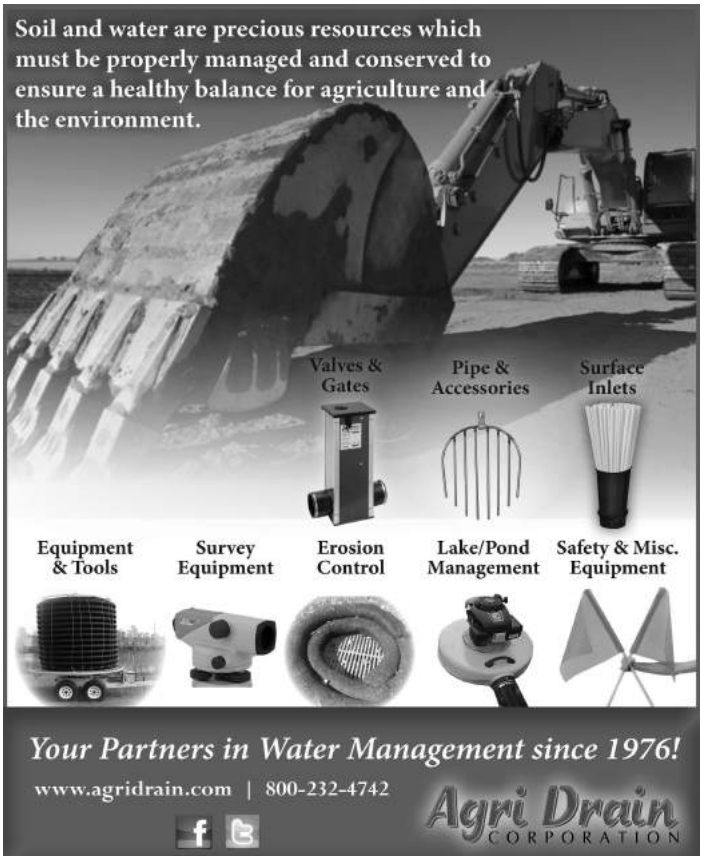
By Stu Frazeur

While visiting the state capitol on February 19th, Butch Thull said it was so cold that he saw two legislators with their hands in their own pockets! Kidding aside, it was a day filled with good contacts that should help with issues in the future and in the current session.

Twelve members participated in the capitol visit, meeting with 23 legislators and the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. The agenda for discussion with the legislators dealt with farm taps, taxes, transportation, a septic issue that campgrounds are working on, and environmental issues such as funding of groups that provide scientific study of drainage and Governor Dayton's proposed 50 foot buffer law.

The visit with Jim Boerboom who is the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture occurred at the Orville Freeman Building. Jim Boerboom talked with five members about the buffer proposal, as well as what the Dept of Ag is doing concerning pollution. Boerboom talked about the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, which is a pilot program aimed at encouraging whole farm environmental stewardship. He has high hopes for the program, though participation has been small.

An issue brought up with the legislators was the governor's proposed wholesale fuel tax. The proposal is for a percentage tax, which would mean that as the fuel price increases so does the tax revenue. It could also be said that this tax, would add insult to injury, as high priced fuel would be made even more expensive by the tax. The septic issue with the campground centers around changes in MPCA rules that required that the need for a SDS permit is determined by measured maximum seven day average or total design capacity, whichever is greater. Further, MPCA holds that if multiple systems are within one half mile and under the same ownership the systems are to be treated as one system. Campgrounds found that they were over the 10,000 gallons/day threshold and were looking at having an sds permit, an operator, and a maintenance plan. Some camps are expecting that costs to reengineer the systems would cost $100,000 TO $150,000.



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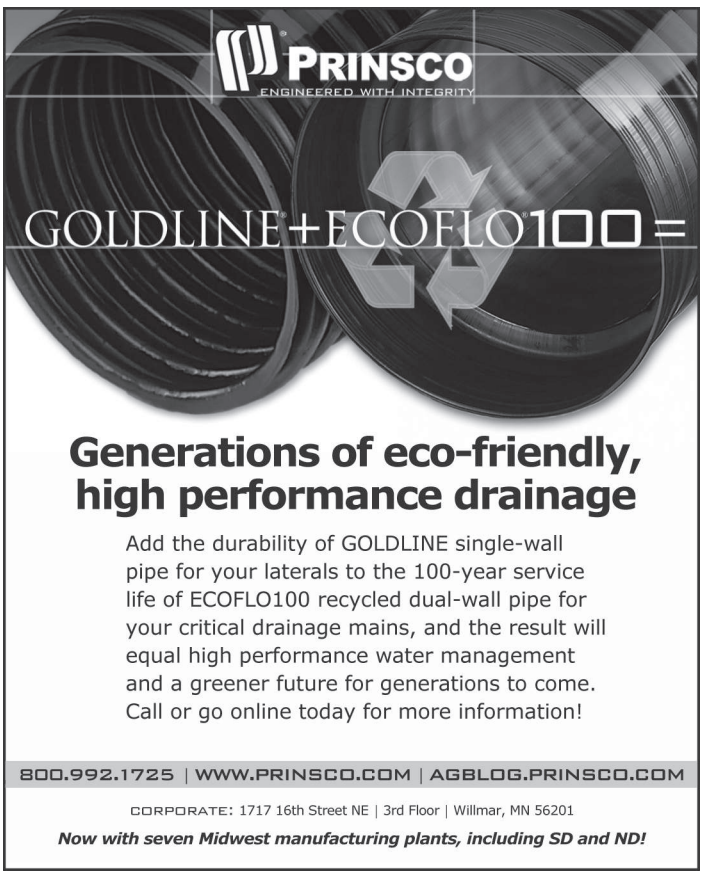

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Country Enterprises also provided snacks and beverage for the afternoon break. Everyone that toured the plant rece3ived a 52 oz. Bubba Keg. It's hard to beat that small town hospitality.

I also want to thank Bruce Mosier the insurance man from Sanborn, Iowa who was the trainer for the 10 Hour OSHA. Bruce puts together a great training session. He is also a big supporter of LICA in Minnesota as well as nationally.

Finally thank you to the contractors and employees who signed up and attend the OSHA Training. Safety is important to all of us. We probably prevented an accident and maybe even saved someone's life by taking the time for the training.

Owatonna OSHA training; thank you Don Loken for hosting

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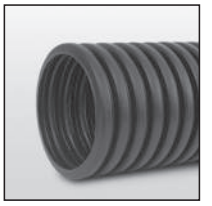

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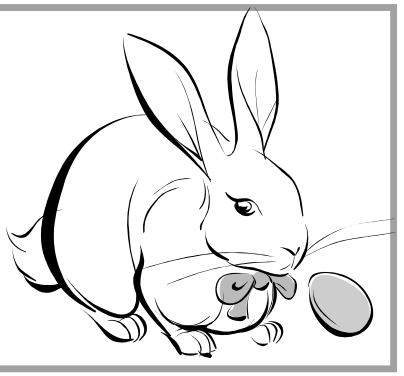

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June 16	**MNLICA Board Meeting**	**New Ulm**
July 14-18	**NLICA Summer Meeting**	**Little Rock, AK**
August 21	**MNLICA Board Meeting**	**to be determined**
December 13	**MNLICA Board Meeting**	**to be determined**

2016

January 6-8 2016	**MNLICA State Convention**	**to be determined**
February 2016	**NLICA Winter Convention**	**Texas**
February 2016	**Day on the Hill**	**to be announced**
March	**MNLICA Board Meeting**	**to be determined**

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