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GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

Contractors have been busy tending to their businesses with the nice weather.

MSHA classes were held in Courtland, MN in March.

Also in March, United Fire Group presented an eight-hour safety class.

Two \$1000.00 scholarships were awarded to two high school graduates in April.

Planning is underway for the Clay shoot and Golf day. Funds raised from this event are used for the scholarship fund. The event is planned for September 15th at the Horse N Hunt Club in Prior Lake and Heritage Links Golf Course.

Planning has also started for the Minnesota Winter Convention. Education classes and speakers are being scheduled.

The battle still goes on with the Buffer Law in Minnesota.



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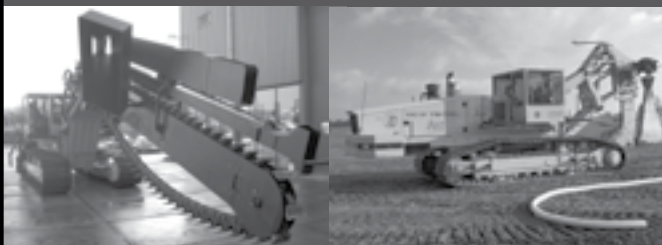


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Faribault Schedule (9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Aug. 8-9)

Both days begin with classroom portion at Rice County Fairgrounds, 1900 Fairgrounds Dr (4-H Building)
 Aug. 8 – Field portion after lunch at Pork Chop Ridge Farm, 16936 Cannon City Blvd, Faribault
 Aug. 9 – Field portion after lunch at Hanappe Ranch, 3891 275th St. NW, Northfield

Blue Earth Schedule (9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Aug. 10-11)

Both days begin with classroom portion at Faribault County Ag Center, 415 S Grove St, Blue Earth
 Aug. 10 – Field portion after lunch at Blue Dirt Farm, 7301 377th Ave., Blue Earth
 Aug. 11 – Field portion after lunch at location TBA

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REGION IV-VICE PRESIDENT REPORT-NORDIS ESTREM

As you representative I attended the National LICA Summer Meeting and region IV meeting in Colorado Springs, CO.

The pre-tours were awesome! We did not get to go into the Gold Mine because of a small accident inside, thank goodness, we were still on the outside. We however still got to see the operation, just not as close-up. The Rodeo was a blast! Boy what a rough life for those riders! OUCH! I heard the Cog RR to the top of Pikes Peak was a sight to behold! (I did not do that one).

The educational seminars were especially good I felt. The highlight for me was on Strategic Planning & Keeping your Association Relevant in a changing world! Eric Papp gave a talk on how to Strengthen and Grow your Business, along with Leadership Skills as Stewards of the Land!

Next, I look forward to seeing YOU at YOUR local state IA, a Field Day, IL, a Members Meeting, along with a tour in a Railroad Museum, MO, a Field Day and Membership Meeting. Later in the fall, MN a Trap Shoot and Golf Outing.

Without YOU, your state cannot function! Try just attending ONE function! They are not only fun, but you can learn things for your business to run with more profit! Who doesn't want to make more money? I sure do!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Jeanie and I have just gotten back from the National Summer Meeting in Colorado Springs. Beautiful country out there with the mountains for a backdrop. Thanks to everyone that helped put the summer meeting together. We drove to Colorado and seen a lot of nice corn and soybean crops and some big cattle feedlots and dairy operations along the way. Then the wheat fields and alfalfa in Nebraska and Colorado and more feedlots. National LICA is working on more benefits for the members and launching the new septic protection plan that only LICA members can offer to their customers. This is sure to be a big benefit for LICA. Those attending the summer meeting from Minnesota were Nordis Estrem, Don Loken, Mark Morreim, Doug and Jenny Breberg and Jeanie and Myself. Its always fun to visit with people from other states and compare the way things are done in different areas. It is indeed a learning experience with education seminars that you can attend.

We have also been working on the scholarship fundraiser and organizing the winter convention.

I'm hoping to see you at the next LICA event!

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Come and join all your MnLICA friends and associates for an exciting day of sporting clay shoot in the morning at Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club, lunch at Noon at Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club, golf in the afternoon at the Heritage Links Golf Club and fun.

Cost: \$65 per person for either event or \$120.00 for both events, participants need to supply their own gun and ammunition. People can share a gun on the course and ammunition is also available at the club house for purchase in both 12 gauge and 20 gauge. This includes lunch, complimentary beverages and prizes. The sporting clay ***shoot will begin at 10:00 a.m.*** and consist of 50 rounds, ***lunch*** will be served at ***NOON*** with ***golf to follow at 2:00 p.m.*** (9 Holes) at the Heritage Links Golf Club.

All excess proceeds from the tournament will be dedicated to the MNLICA Scholarship Fund. Since 1997, MNLICA has awarded over \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

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The cost is **\$150.00** to be a “sponsor” of either event or **\$250.00** to be “sponsor” of both events. The cost includes sponsorship of a station, and/or golf hole (first come, first serve), one person to participate in either and/or both events, lunch, and complimentary beverages. The Sporting Clay Shoot will ***begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Noon and Golf at 2:00 p.m.***

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ALL,

I have had numerous requests for information about the draft nitrogen fertilizer rule that became public last week. Public comments will be accepted by the MDA until August 11. Here is a summary with links to help you find most of the big concepts within the rule.

As you review the draft rule, keep these ideas in mind:

- O This is a draft rule and changes could be made in response to comments or other challenges.
- O Part one of the rule prohibits fall applications of nitrogen fertilizer on spring annual crops (not winter annuals or pasture) with an additional exemption allowing up to 20 pounds of N if you are applying MAP or DAP as a phosphorus source.
- O Part one of the rule also prohibits application of nitrogen fertilizer when the soil temperature is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit at any depth.
- O Part one of the rule covers all areas of the state that are defined as “vulnerable groundwater areas”.
- O Part one of the rule will be implemented on a “section” basis, generally one square mile. If more than 50% of a section meets the vulnerable groundwater area criteria, no fall nitrogen may be applied anywhere in that section, regardless of vulnerability.
- O Part two of the rule becomes more restrictive based on monitoring of private and public drinking water wells. Where nitrate levels are elevated, the rule lays out a process for mitigation, progressing from level 1 to level 4 depending on nitrate monitoring and nitrogen BMP adoption.
- O Part two of the rule could result in mandated rate reductions, the development of nutrient management plans, recordkeeping and reporting, and other restrictions.

Here is a list of links:

The rule overview can be found here-

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr>

The draft rule can be found here-

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/chemicals/nfmp/nitrogenfertrule17.pdf>

A guide to providing comment and a list of upcoming informational meetings can be found here-

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/fertilizers/nutrient-mgmt/nitrogenplan/mitigation/wrpr/wrprprocess/publicparticipation.aspx>

The draft vulnerable soils map can be found here- be sure to zoom in to your area of interest-

<https://mnag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=47a342afe6654640b935c8e76023da92>

The MN Department of Health’s Public Drinking Water Supply Management Area map can be found here-

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/maps/gis/dwsma.pdf>

An overview of the MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan can be found here-

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/nfmp>

The full MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan can be found here-

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/~media/Files/chemicals/nfmp/nfmp2015.pdf>

I hope this information is helpful as you familiarize yourself with the rule. If you would like more information please contact me. I have had several requests for information to help in developing comments, and am glad to help MAWRRC members in this way. MDA staff have been very helpful and willing to meet to discuss the draft rule also. I encourage you to contact Larry Gunderson, staff lead on this project for the MDA, if you would like more information. Larry can be reached at [651-201-6168](tel:651-201-6168).

Thank you,

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Biographical Summary

John W. Peterson

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John W. Peterson founded KEMPS Consultants, Inc. with expertise in natural resources public policy, water resources, and erosion and sediment control, in April 1994, after a forty-year highly successful career at the top of the USDA federal civil service (the Senior Executive Service, SES). At retirement, he was an Assistant Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS), one of the agency's top line officers in the career service. He also served as the SCS Deputy Chief for Administration. Peterson has a B.S. in Civil Engineering, a M.A. in Public Administration, and a LL.B. (JD) in Law. From 1994 to 2004 John also served as the Executive Director of the National Watershed Coalition (NWC). In that role, he was the National Watershed Coalition's representative in Washington, DC, and was the initial drafter and a lead champion for the successful passage of PL 106-472, the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Act of 2000. That was the first major USDA water resources legislation passed in over 22 years, and it allowed USDA to assist watershed sponsors in bringing their dams up to current safety standards. John is recognized internationally for his expertise in watershed planning, dam safety, and erosion and sediment control. He directed USDA's Watershed Programs nationally for 6 years. He is a three-term president of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA), past IECA Mid-Atlantic Chapter President, and a Fellow of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS). He is a past director of the Potomac Nationals Baseball Booster Club. The Potomac Nationals are the High Class-A farm team of the Washington Nationals. John is a veteran and he retired in 1991 from the US Army, after a 32-year active and active reserve career, as an Infantry Colonel. He is active in many professional organizations. In 2004 & 2005, John served on the Ad Hoc Dam Safety Committee for the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. He is a Director (chairman) of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and is the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD's) Board Representative to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). John is also a VA Senatorial appointed member of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee. He serves as the Director of Government Relations for The Land Improvement Contractors of America (LICA), is the Washington DC Representative for the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS), and is an elected director and president of the Time-Share Owners Association of the Ocean Cove at Palmetto Dunes Resort at Hilton Head Island, SC. He is also on the Board of Directors and past Board Chairman for EnviroCert International, Inc. One of the things John is proudest of is the John W. Peterson Agricultural Scholarship established by the Organization of Professional Employees of the US Department of Agriculture (OPEDA). He is an Eagle Scout. John and Blanche have five grown children and seven grandchildren, and live in Burke, VA.



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