ADMC Annual Meeting Focuses on Growing the Coalition and Communicating the Value of Modern Drainage & Water Management

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The Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition (ADMC) held its annual meeting at the ISG offices in Bloomington, MN on November 12, 2026. The focus was strengthening the organization's stability through increased membership in order to provide a unified voice for the agricultural water management industry.

Bringing more manufacturers, contractors, engineers, agricultural organizations, and other stakeholders into the coalition will give the industry a stronger voice in conversations shaping the future of agricultural water management. It will also improve the delivery of the systems farmers need to improve agronomic and environmental outcomes.

The group also emphasized the need for ADMC to be more vocal in representing the industry and communicating the value of modern drainage and water management. As agricultural challenges and opportunities evolve, conservation drainage needs a greater sense of urgency. Past investments in partnerships have given us the science needed to accelerate implementation.

Advancing conservation drainage requires connecting the science of water management with practical on-farm applications. ADMC will continue to raise awareness of the research behind these practices, strengthen connections between researchers and practitioners, and improve the quality and scale of implementation. The goal is for agricultural water management to be recognized as an essential part of productive, resilient, and sustainable farming systems.

The annual meeting also included confirmation of the ADMC Board of Directors and the election of officers for the coming year.

ADMC Officers:

- **President:** Chuck Brandel, ISG
- **Vice President:** John Freeman, Advanced Drainage Systems
- **Treasurer:** Steve Baker, Springfield Plastics
- **Secretary:** Trey Allis, Prinsco
- **Chairman of the Board:** Charlie Schafer, Ecosystem Services Exchange

ADMC Board: Deanna Centurion, Drain Tile Safety Coalition; Tom Christensen, ESE; Dan Currence, Plastic Pipe Institute; Josh Ide, PTx; Chad Klotzbach, Alleghany Services; Scott Lukan, AgriDrain; Derek Overmeyer, FRATCO; Kim Perkins, Northern Natural Gas; James Ramsey, National LICA; John Torbert, Iowa Drainage District Association; Mike Tveten, Ellingson Companies.