



Fall Conference 2024

Welcome



# Indigenous Acknowledgement

Boozhoo, Rebecca Higgins indizhinikaaz, Thief River Falls, Mni Sota indoonjiba. Miskwaagamiwi-zaaga'igan Anishinaabe - Makwa indoodem.

Hello, my name is Rebecca Higgins, my hometown is Thief River Falls, Minnesota. I'm a member of the Bear Clan of the Red Lake Nation of Ojibwe.

As we begin the day, I pause to welcome and honor our Indigenous people, lands and ecosystem that are One. Wherever we are today, we stand on the earth and drink the waters intrinsically joined to our First Nations. We honor the past, present and future on these lands and waters. May our work today learn from the past and uplift a positive future to heal both people and planet.



# Agenda

Time	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
8:00 – 8:10	Rebecca Higgins	MGWA	President Welcome
8:10 – 8:50	Ellen Considine, Jennifer Rose, Amanda Yourd	MN DNR	Groundwater Sustainability Challenges in the Land of 10,000 Lakes
8:50 – 9:30	Michelle Stockness	Freshwater	The State of Minnesota’s Circular Water Economy
9:30 – 10:00	Adam Freihoefer	WI DNR	Sustainability Challenges in water rich Wisconsin
10:00-10:20	Break		
10:20 – 10:50	Devin Mannix	University of IL	Water Supply and Demand in Illinois
10:50 - 11:20	Lanya Ross	Metropolitan Council	Imagine 2050
11:20 – 11:45	Rebecca Higgins	MGWA	MGWA Business – Updates
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch		
12:45 – 1:30	David Asiello	Director of Sustainability & Acquisition, OASD US Dept. of Defense	Keynote Address
1:30 – 2:15	Jack Serier	Citygate Associates	Ethics Integrating Ethical Thinking: Identifying Our Prime Directive
2:15 – 2:30	Break		
2:30 – 3:00	Nick Nigro	Pace	Optimized PFAS Groundwater Investigations
3:00 – 3:20	Michael Ginsbach	MPCA	Remediation Division Guidance Updates
3:20 – 3:50	Keith Rapp	Bay West	The Big Problem
3:50 – 4:20	Jared Trost	USGS	Ancient Carbon in the subsurface from Spilled Petroleum Degradation, O’ahu, Hawai’i
4:20	Wrap up		

# Meet Our Speakers

Ellen J. Considine, PG



Adam Freihoefer



Nick Nigro



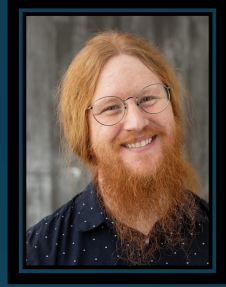
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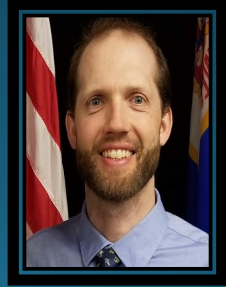
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Rebecca Higgins, PG



Jared Trost



# Special Guest Speakers



David J. Asiello



Dr. Jack Serier

# Giga-waabamin minawaa!

I will see you again!