



St. Joseph River Basin Commission

23rd Annual Indiana-Michigan St. Joseph River Basin Symposium

Friday, May 12, 2023
Pinhook Park Community Center

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:30 **Refreshments and Networking**

1:30 – 2:00 **Watershed & Drainage Overview**

Matt Meersman, St. Joseph River Basin Commission Director

Matt will provide an introduction to the St. Joseph River Basin Commission, including how it is organized and funded. He will also discuss the watershed and its drainage system, which will set the foundation for the discussions ahead.

2:00 – 3:00 **Panel 1: Innovative Drainage Practices**

Dr. Jen Tank, University of Notre Dame

Bob Barr, IUPUI School of Science

Colleen Forestieri, Van Buren Conservation District

This session will focus on the work academics and practitioners in improving water infrastructure. The panelists will discuss the latest research and innovative drainage practices being implemented in our watershed.

3:00 – 4:00 **Panel 2: Challenges and Opportunities**

Zach Holsinger, LaGrange County Surveyor

Joe Parman, Van Buren County Drain Commissioner

John Law, St. Joseph County Surveyor's Office

Jim Moyer, Kosciusko County Surveyor's Office

This session will feature elected drainage officials and staff from Indiana and Michigan. They will describe the challenges and opportunities they see for enhancing drainage in our watershed.

4:00 **Q&A – Closing Remarks**
