

NDAREC 77th Annual Meeting
January 20 and 21, 2020
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
800 S. 3rd St.
Bismarck, N.D.

December 6, 2019

THE POWER OF US: Cooperative. Community. Connection

Monday, January 20

- 9 a.m. Resolutions Committee – Governor’s Room
Tracy Boe, chairman
- 10 a.m. NDAREC board meeting — Heart Room
- 10 a.m. N.D. Managers Association meeting — Cannonball Room
- 12 p.m. NDAREC colleague appreciation luncheon — Courtyard
- 2:30 p.m. Potential NDAREC Building Project Update – Heart and Sheyenne Rooms
- 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration — Courtyard
- 5:30 p.m. NDAREC Welcome Reception — Courtyard
Sponsored by CoBank

Tuesday, January 21 — General Session — Lamborn Room

- 7:30 a.m. Registration — Courtyard
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gold Member Showcase — Courtyard
- 9 a.m. Call to Order — Lamborn Room
Bob Grant, president and presiding officer
- Presentation and Posting of the American and North Dakota Flags
VFW Honor Guard
- National Anthem
*Mary Stumpf, NDAREC rural development assistant, and Clarice Kesler,
NDAREC communications manager*
- Youth Leadership Council Report
Karly Just, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative
- 9:30 a.m. THE POWER OF US: Cooperative. Community. Connection — Report on 2019
NDAREC work plan achievements

Bob Grant, NDAREC president, and Josh Kramer, NDAREC executive vice president and general manager

- 10:15 a.m. Refreshment break
Sponsored by Brady Martz (invited)
- 10:15 a.m. Credentials Committee meeting — Room 1258
- 10:45 a.m. Carbon Capture, Storage and New Technologies in a Carbon Constrained World
Sen. Byron Dorgan, senior fellow and director of the Energy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center
- 12 p.m. NDAREC Awards Luncheon — Patterson Room
Josh Kramer, master of ceremonies
- 1:30 p.m. Keynote presentation
Vern Dosch, president and chief executive officer (retired), National Information Solutions Cooperative
- 2:30 p.m. NDAREC Business Session — Lamborn Room
- Credential Committee Report
- Financial/audit report — *Brenna Ohman, NDAREC finance director*
- NRECA report—*Lynn Jacobson, NRECA director*
- Minutes of previous meeting — *Connie Bitz, secretary*
- REPAC annual report — *Zac Smith, NDAREC communications and government relations director*
- Election of officers
- President
 - Secretary
- 3:15 p.m. Refreshment break
Sponsored by The Okonite Company (invited)
- 3:45 p.m. NDAREC Business Session reconvenes — Lamborn Room
- Resolutions — *Tracy Boe, chairman*
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment of NDAREC Business Session
- 4:30 p.m. Greetings from Congressional delegation

5 to 7 p.m. Member Reception — Patterson and Grand Pacific Rooms
Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange

Wednesday, January 22

7 a.m. REPAC Breakfast — Patterson Room

Invocation
_____, *director*, _____ *Electric Cooperative*

Presentation from Louis Finkel, senior vice president of government relations,
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

8:15 a.m. Greetings from USDA – Rural Development
Clare Carlson, state director, USDA – Rural Development, North Dakota

8:30 a.m. Farm Stress: Rippling through Rural America
Becky Kopp-Dunham, licensed independent clinical social worker and farmer
Moderator: Josh Kramer

9:30 a.m. Refreshment break
Sponsored by Eide Bailly, LLP

10 a.m. Rural America is the Next Place to Pioneer: Economic Development through
Creative Placemaking
Zachary Mannheimer, principal community planner, McClure Engineering

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communities through the creation of cultural and entrepreneurial amenities,
housing and high-speed internet. Learn how you can boost your communities'
population and economic development, rebuild blighted properties and find the
financial resources to do it.

11:30 a.m. Adjournment

Immediately following adjournment Rural Development Finance Corporation annual meeting – Heart Room