



Join Us!

2024 RURAL DEVELOPERS ASSEMBLY

A gathering of rural people interested in new concepts to strengthen our rural communities

Tech4Communities: Empowering Rural Development

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Attend in person at NDAREC headquarters
3201 Nygren Dr. NW | Mandan, ND 58554

Registration deadline: Oct. 10.

Scan this QR code or visit ndarec.com/2024-rural-developers-assembly to learn more and to register!



Registration fee will be a nonrefundable \$25 donation to the North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperative Foundation 501(c)3 Charity.



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See reverse side for agenda.

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- 10:00-10:10 a.m.** **Welcome!**
Chris Gessele, Cooperative Development Specialist,
NDAREC
- 10:10-11:00 a.m.** **North Dakota Department of Commerce – Rural
Development Programs, Success Stories and Best
Practices**
Maria Effertz
Director, Community Services Division, ND Dept. of
Commerce
- 11:00-12:00 a.m.** **Do More, Better: Make Tech and Artificial
Intelligence Work for You**
Marlo Anderson
Entrepreneur, Innovator, and Celebrator of National
Days
- 12:00-12:30 p.m.** **Lunch provided**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.** **Rural Innovation for Community Betterment: Tech
Opportunities, Challenges and Use Cases**
Moderated by **Ellen Huber**, Rural Development
Director, NDAREC
Davey Madison
Program Manager, Montana Cooperative Development
Center
Angelle French
Director, Pembina County Job Development Authority
Lizzie Crowston, Ph.D.
Rural Resident, Community Volunteer, Educator,
Connector
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.** **Group Reflection**
What is one particularly exciting project you're
currently working on? What challenges are you facing?
Which technological tools are you using, or could
leverage, to increase your efficiency and effectiveness
going forward?
- 2:30 p.m.** **Closing remarks**
Evaluation