

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7 a.m.

PAC - 2020 Kickoff Breakfast
— Patterson Room

Invocation: Tom Seymour, director,
Cass County Electric Cooperative

REPAC Annual Report

Zac Smith, NDAREC communications
and government relations director

Maximizing Political Influence

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

Finkel will share his insight and
experience on how a combination
of grassroots activity, support for
Political Action Committees (PACs)
and frequent interactions between the
cooperative network in Washington,
D.C. and back home are essential in
maximizing the political influence of
America's Electric Cooperatives.

8:15 a.m.

**Greetings from USDA – Rural
Development** — Lamborn Room

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

Stress for farmers and ranchers
isn't new. It's the sustained level of
stress that's different, according to
Kopp-Dunham. She will speak to this
during her presentation, in addition
to addressing signs of depression,
treatment and the use telemedicine in
rural communities.

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

Mannheimer offers an optimistic and
practical approach to revitalizing rural
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.

Sponsored by the National Rural
Utilities Cooperative Finance
Corporation

11:30 p.m.

**Immediately
following
adjournment**

Adjournment

**Rural Development Finance
Corporation Annual Meeting**
— Heart Room



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MONDAY, JANUARY 20

2 to 5 p.m. Registration — Courtyard

5:30 p.m. NDAREC Welcome Reception
— Patterson Room
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 **Grace
Ballalatak**, NDAREC communications
intern

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

9:50 a.m. Remarks from Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford

10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break
Sponsored by Rural Electric Supply
Cooperative

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

Former Senator Dorgan will discuss
ongoing work to explore the potential
for utilizing carbon as a lucrative
product through carbon capture and
storage. He will also share his view on
advancing a common-sense energy
policy.

12 p.m. NDAREC Awards Luncheon
— Patterson Room

Josh Kramer, master of ceremonies

1:30 p.m. The Power of Possibilities
— Lamborn Room

Vern Dosch, president and chief
executive officer, National Information
Solutions Cooperative

Dosch will present on the time-tested
value of the cooperative business
model and the role NDAREC played in
starting NISC.

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

Election of Officers

- President
- Secretary

3 p.m. CENSUS 2020: Be Legendary,
Be Counted

Kevin Iverson, census office manager,
N.D. Census Office - N.D. Department
of Commerce

North Dakota's rural landscape
presents unique challenges to
ensuring an accurate population count
for Census 2020. Find out what's
at stake and how communities can
prepare for the decennial enumeration.

3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break
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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
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Insurance Exchange