Western Dakota Energy Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Oct. 9-10, 2024
Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center
2400 10th St SW, Minot, North Dakota

Wednesday, October 9

11:00 am CDT – Registration Opens

12:00 noon – Exhibits Open

1:00 pm – Welcome – WDEA President Leslie Bieber, Alexander School Superintendent
– Welcome to Minot, Mayor Tom Ross

1:10 pm – North Dakota Oil Production: Past, Present and Future – Preston Page, Dakota Energy

1:55 pm – Processing and Pipeline Capacity Update – Justin Kringstad, ND Pipeline Authority

2:15 pm – Oil Industry Panel – Moderator Brady Pelton, ND Petroleum Council; Panelists Josh Demorrett, ConocoPhillips; Kent Kirkhammer, NewKota Services & Rentals; Danette Welsh, ONEOK

3:00 p.m. – Networking Break

3:15 pm – LoadPass Permits Expansion/Enhancements – Joelle VanderLinden and Brent Bogar

3:30 pm – Transportation Panel – Moderator Matt Johnson, NDLTAP; Panelists Rep. Dan Ruby, Minot; Ward County Engineer Dana Larsen; and McKenzie County Engineer Grace Demars

4:15 pm – Latest Energy Research Developments at EERC – John Hamling and Darren Schmidt

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Social and hors d'oeuvres, Musical entertainment provided by Chloe Raye,
Remarks by Cal Klewin, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association

Thursday, October 10

7:30 – 8:30 am – Continental Breakfast, Exhibits Open

8:30 am – Opening Remarks and Welcome - WDEA President Leslie Bieber, Alexander School Superintendent – Welcome to Ward County, Commission Chairman John Fjeldahl

8:40 am – 2024 Election Preview – Shane Goettle, Dakota Strategies

9:00 am – Electric Reliability and Threats to the Grid – Claire Vigesaa, ND Transmission Authority

9:15 am – Basin Electric Operations and Investments – Gavin McCollum, Basin Senior VP and COO

9:45 am – CO2 Education and Industry Opportunities – Reice Haase, ND Industrial Commission

10:00 a.m. – Networking break

10:15 am – Property Tax Elimination Measure: Panacea or Peril? – Williston Senator Brad Bekkedahl

10:30 am – Minot Career & Technical Education Update – Director Pam Stroklund

10:45 am – K-12 Education Issues Panel, moderated by Garrison Superintendent Nick Klemisch; Panelists Rep. Anna Novak, Hazen; Rep. David Richter, Williston; Supt. Daren Kurle, Belfield Public School District

11:30 am – 2025 Legislative Session Preview – Senate Majority Leader David Hogue, Minot

12:00 noon – Lunch

12:30 pm – Keynote Speaker – Kathy Neset, Neset Consulting, Tioga

1:15 pm – Lignite Energy Council – Jonathan Fortner, VP of Government Relations; and Kay LaCoe, VP of Marketing and Communications

2:15 pm – Annual Business Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- County/City/School Committee meetings
- Election of Officers

3:00 pm - Adjourn