



**Western Dakota Energy Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Oct. 8-9, 2025
Rough Rider Center
2209 Wolves Den Pkwy, Watford City, ND**

Wednesday, October 8

11:00 am CDT – Registration Opens

12:00 noon – Exhibits Open

1:00 pm – Welcome – WDEA President Leslie Bieber, Alexander School Superintendent
– Welcome to Watford City, Mayor Phil Riely

1:10 pm – WDEA Update from the new Executive Director, Alison Ritter

1:15 pm – Rainbow Energy Center – Stacy Tschider, CEO Rainbow Energy Center

2:00 pm – Talon Metals – Mike Kicis, President Talon Metals (*invited*)

2:30 pm – Rare Earth Elements in North Dakota – Levi Moxness, Geologist, Dept. of Mineral Resources

3:00 p.m. – Networking Break

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

3:30 pm – Transportation Grants and Flex Funding – Ben Sampica, NDDOT

4:15 pm – North Dakota Community Foundation – Steve Lipp, President NDCP

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – **Social and hors d'oeuvres, Musical entertainment provided by Laila Noelle.**

Remarks by Theodore Roosevelt Library - Robbie Lauf, Executive Director – (*Invited*)
and remarks by Alex Balazs – North Dakota American Legion

Thursday, October 9

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

8:30 am – Opening Remarks and Welcome - WDEA Vice President Lyn James, Mayor of Bowman
– Welcome to McKenzie County, Commission Chairman Howdy Lawlar

8:40 am – 2025 Legislative Panel Discussion – Sen. Dale Patten, Rep. David Richter, Rep. Vicky Steiner,
moderated by Alison Ritter

9:30 am – From Session to Strategy: Guiding WDEA’s Next Steps – LIVE interactive audience session
moderated by Alison Ritter and Brent Bogar

10:00 a.m. – Networking break

10:15 am – Bison Power Plant – Gavin McCollam, Sr. Vice President/COO Basin Electric (invited)

10:45 am – Advancements in EOR – John Hamling, Vice President EERC

11:30 am – North Dakota Oil & Gas Regulatory Update – Nathan Anderson, Director DMR

12:00 noon – Lunch

12:30 pm – Keynote Speaker – Rob Johnson, WBI Energy, Bakken East Pipeline (invited)

1:15 pm – Congresswoman Julie Fedorchak – Video Message (invited)

1:20 pm – Equity in Education – Facility Assessments – Adam Tescher, Department of Public Instruction

1:35 pm – North Dakota Energy Education – Shawn Brink, North Dakota Energy Education Coordinator
(invited)

2:00 pm – Annual Business Meeting

- Treasurer’s Report
- County/City/School Committee meetings
- Election of Officers

3:00 pm - Adjourn