



Lignite Energy Council

Lignite Energy Council Annual Meeting | People with Energy

Bismarck Event Center - Bismarck, ND

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

7:45 a.m. Board Meeting

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens / Check-in for Participants

Emcee – Kevin Lawrence - Chief Meteorologist, KFVR-TV

9:00 a.m. **General Session Begins**
Presentation of Colors & National Anthem
Welcome/Opening Remarks
Rich Wardner – North Dakota Senator and Majority Leader

9:15 a.m. **Mine & Plant Updates:**

- Great Plains Synfuels Plant, Dakota Gasification Company
- Antelope Valley Station, Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Leland Olds Station, Basin Electric Power Cooperative

9:30 a.m. **Education Panel – Local Impacts of Lignite Energy**
Moderator: Kirsten Baesler – North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Jodi Smith – North Dakota Land Commissioner
- Brad Rinas – Washburn Public Schools Superintendent
- School Board Member and/or Teacher - TBA

10:15 a.m. **NextGen ND Panel**

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **Mine & Plant Updates:**

- Center Mine, BNI Coal, Ltd.
- Milton R. Young Station, Minnkota Power

- 11:00 a.m. **Advocating for Coal in a Carbon-Constrained World**
Terry Jerrett – Attorney, Healy Law Offices
- 11:45 a.m. Break
- 12:15 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** - Exhibit Hall A
- 1:45 p.m. **Mine & Plant Updates:**
- Coyote Station, Otter Tail Power Company
 - Coal Creek Station & Spiritwood Station, Great River Energy
- The Business of Doing Business – How the Lignite Energy Council is Positioning its Members for the Future**
Joseph Bates – President, The Institute for Association and Nonprofit Research
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. **Mine & Plant Updates:**
- Coyote Creek Mine, The Coyote Creek Mining Co.
 - Falkirk Mine, The Falkirk Mining Co.
 - Freedom Mine, The Coteau Properties Co.
- Keynote Presentation: Energy’s False Moral Panic**
Mark Mathis – President, Clear Energy Alliance
- 4:00 p.m. **Member Social**
- 5:30 p.m. *Take a member/vendor/customer to dinner*

Thursday, April 16, 2020

- 7:45 a.m. Breakfast Buffet Opens – Exhibit Hall A
- 8:00 a.m. Welcome
- 8:20 a.m. **Transmission Landscape – Keeping the Electrical Grid Healthy**
John Weeda – Director, North Dakota Transmission Authority
- 9:15 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m. **Federal and State Energy Regulatory Policy at a Crossroads**
Tony Clark – Senior Advisor, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. **Transformative Coal Power Technologies Take Shape**
Michelle Bloodworth – President and CEO, America’s Power
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. **Congressional Delegation Appearances**
U.S. Senator John Hoeven (*invite pending*)
U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer
By video address - U.S. Congressman Kelly Armstrong
- 12:00 p.m. **Closing Networking Lunch** (buffet style – Exhibit Hall B)
There will be no programming during lunch