

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Notice and Agenda**

**Meeting of January 21-22, 2020**

**Time:** See Attached Agenda

**Location:** Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
800 South Third St.  
Bismarck, ND 58504

**Re:** North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives  
(NDAREC) Annual Meeting

**Agenda:**

NDAREC 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (See Attached Agenda)

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NDAREC 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
January 20 and 21, 2020  
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
800 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Bismarck, N.D.

December 6, 2019

## **THE POWER OF US: Cooperative. Community. Connection**

### Monday, January 20

- 9 a.m. Resolutions Committee – Governor’s Room  
*Tracy Boe, chairman*
- 10 a.m. NDAREC board meeting — Heart Room
- 10 a.m. N.D. Managers Association meeting — Cannonball Room
- 12 p.m. NDAREC colleague appreciation luncheon — Courtyard
- 2:30 p.m. Potential NDAREC Building Project Update – Heart and Sheyenne Rooms
- 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration — Courtyard
- 5:30 p.m. NDAREC Welcome Reception — Courtyard  
*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 Clarice Kesler, NDAREC communications manager*
- 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*

- 10:15 a.m. Refreshment break  
*Sponsored by Brady Martz (invited)*
- 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*
- 12 p.m. NDAREC Awards Luncheon — Patterson Room  
*Josh Kramer, master of ceremonies*
- 1:30 p.m. Keynote presentation  
*Vern Dosch, president and chief executive officer (retired), National Information Solutions Cooperative*
- 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*
- REPAC annual report — *Zac Smith, NDAREC communications and government relations director*
- Election of officers
- President
  - Secretary
- 3:15 p.m. Refreshment break  
*Sponsored by The Okonite Company (invited)*
- 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  
*Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange*

Wednesday, January 22

7 a.m. REPAC Breakfast — Patterson Room

Invocation  
\_\_\_\_\_, *director*, \_\_\_\_\_ *Electric Cooperative*

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

8:15 a.m. Greetings from USDA – Rural Development  
*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*  
*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*

*Sponsored by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation*

Zachary 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.

11:30 a.m. Adjournment

Immediately following adjournment Rural Development Finance Corporation annual meeting – Heart Room