

2025 Foreman's Conference

Best Western Kelly Inn
Yankton, S.D.
November 4-6, 2025



Tuesday, November 4

- 2 p.m. Lewis and Clark Overview**
- 2:30 p.m. Leading as a Foreman - Knowing Your Responsibilities**
Mike Letcher from West River Electric and Troy Kwasniewski from H-D Electric will discuss the responsibilities of a Foreman in the Cooperative world
- 3:30 p.m. Bucket Truck Specs, Chassis and Proper Setup**
Jeff Pederson with Altec will be talking in general terms how bucket and digger trucks specs are figured along with chassis and the proper setup of the vehicles.
- 5:30 p.m. Vendor Show**

Wednesday, November 5

- 7:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8 a.m. Lewis and Clark Tour**
The group will be split into two groups. One group will start the tour at the water intakes, and the second group will start at the treatment plant. The groups will switch locations around 10:00.
- Noon Lunch on your own**
- 1 p.m. Northwest Lineman College**
How the apprenticeship program works. Tracy Pump, Operations Coordinator and Seth Rose, Director of Apprenticeship for Northwest Lineman College will be at the meeting to cover updates and processes for the apprenticeship program.
- 2 p.m. Changes to the 911 System**
Jason Husby will be covering how the 911 system works when you make a call. Jason will also be covering updates to how the system works and how these updates may benefit the cooperatives.
- 3 p.m. Drug Issues in South Dakota with DEA Agent Matt Wolf**
Matt will be discussing current issues in the state as it pertains to the distribution and use of illegal drugs.

- 4 p.m. East River - Planning for large loads such as Data Centers, Crypto and other large loads**
The addition of a new large load can be a very involved process. Depending on the size of the new load, the coop, East River/Rushmore and Basin may be involved at how this load can be handled. East River will be covering how this process works.

- 5 p.m. Done for Day**

Thursday, November 6

- 8 a.m. Round Table Breakout Groups**
The Foreman will be broken out into smaller groups with an open time to discuss current issues that may be occurring at their coop.
- 9 a.m. Full group Round Table**
The groups will be brought back into the main meeting room to share the conversations from the breakout groups.
- 10 am Evaluations and closing comments.**

Room Reservations:

Contact the Best Western Kelly Inn at 605-665-2906 and ask for SDREA Foreman's Conference room block. Room rate is \$119 plus tax. Cut-off date is October 7.

Meeting Registration:

Register by October 31 online at:
<https://www.sdrea.coop>

NOTE: This is a "Bill Back" workshop, which is NOT a part of Package A.