



# Summer 2021

## S.D. Rural Electric Managers Association Meeting

July 13-14, 2021  
Ramkota Hotel  
Pierre, S.D.

### SDREMA Officers

#### President

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### Tuesday, July 13

- Noon**      **Golf at the Dunes Golf Complex** 111 Fort Chouteau Rd, Fort Pierre / Arrive in time to eat lunch and plot strategy with your teammates prior to hitting the links at 1 p.m.
- 6 p.m.**      **Dinner held at the Ramkota in Gallery D**

*Golf and Dinner Sponsored by Resco*

### Wednesday, July 14

- 8 a.m.**      **FEMA Briefing** – S.D. Office of Emergency Management – Heather Allemang, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
- 9:15 a.m.**      **Legalized Marijuana from an Insurer's Perspective** – Michael Mattix, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange
- 10 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.**      **RESCO Update** – Matt Brandrup
- 10:30 a.m.**      **Health Care Partnership** – Shannon Patrick, NRECA
- Noon**      **Lunch held at Ramkota in Gallery DE**
- 1 p.m.**      **Touchstone Update** – Jana Adams
- 1:45 p.m.**      **CoBank Update** – Matt Hale
- 2 p.m.**      **RESAP/Risk Audit** – Mark Patterson
- 2:15 p.m.**      **Mutual Aid Review** – Chris Larson
- 3 p.m.**      **SD 811 Presentation** – Fay Jandreau
- 3:30 p.m.**      **Postal Rate Increase** – Terri Iverson
- 3:45 p.m.**      **Roundtables**

#### Room Reservations:

Contact the Ramkota Hotel at 605-224-6877 or the Clubhouse Hotel & Suites at 605-494-2582 and ask for SDREA Managers room block. Room rate at the Ramkota is \$90 plus tax. Room rate at the Clubhouse is \$124 plus tax. Room cut-off date is **June 13**.

SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# Managers

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- Black Hills Electric Cooperative**
- Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association**
- Butte Electric Cooperative**
- Cam Wal Electric Cooperative**
- Central Electric Cooperative**
- Charles Mix Electric Association**
- Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative**
- Clay-Union Electric Corporation**
- Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative**
- Dakota Energy Cooperative**
- Douglas Electric Cooperative**
- East River Electric Power Cooperative**
- FEM Electric Association**
- Grand Electric Cooperative**
- H-D Electric Cooperative**
- Kingsbury Electric Cooperative**
- Lacreek Electric Association**
- Lake Region Electric Association**
- Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative**
- Northern Electric Cooperative**
- Oahe Electric Cooperative**
- Rosebud Electric Cooperative**
- Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative**
- Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative**
- Southeastern Electric Cooperative**
- Traverse Electric Cooperative**
- Union County Electric Cooperative**
- West Central Electric Cooperative**
- West River Electric Association**
- Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative**
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## SDREMA Presidents

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- 2019-2020 Matt Klein, *Union-County Electric*
- 2018-2019 Char Hager, *Northern Electric*
- 2017-2018 Walker Witt, *Black Hills Electric*
- 2016-2017 Daniel Webster, *Dakota Energy*
- 2015-2016 Tim McIntyre, *Lake Region Electric*
- 2014-2015 John Lee, *Butte Electric*
- 2013-2014 Dave Eide, *Codington-Clark Electric*
- 2012-2013 Dick Johnson, *West River Electric*
- 2011-2012 Scott Moore, *FEM Electric*
- 2010-2011 Rodney Haag, *Oahe Electric*
- 2009-2010 Jeff Bonn, *Cam Wal Electric*
- 2008-2009 Jim Moore, *Northern Electric*
- 2007-2008 Matt Hotzler, *H-D Electric*
- 2006-2007 Melissa Maher, *Moreau-Grand Electric*
- 2005-2006 Jerry Reisenauer, *Grand Electric*
- 2004-2005 Brad Scott, *Oahe Electric*
- 2003-2004 Jim Pahl, *West River Electric*
- 2002-2003 Loren Noess, *Central Electric*
- 2001-2002 Gene Ward, *Codington-Clark Electric*
- 2000-2001 Wayne Sterkel, *Lacreek Electric*
- 1999-2000 Dan Hutt, *Black Hills Electric*
- 1998-1999 Steve Ahles, *Whetstone Valley Electric*
- 1997-1998 Dennis Kruse, *Kingsbury Electric*
- 1996-1997 Ken Wetz, *Butte Electric*
- 1995-1996 Mark Mengenhauser, *Charles Mix Electric*
- 1994-1995 Gary Cramer, *H-D Electric*
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- 1992-1993 Bob Rademacher, *Beadle Electric*
- 1991-1992 Bart Birkeland, *Moreau-Grand Electric*
- 1990-1991 Dave Jesse, *Lake Region Electric*
- 1990-1990 Brad Schardin, *Southeastern Electric*
- 1989-1990 Reita Moore, *Lacreek Electric*
- 1988-1989 Dennis Hagny, *Northern Electric*
- 1987-1988 Bert Voegele, *Codington-Clark Electric*
- 1986-1987 Dave Westbrock, *Bon Homme-Yankton Electric*
- 1985-1986 John Wheeler, *Butte Electric*
- 1984-1985 Ed Ayers, *Charles Mix Electric*
- 1983-1984 Burl Rathbun, *Beadle Electric*
- 1982-1983 Ken Reed, *Moreau-Grand Electric*
- 1981-1982 Thor Sautter, *West River Electric*
- 1980-1981 Leroy Greenwold, *Tri-County Electric*
- 1979-1980 J.G. Newman, *Spink Electric*
- 1978-1979 S.G. Fischer, *FEM Electric*
- 1977-1978 Elmer Flatt, *Black Hills Electric*
- 1976-1977 Roland Anderson, *Kingsbury Electric*
- 1975-1976 Robert Moore, *Ree Electric*
- 1974-1975 J.N. Petersen, *Cherry-Todd Electric*
- 1973-1974 Duane Westling, *Cam Wal Electric*
- 1972-1973 Ed Lang, *Douglas Electric*
- 1971-1972 Lee Nelson, *Turner-Hutchinson Electric*
- 1970-1971 Earl Morgan, *Butte Electric*
- 1969-1970 Ed Bott Nelson, *H-D Electric*
- 1968-1969 Austin Zander, *Codington-Clark Electric*
- 1967-1968 Leroy Schecher, *Grand Electric*
- 1966-1967 Virgil Herriott, *Sioux Valley Empire Electric*
- 1965-1966 Ted Anderson, *Intercounty Electric*
- 1964-1965 Hilmar Wahl, *Lincoln-Union Electric*

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