

WESTERN ENERGY ROUNDTABLE



Thursday, May 12, 2022

**RoughRider Center
2209 Wolves Den Parkway
Waford City, ND 58854**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST

Moderators: Dale Heglund, NDLTAP Director
Matt Johnson, Western Transportation Liaison Engineer

10:00 a.m. CT

Welcome and Introductions

POTENTIAL TOPICS:

Waford City and McKenzie County
Welcome & Goings-On

Grace Demars, City Engineer
Curt Huus, County Engineer

WDEA Update

Geoff Simon
WDEA Executive Director

LoadPass

Brent Bogar and Joelle VanderLinden

Networking Break (30 minutes)

Governor's Office

Brent Sanford, Lt. Governor

NDDOT Update

Wayde Swenson
Operations Director

12:00 p.m. Lunch

provided by McKenzie County JDA

County by County Update

Katie Haarsager
ND Dept of Mineral Resources

INDUSTRY UPDATES:

Panel: Brady Pelton, ND Petroleum Council Vice-President
Guy Aman, Continental Resources, Inc.
Shane Bryans, Hams Well Service
Cody Idso, Baranko Brothers Inc.

Networking Break (30 minutes)

MHA Nation Update

Scott Satermo, Transportation Engineer

Effects on Township Roads

Township Panel:
Lee Brandvold, NDTOA President
Rex Korslien, Twin Valley Township
Lou Marmon, Knife River Township

Township Transportation Funding

~~Kenneth Steiner, Grant Coordinator~~
Les Noehre, UGPTI Special Projects Engineer

Ward County

Dana Larsen

Wise Roads Update

Jonathan Rosencrans, NDAWN

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS: Geoff Simon (Open Floor)

- Other Best Practices
- Roadway Issues
- County Road Building Plans for 2022
- Industry Oil Development Plan
- New County Roads – Construction and Maintenance
- Success Stories
- Industry Perspectives
- Industry Build Out Plans for 2022 and Beyond

4:00 p.m. CT Roundtable Ends - Safe Travels Home

SPEAKER BIOS

Grace Demars

Grace Demars is city engineer for the City of Watford City. She earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota and began working at KLJ in Williston after graduation. She also worked for McKenzie County before transitioning to the city. Since graduating, she has worked on NDDOT, McKenzie County, and Watford City transportation projects in various roles as a construction inspector, project engineer, and project manager.

Curt Huus

Curt Huus is the McKenzie County Engineering Director, leading the County Engineering Department which consists of engineering, GIS, and permitting divisions. Curt was previously the McKenzie County Planning and Zoning Director. He has worked in private practice as chief operating officer and owner of an architecture and engineering consulting firm and worked both private and public sectors as project manager, and design engineer. He has a B.S. in civil engineering from the SD School of Mines and Technology and an associate's degree in civil technology from the ND State College of Science.

Geoff Simon

Geoff Simon is executive director of the Western Dakota Energy Association which represents counties, cities, and school districts in the energy-producing region of North Dakota. Geoff began his career as a radio news director, covering state and local news in Pierre, SD. He later held positions in South Dakota state government and served as a city commissioner while living in Pierre. Before joining WDEA, Geoff was director of government affairs for MDU Resources Group. He is a graduate of South Dakota State University and holds a master's degree from the University of Mary.

Brent Bogar

Brent Bogar has been a senior consultant for AE2S, a civil and environmental engineering consulting firm, since 2019. He works with a variety of clients on research, financial analysis, legislative policy initiatives, and communication strategies to support their goals and objectives. Recent initiatives include the 2021 legislative session's infrastructure funding efforts including the bonding bill and Legacy Fund initiatives, the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, and a large wastewater project in Big Sky Montana.

Before joining AE2S, Brent was the owner and president of Jadestone Consulting where he was involved with Western Dakota Energy Association legislative efforts and tax and business policies for the Greater North Dakota Chamber. He previously served as vice president and chief information officer of American State Bank and Trust in Williston. He also served on the Williston City Commission from 2007 to 2013 and serving on the Williams County Planning Commission. Brent is a native of Vida, MT. He graduated from Williston State College with honors and from NDSU with a bachelor's degree in communications.

Brent currently resides in Bismarck with his wife, Kris, and daughter Hope Zhen.

Joelle VanderLinden

Joelle VanderLinden is the owner and operator of H&M TeamWorks Consulting, Inc. Joelle grew up in Watford City, where she volunteered with the McKenzie County Ambulance Service for 20 years. She attended Bismarck State College graduating with an associate of arts degree in business. She lives in Bismarck. Joelle and her staff conduct the day-to-day operations for the LoadPass Permits system on behalf of Western Dakota Energy Association.

Brent Sanford

Brent Sanford is North Dakota's 38th lieutenant governor. Brent brings a strong background in business and finance to the lieutenant governor's office, coupled with a deep understanding of the importance of local control. Brent is a native of Watford City where he served as mayor from 2010-2016 and as a city councilman before that. Under his leadership as mayor, Watford City experienced a period of rapid expansion that saw its population skyrocket from about 1,500 to 7,000 amid the state's oil boom.

Brent worked at Eide Bailly in Fargo for eight years before becoming chief financial officer for Transwest Trucks in Brighton, Colorado. Brent returned to Watford City in 2004 and became owner and president of S&S Motors, an auto dealership founded by his grandfather in 1946. Brent holds a degree in accounting from the UND and is a certified public accountant.

Wayde Swenson

Wayde Swenson is the director of the Office of Operations for NDDOT, a position he has held for the past 9 years. Before that, he was the Devils Lake District Engineer, Grand Forks Assistant District Engineer, Devils Lake Assistant District Engineer, and Project Engineer in Minot District. His NDDOT career spans almost 28 years. Wayde holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota.

Katie Haarsager

Katie Haarsager has been the public information officer at the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources since 2018. She supports the Oil and Gas Division and Geological Survey. Katie communicates with media, residents, operators, and other stakeholders of the department through regular publications, outreach, and educational activities.

Katie attended Minot State University and earned a bachelor's degree in communications, English, and non-profit management from the University of North Dakota. Katie has worked in oil & gas communications for 10 years. She grew up in Mohall and currently resides in Bismarck.

Brady Pelton

Brady Pelton has been with the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) since 2017 and currently serves as the organization's vice president and general counsel. In this role, he advises on legal matters and advocates for NDPC membership on key issues and their impacts on the oil and gas industry at the federal, state, county, local, and tribal levels.

Brady is from a farm and ranch near Killdeer. He served as the deputy executive director of the North Dakota Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties (today the Western Dakota Energy Association) for three years, where he acted as the organization's lead lobbyist and represented the interests of western North Dakota's counties, cities, and school districts.

Brady holds bachelor's degrees in political science and public administration from the University of North Dakota and earned his law degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law, where he graduated with honors in May 2017.

Guy Aman

Guy Aman is superintendent of drilling construction for Continental Resources. He has worked for Continental since 2011, overseeing construction of roads, drilling locations, and gathering systems that further the company's drilling program across its operations footprint. In this role, Guy works regularly with many of the stakeholders involved in oil and natural gas development, including surface owners, contractors, and local officials. Guy lives in Dickinson.

Shane Bryans

Shane Bryans is the operations manager at Ham's Well Service which operates workover rigs, hot oil trucks, cranes, semis, and other oil-related equipment. The company has been operating in North Dakota since the 1960s. Shane and his wife have 3 daughters and live in Westhope.

Cody Idso

Cody Idso is a project manager for our heavy civil earthwork division of Baranko Brothers, Inc. He has been the lead on projects for NDDOT, Stark County, Dunn County, Mountrail County, McKenzie County, MHA Nation, Minnkota Power, Great River Energy, Basin Electric, and various other oilfield/private owner projects. Cody also leads Baranko's heavy haul division, coordinating all scheduling, dispatching, and permitting with heavy hauls. He is very familiar with permitting throughout the region's counties, MHA Nation, NDDOT, SDDOT, Montana, and Wyoming. Cody earned a construction management degree from NDSU in 2015. He completed an internship with Baranko in 2014 and went to work for the company full time following graduation.

Scott Satermo

Scott Satermo is the transportation engineer for the Three Affiliated Tribes. He began his employment for the Tribe in 2019. Prior to working for the tribe, Scott worked for 20 years in civil design and construction contracting, first as a civil engineer for the City of Fargo and then as president and owner of both Rising Sun Construction and North Core Corporation. Rising Sun was a general contracting company focusing on underground municipal utilities located in Fargo, ND. North Core was a horizontal boring and tunneling company with offices in Fargo, ND, and Omaha, NE.

Scott earned a B.S. in civil engineering from NDSU. His focus is to create a robust Tribal transportation system, developing processes and partnerships that create opportunities for the Tribe.

Lee Brandvold

Lee Brandvold and his wife Julie farm and ranch east of Ryder where Lee is the Chairman of Cameron Township in Ward County. They have 2 teenage children that attend Max Public School, where Lee and Julie both are employed as school bus drivers. Lee has been involved in township government for many years and is currently in his second term as the ND Township Officer's Association President. Lee also served two terms as vice president and a term as District 1 Director.

Rex Korslien

Rex Korslien lives 25 miles north of Watford City with his wife Kari, and 3 children. Rex raises registered red angus cattle and puts up as much hay as he can. Rex also works full time for Oasis Petroleum as production superintendent and has worked in the industry since 2006.

Rex has been a supervisor for Twin Valley Township since 2010, and recently became involved with the newly formed Twin Valley Fire Department. (Division of McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District)

Lou Marmon

Lou Marmon was born and raised in North Dakota and has been a life-long resident of North Dakota. She lives on ranch property that she inherited from her parents. Lou is a retired teacher and has served for 14 years on the Knife River Township board in Mountrail County, ND.

Kenneth Steiner

Kenneth Steiner became UGPTI Township Transportation Funding specialist in February. He works with townships across the state to develop proposals for NDDOT's Township Transportation Funding Program. As part of the effort, Steiner will help develop proposals to federal funding to match state funding for township transportation infrastructure projects. An emphasis in the program is on projects that repair routes between multiple townships with a connection to higher-level county or state roads. Kenneth has more than 28 years of senior administrative experience in a variety of settings, including private business ownership, state government, and nonprofit entities across North Dakota and Minnesota. He has worked on a variety of issues from children's mental health to medical research to transportation.

Dana Larsen

Dana Larsen is a registered professional engineer and has served as the county engineer for Ward County since 2008. Before becoming the county engineer, Dana served as the assistant county engineer for Ward County from 1999 to 2008. Dana is responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges. He serves as the department head for the Highway Department which also maintains the county parks and the county GIS system. Dana currently serves on the North Dakota Association of Counties Board of Directors and is active with the North Dakota Association of County Engineers, serving as president from 2008 to 2009.

Dana grew up on a cattle and small grain farm in northwest North Dakota and earned a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of North Dakota in 1997. He and his wife of 26 years, Jennifer, have three children.

Jonathan Rosencrans

Jonathan Rosencrans is a meteorologist at the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network (NDAWN) at North Dakota State University. He started with NDAWN in 2018 and has worked on the Western Dakota Energy Association's Wise Roads Project since 2019. Jonathan grew up on a farm in northwest North Dakota and earned a B.S. in atmospheric science from the University of North Dakota.

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