SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

SDARWS
South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems

November 18-19, 2026 • Pierre, SD

Register online at: sdarws.com/leadership

ROOM BLOCK

Pierre Ramkota
920 W Sioux Avenue
605-224-6877

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Attendee* - $225
Regular Attendee* - $250 *(after 10/26/26)*
Hall of Fame Dinner Ticket - $45

**Attendee Registration includes Hall of Fame Dinner*

WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 18

1:00 **WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Lloyd Poppens – Board President, SDARWS; Jeremiah Corbin – Executive Director, SDARWS

1:15 **CYBERSECURITY**
Mike Waldner – Director SecureSD; Jim Edman – Department of Homeland Security CISA

2:00 **BREAK**

2:15 **GOED & RURAL WATER: RESOURCES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND OPPORTUNITIES**
Joe Fiala – Deputy Commissioner, SD Governor's Office of Economic Development

3:00 **BREAK**

3:15 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PANEL**
Kindra Wiese – Apprenticeship Coordinator, SDARWS; Scott Pick – Manager, Randall CWD; Cody Svatos – Randall CWD; Tara Bartokoske – SD Department of Labor

4:00 **WATER CONGRESS**
Kurt Pfeifle – Executive Director, Dakota Mainstem; Shane Phillips – General Manager, WEB; Julie Johnson – Lobbyist, WEB

5:30 **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**

6:00 **DINNER & RURAL WATER HALL OF FAME**

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 19

8:00 **RECONVENE & AGENDA REVIEW**

8:15 **PLANNING DISTRICTS AND RURAL WATER**
Todd Kays – Executive Director, First District Association of Local Governments

9:00 **BREAK**

9:15 **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY: NRWA'S FEDERAL AGENDA (VIA TEAMS)**
Bill Simpson & Michael Preston – NRWA Lobbyists

10:00 **BREAK**

10:15 **ATTORNEY'S CORNER**
Darla Pollman Rogers – Riter, Rogers Law

11:00 **BE IN THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS: MAKING THE MOST OF THE NRWA RALLY**
Jennifer Bame – Marketing Coordinator, SDARWS

11:45 **CLOSING COMMENTS**
Lloyd Poppens – Board President, SDARWS; Jeremiah Corbin – Executive Director, SDARWS