

# 57th Annual Rural Energy Conference

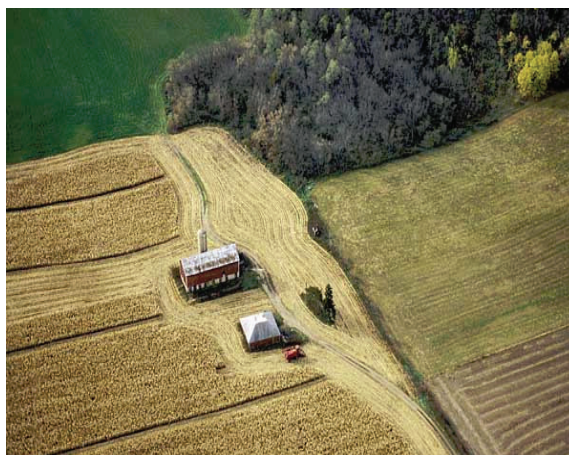
February 14-15, 2019  
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## Pre-Conference Workshop

**Crucial Conversations:  
Identifying and Reducing Stress**

February 13, 2019

Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport  
Bloomington, Minnesota



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## Workshop Agenda Crucial Conversations: Identifying and Reducing Stress



This year's pre-conference workshop will be presented by Dr. John Shutske, professor and Cooperative Extension Specialist at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Gain a deeper understanding of how stress on the farm affects workers, families, and the business of farming. Have you been in stressful situations with clients? Are there crucial conversations you'd like to have but don't quite know how to approach the topic? Learn techniques to help connect and communicate. Dr. Shutske has 33 years of experience working with the agricultural community, Extension educators, health professionals, and agribusiness leaders. His work has focused on agricultural health, safety, and risk control and communication. In addition to his faculty role in Biological Systems Engineering, Shutske is also affiliated with UW-Madison's Family Practice Department in the School of Medicine and Public Health.

### Wednesday, February 13

#### Course Schedule:

- 12:45 pm Registration (lunch on your own)
- 1:00 pm Workshop begins
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:20 pm Workshop resumes
- 5:00 pm Workshop ends (dinner on your own)

**Please note:** The conference and workshop are two different events. You can register for either one or both. Please see the registration panel.

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## Conference Agenda

This year's annual conference will focus on energy issues in agriculture. All of the breakouts will be presented twice so that you can choose from both tracks to design your own conference agenda. Note that conference speakers and presentations are still being finalized and changes may occur. Please check the website of the Midwest Rural Energy Council for updated information at: <https://mrec.org/>

### Thursday, February 14, 2019

- 7:30 AM Registration & Refreshments  
8:00 **Welcome and Conference Overview** - *Reggie Gassman*, Sioux Valley Energy, MREC President  
8:15 **Experiences with Robotics on Large Dairy Farms** - *Speaker TBA*  
10:00 Break  
10:15 **Drones and How They are Used by Utilities** - *Lyle Korver & Gabe Roetman*, NW REC, Iowa  
11:00 **Electric Vehicles and Fast Charging Infrastructure** - *Matthew Blackler*, ZEF Energy  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 **Breakout Session 1**  
2:00 **Breakout Session 2**  
3:00 Break  
3:15 **Breakout Session 3**  
4:15 **Breakout Session 4**  
5:30 Buffet Dinner and Round Table  
**Discussion of Current Issues**

**Exhibits and posters** will be on display all day Thursday. Presenters will be available during breaks.

### Friday, February 15, 2019

- 7:30 AM Refreshments  
8:00 **MREC Business Meeting** - *Regi Goodale*, Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, MREC Vice President  
8:15 **Drones in Use in Agriculture** - *Brian Luck*, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Friday, February 15 (continued ...)

- 9:00 **Veterinarian Perspective on Emerging Dairy Animal Health Issues** - *Speaker TBA*  
10:00 Break  
10:30 **Making a Difference in Your Community: Why it Matters** - *Chuck Dallas*  
11:30 AM **Adjourn**

## Thursday Breakout Sessions

### Track 1: Farm Wiring and Electrical Safety

1. **Rural Residential Generators**, *Dave Kvidt*
2. **Beneficial Electrification League**, *Steven Koep & Gary Connet*
3. **Ethics in Engineering**, *Chuck Clanton*, University of Minnesota
4. **Drones for Use in Agriculture**, *Brian Luck*, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Track 2: Energy Issues on the Farm

1. **Robotics on the Farm**, *Speaker TBA*
2. **On-Farm Energy Audits**, *Jessica Mlsna*, Focus on Energy, & *Fred Daniels*, Franklin Energy Services
3. **Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive**, *Matthew Blackler*, ZEF Energy
4. **Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive**, *Jeff Springer*, Dairyland Power



## Registration

Please refer to the registration panel for workshop and conference fees. **Crucial Conversations: Identifying and Reducing Stress Workshop fee includes** materials and breaks (meals are on your own). Hotel accommodations are not included in the fee. Please note that breakfast is included with your guest room reservation at the Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport Hotel.

The **Conference registration fee includes** materials, breaks, lunch, reception, and dinner buffet Thursday. A break is included on Friday. Hotel accommodations are not included in the fee. Please note that breakfast is included with your guest room reservation at the Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport Hotel.

**Make check payable to:** UW-Madison

### Mail or fax to:

CALS Conference Services, 640 Babcock Drive  
Madison, WI 53706; Fax: (608) 262-5088

**Or register on-line at:** <http://www.mrec.org/>

**Cancellations:** In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel by contacting CALS Conference Services at (608) 263-1672 on or before February 1, 2019. If you fail to cancel by February 1, the full fee will apply. Substitutions are welcome at any time.

**Questions:** Call CALS Conference Services at (608) 263-1672.

## Location and Lodging

A confirmation notice will be mailed upon receipt of registration. The conference will be held at:

**Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport Hotel**  
7901 34th Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425  
Phone: (952) 854-1000 or online:  
<http://group.embassysuites.com/MRECCConference-Feb>

A block of rooms has been reserved until January 17, 2019 (or until all rooms are reserved, whichever comes first) for conference participants at the nightly rate of \$159, single or double, plus 14.525% taxes. Breakfast is **included** with your guest room reservation. Be sure to mention that you are attending the MREC Rural Energy Conference to receive the special rate.

## Registration Form

### 57th Annual Rural Energy Conference & Workshop February 13-15, 2019

Complete a separate registration form (or copy) for each registrant or register on-line at:  
<http://www.mrec.org/>

**Early registration deadline is February 1, 2019**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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### Crucial Conversations: Identifying and Reducing Stress Workshop - February 13

\$ 195 (\$220 received after February 1)

### Rural Energy Conference - February 14-15

\$ 395 (\$420 received after February 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

**Payment must be made at time of registration.**

**Enclose fee.** Checks payable to UW-Madison

Check enclosed

Please charge on the following account:

VISA  Master Card  American Express or

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