



61st Annual Conference on Rural Energy Issues

Conference Agenda: Radisson Hotel, La Crosse WI

Wednesday February 21, 2024

7:00 am Registration in Hotel Foyer, Breakfast Buffet in the Wisconsin Room

General Session in the Hotel Ballroom

8:00 Welcome and Conference Overview. *Scott Dilley, MREC President*

8:15 Applied Ethics, *Thomas Thiboudeau, Viterbo University*

9:30-9:45 Break (Refreshments in Hotel Foyer)

9:45 History of Stray Voltage, *Doug Reinemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

11:00 Overview of Agrivoltaics and Research Updates, *Will Fulwider, UW-Madison Extension*

12:00 Lunch in The Wisconsin Room

1:00-5:15 pm Breakout Sessions: Each one-hour presentation is given twice.

Location	1:00 pm	2:00 pm
Hotel Ballroom Wiring track	Uncommon Stray Voltage Discoveries - Ben Kulka & Brad Brusveen, We Energies	Emerging Agrivoltaic Applications for Midwest Farms – Eric Buchanan, University of Minnesota
Iowa Room (2 nd floor) Renewable track	Considerations and Best Practices for Solar PV- Bethany Reinholtz, GDS Associates, Inc.	Future of Anaerobic Digesters - Steve Dvorak, DVO, Inc.
Illinois Room (2 nd floor) Wiring track	Lessons Learned from 33 Years of Stray Voltage - Doug Reinemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Power Quality and the IEEE 1695 Stray Voltage Guide - Chris Mullins, Power Monitors Inc.
Minnesota Room (2 nd floor) Renewable track	The Role of Renewables in Achieving Carbon Neutrality in Farms/Carbon Credits - Nicole Rakobitsch, Organic Valley	

3:00-3:15 Break (Refreshments in Hotel Foyer)

Location	3:15 pm	4:15 pm
Hotel Ballroom Wiring track	Emerging Agrivoltaic Applications for Midwest Farms – Eric Buchanan, University of Minnesota	Uncommon Stray Voltage Discoveries - Ben Kulka & Brad Brusveen, We Energies
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Minnesota Room (2 nd floor) Renewable track	Realizing the Savings Potential of Heat Pump Water Heaters - Paul Campbell, USEPA Energy Star - online	The Role of Renewables in Achieving Carbon Neutrality in Farms/Carbon Credits - Nicole Rakobitsch, Organic Valley

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner Buffet and Awards Ceremony, Hotel Ballroom
special performance by “Dairy Larry and da Udders”



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7:00 am Breakfast Buffet in the Wisconsin Room

General Session in the Hotel Ballroom

8:00 MREC Business Meeting (all invited). *Jarrod Oberg, MREC Vice-President*

8:30 Working with Farmer Personalities, *Larry Tranel, Iowa State University*

9:45-10:00 am Break (*Refreshments in Hotel Foyer*)

10:00 Water Quality in Agriculture from a farmer's perspective, *Andy Diercks, Coloma Farms*

11:00 Future Farming: The E-Farm, Eric Buchanan, University of Minnesota