



## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Rural Energy Issues

*Conference Agenda: Radisson Hotel, La Crosse WI*

### Wednesday February 11, 2026

**12:45pm      Registration in the Hotel Foyer (lunch is on your own)**

**All Sessions are in the Hotel Ballroom**

**1 – 3 pm**      Dairyland's Artificial Intelligence Journey: VoltWrite's Impact on the Utility – *Nate Melby, Kyle Overby, Ellie Rundahl, Vlad Tsoy*, Dairyland Power Cooperative

- Overview of Dairyland's VoltWrite AI journey - from early pilots to production-scale solutions that are reshaping how energy utilities can operate.
- Uses of AI that are breaking new ground in improving reliability, asset maintenance, "winning back time", and workflows, while unpacking the practical applications of AI for utilities.
- Innovating at scale, and the practical steps toward safe and effective use of AI.

**3:00pm**      Break

**3:20 - 5 PM** We are All Managers Now: Effective Collaboration with AI – *Paul Ortmann*, Idaho Power

- Understanding AI Fundamentals
- Collaborating Effectively with AI
- Real-World Applications

**5:00pm**      Adjourn