

Joint Summer Water Meeting

ND Water Resource Districts Association and ND Water Users Association

July 15-16, 2026

Rough Rider Center | Watford City, ND

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration – *Corridor*

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Water Users Association Board Meeting – *Classroom*

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Updates from the Department of Water Resources
– *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

- Reice Haase, Director, Department of Water Resources

11:15 a.m. – Noon

The Future of the Oil Industry – *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

- Justin Kringstad, Director, Pipeline Authority

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Welcome from Watford City Mayor (invited) – *Silver/Gold Rooms*

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Water and Energy Nexus Panel – *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

- Commissioner Gene Veeder, State Water Commission, Moderator
- Senator Dale Patten, District 26
- Joel Brown, McKenzie County Commissioner
- Kyle Hartel, Co-Founder and Owner, Elkan Water
- Chris Barke, Executive Director, Western Area Water Supply Authority

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

State Water Commission's Commissioner Hosted Basin Meeting
– *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Social – *Silver/Gold Rooms*

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Missouri River Joint Water Board Meeting – *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Souris River Joint Board Meeting – *Classroom*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Water Resource Districts Association Board Meeting
– *Diamond/Opal/Emerald Rooms*

10:00 a.m.

Load Bus for Watford City Tour – *Front entrance of Rough Rider Center*

4:30 p.m.

Tour ends