WORC GROUPS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

The year was 1979. Northern Plains Resource Council, Powder River Resource Council and the newly formed Dakota Resource Council met for the first time in Billings, Montana and formed the Western Organization of Resource Councils. DRC members Randolph Nodland and Jackie Maixner were the representatives of DRC for the first WORC meeting. Fast forward to June of 2019 and WORC has grown to 8 member groups, a 16 person board of directors, over 15,100 members, 80 staff and 35 chapters within the 8 member groups.

DRC recently hosted the 40th Annual WORC meeting right here in Bismarck, North Dakota from June 10-12. Over 70 members and staff attended the meeting. The meeting involved workshops, panels and brainstorming sessions about various strategies to improve current issues.

The workshops included tips and techniques to build new chapters within existing organizations, how to better use social media for organizing and recapped legislative sessions from all member states. There were also special guest speakers in attendance. Ben Goldfarb, a partner with The Management Center and former Executive Director of Wellstone Action, gave a presentation on the opportunity for organizing in rural America. Representative Ruth Buffalo also presented on justice for missing and murdered Indigenous people and the fight to pass Savanna’s Act.

There were panels that involved DRC and other WORC members who talked about the past and where the network is going today. The first panel was a group of DRC members who told their stories of how they joined DRC and shared some stories of big wins, tough fights and good times. If there was one common theme with the panel, it was that DRC organized their voice and helped make their community a better, safer place to live and work. The panel included, Pat Sweeney, WORC Senior Advisor; Mable Dobbs, Oregon Rural Action member/leader; Gene Wirtz, DRC member/leader; and Jill Morrison, Executive Director, Powder River Resource Council.

There was also a panel called “Honoring Our Past” where leaders and staff in the WORC network shared their stories of where they came from and what they accomplished and learned along the way. The panel included, Pat Sweeney; WORC Senior Advisor; Mable Dobbs; Oregon Rural Action member/leader; Gene Wirtz, DRC member/leader and Jill Morrison, Executive Director; Powder River Resource Council.

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Keep Your Hands off of my FOIA

Without fanfare, comment, or public input, a fundamental instrument of government oversight is being quietly dismantled.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a tried and true tool of our Democracy. It is the linchpin of government transparency and reform. But, now, in the swampest of swampy swamp moves, it is at risk within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Simply, FOIA allows all of us to request communications, documents, and information from the government that were previously undisclosed. We ask for it, and by law, they have to give it to us. It is a dandy little perk of our republic.

Requests under FOIA at the state and federal level have been used by journalists to break stories of corruption and malfeasance, by organizations such as Dakota Resource Council to get to the truth for its members, and by citizens seeking information from their government that is rightfully theirs to obtain.

FOIA is critical to the work we do at DRC. It is critical to good and ethical government. It is a ray of cleansing sunshine that exposes the darkened, smoke-filled rooms of scotch swilling lobbyists and government officials.

It has been particularly helpful in recent efforts to expose the fish, rotting from the head, that is Donald Trump’s EPA. FOIA was at the heart of former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt’s resignation in disgrace after secret meetings with corporate polluters and misuse of government time and resources for personal gain that were made public with the help of information gleaned by FOIA.

So, it shouldn’t come as any surprise that the EPA now wants political appointees to make decisions about whether information requests are honored. In an anti-democratic double whammy, this new rule not only curbs public transparency, it was also published without public process or comment.

Once upon a time in America, Republicans and Democrats agreed on sunshine in government and that public business should always be conducted in the full light of transparency. Okay, maybe that was more of a high-minded talking point than a reality, but still, that is why we have FOIA.

You may be wondering why this even warrants our attention? DRC members have their hands full working to sustain their way of life,
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Coal Country & Just Transition

A mine of opportunities: what is next for Coal Country?

Coal has been a source of pride in North Dakota for decades. During its reign, coal brought to the region some great economic benefits, but new technologies and social pressures have pushed the market in a different direction. Thus far, North Dakota has been fairly insulated from coal’s decline, because our coal is in the form of lignite. Historically, we had to be innovative to make our lignite coal cost-effective and usable. Our system, known as “mine mouth” plants, has kept coal viable longer even as it has become uneconomical around the country. With the recent closure of Beulah mine, demolition of Stanton Station, and the announcement of the closure of Heskett Station, we find ourselves wondering what is next for Coal Country?

Bankruptcy affects coal mine and power plant workers benefits and pensions in North Dakota

As coal declines nationwide, many companies face losses and some companies have even gone bankrupt. The Beulah Mine, just south of Beulah on Highway 49, was owned by Westmoreland Coal Co., one of the oldest coal companies in the United States. During the Westmoreland bankruptcy, a judge ruled in favor of Westmoreland selling employee and retiree benefits and pensions even after receiving personal letters from miners. This is absurd, where is the justice for these workers?

Retirees from the Beulah Mine, which total over 200, face the loss of their hard-earned pension and benefits. Union contracts with the workers and previous workers from Beulah Mine were not honored while Westmoreland’s top executives received millions. Many hard-working North Dakotans dedicated their entire careers to the Beulah Mine and what they earned was taken from them without a second thought.

Power plants reach the end of their life expectancy

It was a common understanding when coal plants were built that they had a limited lifespan. What we didn’t know was that when it was time to replace the coal plant, it would be too costly and uneconomical to rebuild a new coal-fired power plant. In Mercer County, Stanton Station, which was a source of pride in the region, was demolished in the fall of 2018. Stanton Station was one of the first coal power plants in the region and was the first to go after more than 50 years of operation. We can expect more closures in the future as other plants reach their life expectancy. Many communities rely on these plants for jobs, tax revenue, contract work, etc. It could be devastating to communities if action isn’t taken to mitigate impacts from closures.
Natural gas a cheaper alternative to coal
Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) announced a planned closure for Heskett Station in 2021 and in its place a new natural gas power plant. This planned transition is what is favorable for energy companies and North Dakotans in the current economic climate. Natural gas provides a cheaper, more efficient energy source than coal and affordable energy benefits the consumer. If this transition is a success for Heskett, it is a possibility that other plants in the region will follow their lead. What opportunities are there to create communities that are resilient to these changes?

Opportunities in Coal Country
Almost everyone can agree that we want to preserve North Dakota’s rural communities. Rural communities and their way of life are an important part of the identity in North Dakota. We are hard-working, independent, and we care for our land. In the past, coal has brought benefits to Coal Country through jobs, tax revenue, etc. We can be grateful for that; however, progress is inevitable. As coal becomes an outdated form of energy, what new opportunities can we create that will strengthen our communities? There are folks and resources out there to help communities that face losses in jobs and county tax revenue. North Dakotans are innovative and smart. If we diversify our rural communities, resources, and economy, Coal Country in North Dakota can lead the nation in self-reliant rural communities. We can show that a smooth transition is indeed, possible.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our work in Coal Country or have issues or concerns regarding coal that you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to our organizer Janessa Thompson at janessa@drcinfo.com or (701) 224-8587.

Stabilize or Sink? The RECLAIM Act: A Funding Opportunity for Abandoned Mines
Have you ever thought about what is under your feet in Western North Dakota? An abandoned coal mine was likely not at the top of your list, but it should be. As these abandoned mines age, they pose significant hazards to communities in North Dakota. North Dakota has a program in place to address these hazards, but funding is limited and set to end after 2021. The RECLAIM Act (H.R. 2156), if passed in Washington D.C., would provide funding to the state of North Dakota for abandoned coal mine reclamation projects.

Abandoned coal mines are a danger to the people of North Dakota
There are hundreds of abandoned coal mines scattered across the western half of North Dakota. What exactly is an abandoned coal mine? An abandoned coal mine is a mine that was active before The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) was enacted. Before SMCRA, companies, and miners didn’t have any obligation to restore mining sites when they were finished. SMCRA helped protect coal communities from the devastation of future abandoned coal mines.

There are many abandoned surface and underground mines throughout North Dakota. According to the ND Public Service Commission (PSC), these abandoned mines can pose dangerous risks and safety issues for people in North Dakota. The underground mines are aging and are known to cause sinkholes or “cave holes” that people, vehicles, or equipment can fall into. Some of the abandoned mines are poorly documented so the risks might be unknown to the people in the area.

Dwindling funding for abandoned mines
North Dakota does have an Abandoned Mine Lands program that has federal funding to stabilize sinkholes and reduce other hazards such as high walls from surface mining. However, the funding and program’s future is uncertain beyond 2021. After the final grant, the program could end due to lack of funding. Bill Dodd, the assistant director for North Dakota’s Abandoned Mine Lands program, said, “we think that we
could spend at least another $40 million on high-priority abandoned mine land reclamation, if we had that money.” It is extremely important that these abandoned mines are restored, and that North Dakotans are kept safe from the hazards associated with abandoned mines.

**RECLAIM Act – a national funding solution for abandoned mines**
The RECLAIM Act (H.R. 2156) is bipartisan legislation that was introduced in the United States House on April 9, 2019. It would provide 1 billion dollars to states around the country to assist in desperately needed abandoned mine projects and to support coal communities. If this legislation passes, North Dakota is set to receive roughly 38 million dollars. This funding would cover almost all of the high-priority abandoned mine reclamation in North Dakota and keep North Dakotans safe from these dangerous abandoned mines.

**Reclamation is job creation**
In addition to addressing public safety, the RECLAIM Act would bring jobs and economic stimulation to North Dakota through these projects. These abandoned coal mine projects would require many workers, and contractors, to complete. In rural communities, this boost, in the form of jobs and local revenue, is needed. The RECLAIM Act provides benefits to North Dakota both directly, through funding, and indirectly through job creation.

**Support the RECLAIM Act**
Coal communities and landowners that are impacted by abandoned coal mines need this funding. North Dakota needs this funding to restore high-priority, dangerous abandoned coal mine sites to ensure public safety. Urge your North Dakota Representative Kelly Armstrong to support the RECLAIM Act (H.R. 2156).

**Oil and Gas**

**DRC Supports Methane Legislation**

In May, Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) introduced a bill that sets a standard and limits methane emissions, one of the most powerful greenhouse gases, from escaping into the atmosphere during oil and gas operations. The bill will reinstate language from rescinded Obama era administrative rules under the BLM’s 2016 Methane Waste Prevention Rule and the EPA’s New Source Performance Standard.

The 2016 Methane Waste Prevention Rules intent was to reduce waste of frac gas from venting, flaring, and leaks during oil and natural gas production activities on public and tribal lands and to ensure mineral owners were justly compensated for natural gas flared, vented, or leaked.

Lisa Deville, President of Fort Berthold POWER an affiliate group of Dakota Resource Council, lives in the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota and has witnessed firsthand, the long lasting effects of relaxed methane rules.

“I see venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas every day on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The flaring, venting, and leaks damage our air, and also waste our finite natural resources. I can see with my own eyes how much gas is wasted and have experienced health effects from the methane emissions. Representative Diana DeGette’s bill is a crucial step forward in the fight to address climate change, protect public health, and cut methane waste and pollution.”
The Trump Administration and Bureau of Land Management have exhausted every avenue to rescind the BLM’s 2016 Rule until going through the proper rule making process in 2018. Members of Fort Berthold POWER (an affiliate of DRC) and a coalition of conservation and tribal organizations have been in continued litigation to uphold the BLM’s Methane Waste Prevention Rule.

## Four Years and Counting and Still No Refinery

**Badlands Area Resource Council (BARC)**

Four years after Meridian proposed the Davis Refinery, it is still not built. Meridian had hoped to be refining by 2016 but local folks, working hard to make sure that this development is done properly, have not allowed shortcuts to be taken and so only a little bit of dirt work has been done at the site. As Linda Weiss, Chairperson of BARC said, “The Davis Refinery is the cleanest refinery ever, because it hasn’t been built yet.”

BARC continues their campaign to relocate the Davis Refinery. In an effort to keep the public informed about what’s happening, BARC is planning multiple events this summer and into the fall. On July 6, BARC tabled at Family Fun Days on the Dickinson State University campus which was a part of Roughrider Days. Many people stopped by and learned a little bit about BARC’s campaign and DRC in general. BARC will have another tabling event at Theodore Roosevelt National Park August 24. In the fall BARC will hold 2 large events, one in Fargo and one in Bismarck where we will have a Theodore Roosevelt impersonator speak. He will give some history about TR and while he is speaking, he will do a charcoal drawing. Also, in the works is an informational event at NDSU with a student group, we hope to hold similar events on other campuses. These events are valuable because it’s important to keep people informed about our campaign and we always need new members.

**Litigation**

Between DRC and our allies there are still permit challenges in the courts. The National Parks Conservation Association filed an appeal of the Air Permit to Construct, from the Department of Environmental Quality (formerly the ND Department of Health), with the North Dakota Supreme Court.

DRC is appealing the District Court’s decision on issues that include:

- Whether the PSC lacked jurisdiction to hear a formal complaint filed by DRC against Meridian for starting construction of a 55,000 bpd refinery without a siting permit. (Siting permits are required for refineries capable of refining 50,000.)
- Whether the PSC gave DRC a “fair hearing” as required when the PSC dismissed DRC’s complaint without holding any hearing or allowing discovery.
- Whether provisions of the applicable law were complied with when the PSC denied DRC discovery and the right to a formal hearing.

There is a lot of work ahead for BARC members as they keep the issue in the news and make sure that Meridian does everything by the books. Stay tuned for the outcome of the appeal.
McKenzie County Energies And Taxation Association
Members from McKenzie County have reached out to DRC because of several issues that have popped up in their communities including the proposed expansion of a special waste dump, the plan for all section lines in the county to be paved, and the chemical exposure of city dump workers due to the presence of oilfield waste. Efforts are being made to meet with people and learn what they think about these and other issues and see if DRC can help the people who have reached out.

Agriculture & Food

DRC’s Ag and Food campaign is gaining some new energy. In June DRC welcomed Sam Wagner as our new Ag and Food Organizer. Sam has spent his first month on the job visiting with DRC members and talking to people about Ag and Food issues. If you would like to meet with Sam, do not hesitate to send him a quick email at sam@drcinfo.com. In early July Sam and DRC Executive Director Scott Skokos had a busy week talking with people about Ag and Food issues. Sam and Scott tabled at the Red River Valley Fair in West Fargo, and Scott attended the National Family Farm Coalition summer meeting in Sioux Falls, SD.

Tabling at the Red River Valley Fair
Between July 8-14 DRC Ag and Food Organizer, Sam Wagner and Executive Director, Scott Skokos tabled at the Red River Valley Fair (Scott was there for July 8 and July 9). At the fair we talked to many farmers and non-farmers. From our conversations specifically with farmers we found a pattern of responses regarding the issues facing farmers. The most common responses included: politics are hurting farming (trade war), difficult and unpredictable weather make it hard to get in crops in time (climate change), and nobody from the next generation to take over their operation. In total we spoke with 255 people at the air, 68 who were either farmed or ranched.

We also engaged people on the corporate farming issue and asked people to sign a pledge to support family farms. In total 215 people signed our pledge to support family farms. On the whole, people at the fair were very receptive to DRC’s message on corporate farming.

Overall, the fair was a success and it is an event we should consider doing again. People seemed to be receptive to our mission and it was a great opportunity to get our name and get the word out about Ag and Food out to the general public.

National Family Farm Coalition Summer Meeting
After helping Sam table at the Red River Valley Fair, DRC Executive Director, Scott Skokos, went south to Sioux Falls to attend the National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) Summer meeting in Sioux Falls, SD. The meeting was hosted by DRC’s sister organization, Dakota Rural Action. 27 NFFC members were in attendance representing various groups from all over the United States. During the meeting members of NFFC had a discussion about racial equity, planned a national dairy farming campaign, planned a campaign aimed at keeping family farms in family hands, and held a board meeting. Overall, the meeting was a great opportunity to connect with other groups working on Ag and Food and throughout the United States.
**MVRC: Hour to Empower: What is your vision for your community?**

In June, Dakota Resource Council (DRC) launched its first “Hour to Empower” event with Missouri Valley Resource Council (MVRC). Hour to Empower was created from a desire to revitalize MVRC following its win a few years ago with the curbside recycling campaign, which it worked on diligently with allies. MVRC is an affiliate organization that works in the Bismarck-Mandan area. Hour to Empower is an opportunity to bring new faces and fresh voices to DRC and MVRC. MVRC hopes to continue to do local work in the Bismarck-Mandan area and help our community members create the changes they would like to see. Hour to Empower will be a continuing series that, if successful, we plan to continue in the future, potentially in other communities.

The first Hour to Empower event was held in Sertoma Park on June 6, 2019. There was a great turn-out with both new and familiar faces. It was held near a playground to make it a kid-friendly event in an effort to engage younger families who might not otherwise attend due to lack of childcare. Additionally, the time limit was only one hour, this was to honor and respect people’s busy lives. Hour to Empower is not supposed to be just another meeting, it is meant to be meaningful for people with actionable steps towards a goal. The first event did go a little long, but we hope to improve this with practice at future events. The focus for the first event was “What is your vision for your community?” we asked people to describe their ideal community in three words. This stimulated an interesting discussion and showed that even people with different beliefs still have some of the same values. For the next event, we will be looking deeper at some of the issues that are brought forth and exploring what exactly makes a “good issue.”

We know that there are plenty of people in the Bismarck-Mandan community who want to become involved, and we have set out to find them. Hour to Empower is an opportunity for us to empower our members and show people all the tools they have within them to make a difference in their community. So, the next time you hear of an Hour to Empower event, please join us and bring a friend too!
Staffing

Wagner joins DRC as Ag and Food Field Organizer
Sam Wagner is DRC’s new Ag and Food Field Organizer. Along with being a veteran in the US Air National Guard, Sam has also held many different labor and agricultural jobs over the years. Sam has also been involved in local politics in his area as a volunteer activist since 2016. Sam holds degrees in History, Electrical Engineering, and Training Management. Sam is committed to working with North Dakotans to find solutions that will allow rural communities to prosper and grow in the 21st Century. Sam is a family man and Vikings fan from Casselton, ND. You can contact him at sam@drcinfo.com or telephone him at 701-371-5474.

Seely Transitions into New Role
Jeffon Seely, who has been DRC’s accountant/bookkeeper and let’s face it… website and tech guy, will be moving to California in July with his fiancé. Lucky for us Jeffon will still be working with DRC, but transitioning to a more limited role. Jeffon has been working with everyone in the office to make sure that the transition will go smoothly. Thank you Jeffon for all of your wonderful work while you were here in Bismarck! Jeffon plans on staying in touch with us by the pool in the wintertime to make us all jealous.

Donaghy leaves DRC to be Director of North Dakota Native Vote
Nicole Donaghy is transitioning from DRC Field Organizer to Executive Director of North Dakota Native Vote. Though in a new organization, Nicole will remain in the WORC network, which is good news for DRC and WORC. We at DRC are grateful for and celebrate Nicole’s five years at DRC. We know that she will continue to do great things.

DRC Members in the News

DRC Member Testifies in Washington, D.C.
DRC member and Antler, North Dakota farmer, Daryl Peterson, testified on the morning of May 16 in front of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee in Washington DC. Peterson, along with other witnesses on the panel, agreed that the oil and gas industry’s impact on our lands and waters are under-regulated and that both current state and federal regulations are under-enforced.

The message was clear: our lands and waters are invaluable to the economic wellbeing of our country. Hydraulic fracturing, the driver of increased North American oil production, is a water-intensive industry. Use varies widely, based on geology and construction, but a hydraulically fractured well can use between 1.5 million and 16 million gallons of water.

Where this water comes from, whether it is confined to the formation during operations and what is done
with the produced water, or brine, are all critical questions in the protection of our water resources.

Peterson, who has had more than twelve documented brine water spills on his farm, each equivalent to roughly two thousand gallons of released brine, if not more. He acknowledged the benefits that oil and gas development can bring, but emphasized that “responsible development means protecting the land from the destructive impacts of brine spills.”

Brine is a toxic byproduct of crude oil production, primarily consisting of sodium and chloride. These compounds change the structure of the soil so that the plants are unable to take up nutrients and water. “Any accidental release can result in devastating damage to agricultural land and the contamination of water resources,” said Mr. Peterson, who has personally experienced well over a million dollars in lost land value.

With increasing drought and freshwater scarcity across the United States and particularly the Mountain West, the water and arable land which oil and gas operations remove from further use must be protected.

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LTE: Challenge seeks protection from methane waste

July 7, 2019

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In filing an amicus brief recently, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and Chairman Raul Grijalva, alongside 50 other members of Congress, are defending strong federal methane standards to prevent the waste of natural resources on public and tribal lands.

Each year, oil and gas companies emit over 13 million metric tons of methane across the country.

BLM’s own analysis found that repealing the rule would lead to more waste, less production and less revenue to taxpayers. This includes more than $1 billion dollars in wasted natural gas and pollution costs as well as tens of millions of dollars in lost royalty revenue.

Efforts to roll back the BLM rule addressing methane waste and pollution from the oil and gas industry have been met with overwhelming public opposition, in addition to repeated opposition from the courts. The administration’s attacks on common sense methane safeguards directly undermines taxpayers and communities’ well-being by denying us revenues that would help fund critical infrastructure projects and provide much-needed funding for school programs.

Furthermore, this pollution of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, is putting our climate at risk and threatening the health of our families.

People like my friends and family on Fort Berthold are already feeling the negative health effects of air pollution from oil and gas operations. It is unconscionable that the Trump administration is seeking to eliminate protections that would limit this dangerous pollution and waste. That’s why Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights has taken the Trump Administration to court to challenge this dangerous rollback.

This challenge led by Senator Udall and Chairman Grijalva filing an amicus brief to support our challenge is a bold step forward and an important part of ensuring that places like Fort Berthold receive the protections they deserve from harmful oil and gas pollution and waste.
I want to join Dakota Resource Council and affect positive change in North Dakota!

Please make your tax-deductible payment to DRC and mail to
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1. Choose membership level
   - $1000 Watchdog of the Prairie
   - $500 Sustaining
   - $250 Supporting
   - $100 Century Club
   - $55 Household
   - $35 Individual
   - $15 Student/Senior

2. I ALSO want to join my local affiliate, please choose one at $10.00
   - Badlands Area Resource Council
   - Fort Berthold Protectors of Water & Earth Rights
   - McKenzie County Energy & Taxation Association
   - Missouri Valley Resource Council

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