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DRC's 47th Annual Meeting Recap



Dakota Resource Council member and Miss North Dakota, Kennedy DeLap, stands at a podium speaking at the DRC Annual Meeting.

On November 1, Dakota Resource Council held our 47th annual meeting at the Elk's Club in Bismarck. The annual meeting is always one of our favorite times of the year. It is when staff and members get together to talk about the past year, the wins, the losses, the fights, the funny moments, what is coming down the road, and to meet new faces or reconnect with old friends.

This year felt no different. Folks picked up right where they left off. Staff gave their reports, members asked the good tough questions, and of course offered solutions right there in the room. Classic DRC.

Members also approved some important changes. DRC now has a clearer and more accessible membership structure with two categories: voting members and non voting members. Voting members are people who either pay annual dues or contribute volunteer service and they are eligible to vote on elections, resolutions, and other business at the annual meeting. Non voting members can sign up to get our communications and participate in the work, but they do not vote. The bylaws also retire the old affiliate system, with the exception of Fort Berthold POWER which remains an affiliate because of its (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

Letter From the Chair



After many years of serving on the Dakota Resource Council board, it is an honor to introduce myself as the new Chair of DRC. My name is Lisa Finley-DeVill. I am Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara, from Mandaree on the Fort Berthold Reservation. I am the co-founder of Fort Berthold POWER and, for the past 16 years, I have been fighting for clean air, a clean environment, and strong regulations to protect our communities living on the front lines of Bakken oil and gas development.

Before stepping into environmental advocacy, I spent 13 years helping create homeownership programs throughout Fort Berthold and in Native American communities. That work showed me how housing, land, and community stability are tied directly to justice, health, and opportunity. Those experiences continue to shape how I approach policy, organizing, and leadership today.

In addition to my work with DRC, I serve as Vice Chair of the North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party, on the ND Tribal and State Relations Committee, the Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) board, the North Dakota Native Vote Education Board, the Vision West ND Project Consortium, and the Climate Nexus Energy Transition Grant Advisory Committee. I have also served on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) in Washington, D.C. These roles all come back to the same purpose: building power in our communities so decisions are made with us, not for us.

On Fort Berthold, we live every day with the environmental, health, and social impacts of oil and gas extraction. That is why Fort Berthold POWER and DRC worked together to install several air quality monitors across the reservation, beginning in June 2023. These monitors track pollutants like particulate matter and ozone in real time. The information is available to the public and is being analyzed with

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long standing partnership and unique place in our work. Instead of affiliates, we now organize statewide through five geographic regions. Region 5 is dedicated to the Fort Berthold Reservation. Each region will elect its own at large board member to strengthen representation and build leadership across North Dakota.

After the business portion, we heard from our keynote speaker Kennedy DeLap, a DRC member and of course Miss North Dakota. Kennedy walked us through her master's thesis, Devil in the Bakken: "What Do You See?". It is a powerful look at how the oil boom reshaped life and health on the Fort Berthold Reservation. She pulled together community stories, science, and even the record breaking 241.5 million dollar Clean Air Act settlement against Marathon. Her work lays out the human cost of flaring, light pollution, and years of unmonitored emissions. Families on Fort Berthold have lived this for years. Kennedy's research backs up what DRC and Fort Berthold POWER members have been saying for a long time. The impacts are real. The data is catching up. Protecting people has to be at the center of any conversation about the Bakken.

We also handed out a couple of awards. The DRC Newcomer Award went to Candace Craft for jumping right into the CAFO fight in the Red River Valley. We are grateful for all of the work and energy she has already poured into DRC. The Art and Grace Link Award went to someone who meant a great deal to this organization. It was awarded posthumously to former DRC staff director Mark Trechock. Mark passed away on June 28. Mark was DRC's longest serving staff director, leading the organization from 1993 to 2012. During that time he became deeply connected to farmers and ranchers in western North Dakota. Many of our members knew Mark. Even after retirement, staff would pick him up in Dickinson and take him along for one on ones because of the relationships he built, not only with members but with the wider community. He was often asked to attend oil and gas task force meetings, offer his insight, and remind people of the history they sometimes forget. And in typical Mark fashion, just when things got serious, he would crack a joke in that dry tone of his that caught everybody off guard. His wife Janeen was there along with family and long time DRC friends to accept the award. Thank you to everyone who joined us and continues to help carry this work forward.

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researchers at Colorado State University so we can better understand what our families are breathing and push for stronger protections. This is what it looks like when communities insist on data, accountability, and justice.

I am not against oil and gas, but I am for strong regulations, local control, and protecting our land, water, and air for the next generations. As Chair, I look forward to working with all of you across DRC's issue areas, oil and gas, agriculture, rural electric cooperatives, clean energy, and more, to set our direction for the coming year and to help guide our shared work toward real, tangible wins for our communities.

Lisa Finley-DeVille
Chair, Dakota Resource Council

Remembering Mark Trechock



Dakota Resource Council lost one of the giants of our history this summer. Former Executive Director Mark Trechock passed away on June 28, 2025 at his home in Dickinson. It is hard to put into words what Mark meant to DRC and to the people of western North Dakota, but his impact is felt in every corner of this organization.

Mark served as DRC's staff director for nearly twenty years, from 1993 until 2012, the longest tenure of anyone to hold that role. During that time he built deep, lasting relationships with farmers, ranchers, landowners, and community members across the west. Mark did not just know the issues. He knew the people behind them. He listened, he learned, and he earned trust the old fashioned way, one conversation, one kitchen table visit, and one county meeting at a time.

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Before joining DRC, Mark spent eighteen years as a Lutheran parish pastor in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Colorado. He was also a poet, and those two parts of him, the pastor and the poet, showed up in his organizing work. He had a steady and thoughtful presence that brought people in, and he had a careful way of using language to make complicated issues clear. True to who he was, just when a meeting got tense, Mark could deliver a quiet, dry line that caught everyone off guard and broke the moment open.

Even after retiring, Mark never really left DRC. New organizers were routinely told to call Mark because he would know the history. And he always did. He remembered who sat on which county commission in 1997. He remembered the sequence of nearly every fight, every permit, and every meeting. If you rode along with him to one on one meetings, you did not just get background. You got context, stories, and a sense of why people cared in the first place.

Mark's life outside of DRC was just as full. Born in Minneapolis in 1947, he ran track in high school, edited the Augsburg College newspaper, earned degrees from Augsburg, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Iliff School of Theology, and spent time living and traveling in Central and South America. He spoke fluent Spanish, wrote more than two hundred published poems, listened to baseball on the radio in Spanish, and rooted passionately for the Twins. He cared deeply about his family and shared a full and joyful life with his wife Janeen and their blended family.

DRC Executive Director Scott Skokos shared this reflection shortly after Mark's passing, "Working with and getting to know Mark was one of the most transformative times of my life. Mark showed me the power of organizing and the beauty of the prairie. He introduced me to countless DRC members and he will be greatly missed by DRC and its members," said Skokos.

Mark judged his own success by how well his community thrived. Thanks to him, DRC is stronger and wiser and more grounded in our purpose.

We are grateful for his leadership, his humor, and the enormous heart he poured into this organization. Our thoughts are with Janeen, his children, his grandchildren, and all who loved him.

Agriculture

IJC to Review North Dakota Dairy Permits After Manitoba Pushes for Action

In a major victory for DRC and our allies, the provincial government of Manitoba announced that the International Joint Commission (IJC) directed its International Red River Watershed Board to review information and permits related to the North Dakota dairy operations. Manitoba Environment and Climate Change Minister Mike Moyes led the push for this review.

"The health of Manitoba's lakes and rivers is a top priority for our government, and we want to be sure that developments upstream don't negatively affect Lake Winnipeg and the Red River," Moyes said in a news release Thursday. "We must protect Lake Winnipeg for generations to come."

Manitoba Eco Network also played a key role by working with DRC to hold joint press conferences in both North Dakota and Manitoba. The proposed 37,500 animals on two North Dakota CAFO sites equal almost the total number of dairy cattle in the entire province of Manitoba, raising significant concerns for rivers and lakes if not properly managed. Manitoba also averages around 200 dairy cows per farm, highlighting the wide difference in scale.

DRC member Madeline Luke emphasized the importance of the IJC's involvement: "Pollution, like water, has no boundaries. The IJC is a non-political body with deep technical expertise. So with the urgent need to avoid further harm to Lake Winnipeg, this action is much applauded."

DRC & Allies Defend Red River Water

Representatives from Dakota Resource Council, West Central Minnesotans for Clean Water, and Manitoba Eco-Network spoke during the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, at the C'mon Inn in Grand Forks. Among the board members was a representative from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ), the agency being sued by Dakota Resource Council for allegedly issuing the Herberg dairy permit without necessary pollution controls.

The group had fifteen minutes to speak and issue statements to the commission about NDDEQ's ability to enforce its permits and the consistency of that enforcement. They urged the RRBC to look for gaps in NDDEQ's ability to perform its duties.

During the comments, DRC member Stephanie Miranowski stressed that the board listens to citizens' concerns when these projects are proposed, and James Beddome of Manitoba Eco-Network expressed concern for the health of Lake Winnipeg.

DRC and our allies will continue to find platforms to speak about water health in North Dakota. If you know of any places where these issues could be highlighted, please contact Sam Wagner at sam@drcinfo.com.

Despite Opposition, Pierce County OKs Hog CAFO

In Pierce County, North Dakota, a 6,000-head farrowing operation is being proposed by Dakota SAO II LLP out of Summit, Iowa. During public hearings, DRC members from the Devils Lake region and Cando spoke in opposition to the project. The operation is located within a mile of Hurricane Lake and a Wetland Production Area used for hunting. Concerns about impacts to rural water were also raised by members.

DRC member Jeff Kenner read statements from the Spirit Lake Tribe confirming that the Tribe will seek an injunction if the project is approved. Member Lincoln Larson presented documents showing that the project has 11 shareholders, and that when Dakota SAO II bought the property, they stated they did not intend to use it for farming or ranching

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purposes. He also noted that corporate farming laws require that if land is purchased for animal agriculture, the operation must be built within one year — something Dakota SAO II had not done. Local residents testified that the project would benefit only a few people while negatively affecting others.

During the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, officials voted unanimously to deny the project.

A week later, the County Commission met at the same courthouse. Supporters of the hog operation testified, including representatives from the Farm Bureau, the state office representing Commissioner Goehring, NDDEQ, and Dakota SAO II. Supporters' attorneys argued that while the nearby lake might be considered recreational, the area is zoned agricultural, making the concern irrelevant. They also claimed that although the operation was not developed within a year, Dakota SAO II is a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) and therefore not required to follow the same guidelines as an LLC.

Under this pressure, the deciding vote stated that although he personally opposed the project, he believed it had followed the law and therefore could not be stopped. The Commission voted 3-2 in favor of the project.

The Spirit Lake Tribe, along with local citizens, will be filing an injunction against the operation.

DRC Attends Farm Aid

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Farm Aid celebrated its 40th Anniversary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at Huntington Bank Stadium, with Willie Nelson, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews, and John Mellencamp headlining the event. Farm Aid is more than just music — it brings

together people from across the country who support family farming for a three-day conference and festival.

DRC members attended workshops on the University of Minnesota campus on Friday and heard keynote speeches, including one from Minnesota Attorney General, Keith Ellison. DRC was one of 42 tables selected to be part of the Homegrown Village, where members shared their stories about CAFOs with the 37,000 concert attendees.



Stephanie Miranowski sat on a panel discussing dairy issues with musician Jesse Welles. DRC member and author of *The Farmer's Lawyer*, Sarah Vogel, and author Sara Smarsh participated in a panel titled "Collective Power in the Countryside," moderated by DRC member Sonja Eayrs.

Members interested in purchasing one can visit drcinfo.org and watch for an announcement soon on how to buy a shirt.

ELECTRIC CO-OP

When a datacenter comes to a small town

In Harwood, many value the small town feel living there brings but the unfortunate flip side of that coin for some has been a break of trust from their elected city officials. In August, it became public knowledge that Applied Digital was looking to rezone land for an incoming data center and had required Harwood officials to sign non-disclosure agreements (NDAs). If you had the chance to attend any of the public meetings, you could feel the tension the moment you walked in. On August 25, 2025, Applied Digital held a town hall that brought in around
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300 people. DRC attended, and that night was loud: there were boos, people shouting, and a whole lot of frustration. Residents wanted answers; to know why this process was rushed, kept under wraps, and what the long term impacts would be on their community. About a week later in September, Harwood City Council members and Mayor Blake Hankey - attending via zoom because he was on vacation in Portugal - called an emergency meeting and gave final approval to rezone the land for Applied Digital's \$3 billion AI data center. With what seemed like little care for the outpouring of community concern over the project, the 980 acre parcel was changed from agricultural to light industrial and construction crews rolled in immediately after to begin burying footings for this massive project. Many in the community feel that the project was approved far too quickly and with little to no community input.

After all of this took place, a couple of dedicated Harwood residents reached out to DRC Organizers to talk about what happened and what could be done next. They spoke with some other Harwood neighbors and a couple of Cass county community members as well, and a small action team has come together from that energy and those conversations. The group meets every two weeks for now, with a focus on building out a community-wide canvass that focuses on neighbor-to-neighbor conversations and getting on the ground feedback about the community's feelings about the data center. This event is in the planning stages, but recently, DRC staff provided a canvassing training and worked with the group on writing survey questions, operating canvassing software, and helped brainstorm ways to bring more Harwood citizens into the work. For those that don't live in Harwood but are on the action team, we talked through how to listen, ensure Harwood voices lead the conversation, and focus on info gathering during canvass conversations so neighbors can focus on building relationships around these shared concerns. A heavy load is always made lighter with more hands to lift it!

In a small town of about 850 people, this is how real community organizing begins; it is one conversation at a time that builds into something larger and invites others into the work. The actions Harwood citizens choose to take, or not take, can have large implications for AI corporations trying to bully their way into small towns across North Dakota. It's up to us to show

companies like Applied Digital that if they want to do business here, the community - not just the elected decision makers - need to be involved in the process. The whole community needs to benefit from projects like these with robust community benefit plans and for towns and rural electric cooperatives to require these facilities to generate their own on-site renewable power before welcoming them with open arms.

CLEAN ENERGY

North Dakota's Clean Energy Comeback



After several quiet years for clean energy development in North Dakota, a rush of new projects is now on the horizon. This includes a newly announced 150 MW solar array in McKenzie County and an as-yet-unannounced wind project in Cass County. We also have the first of many battery storage projects nearing approval, with proposals in Emmons (140 MW, 560 MWh) and Burke (100 MW, 400 MWh) counties now before the Public Service Commission.

These projects are appearing in three primary clusters: one centered on coal country in west-central North Dakota, another around the Ellendale data center and upcoming 345 kV line, and a third in Cass and Richland counties near Minnesota transmission lines. We expect this trend to continue over the next several years, with even greater investment likely in Cass and Richland counties.

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Inside North Dakota's Clean Energy Comeback: Current and Emerging Projects

Project Name	Size (MW)	County	Developer	CBA?
Under Construction				
Oliver IV Wind	200	Oliver County	Next Era	No
Badger Wind	262	Emmons	Orsted Onshore	No
Harmony Solar	200	Cass	Geronimo	No
Abercrombie Solar	300	Richland	Savion, Ottertail Power	In progress
Final Approvals				
Flickertail Wind	400	Eddy, Wells Counties	PRC Wind	Yes
Longspur Wind	200	Mercer, Morton	Allete, MN Power	No
Cattle Creek Solar	150	McKenzie	ibVEnergy	No
In Development				
Unnamed Project	200	Stutsman	NetEra	No
Unnamed Project	?	Dickey/Lamoure	Invenergy	No
Unnamed Project	?	Dickey/Lamoure	EDF Renewables	No
Unnamed Project	?	Burleigh	PRC Wind	Yes*
Ruso	200	McLean	PRC Wind	Yes*
Red Butte	200	Oliver	PRC Wind	Yes*
Unnamed Project	?	Cass	Unknown	Yes*

CBAs and Wind Power in Cass County

DRC will host two events in late December and early January to advance our Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) work. We can't accomplish this without our members and allies, and the potential rewards for our communities are huge. On December 18, we will host a webinar for our members and allies around the state. We're fortunate that one of the state's leading developers has agreed to incorporate CBAs into their future North Dakota projects.

We are also planning an in-person session for Cass County, where we will unveil our brand-new Imperial Wind framework. Building on what was accomplished in Eddy County with Flickertail Wind, we intend to coordinate the development of Cass County's wind resources for maximum public benefit. With limited export capacity elsewhere and a booming population, Cass County can make up for its otherwise middling wind resources with strong demand, giving us significant leverage.

CO2 CAPTURE

Court Strikes Down North Dakota Pore Space Law – A Big Win for Landowners



In a major victory for North Dakota landowners, a state district court has struck down North Dakota's pore space law (Chapter 38-22) as unconstitutional.

The lawsuit was brought by Northwest Landowners Association, several individual landowners, the Swanson Living Trust, and North Dakota Farm Bureau. They challenged the law that allowed CO₂ storage operators to use landowners' underground "pore space" for carbon storage without the owners' consent and without true just compensation.

The court agreed with the landowners, finding that authorizing a company to permanently inject and store CO₂ in a landowner's pore space is a permanent physical invasion of private property. Under both the North Dakota Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, that kind of invasion is a *per se* taking and requires just compensation, including the right to have a jury determine that compensation.

Chapter 38-22 only provided for vague "compensation," and the judge held that it did not meet North Dakota's constitutional standards. As a result, the court declared the law unconstitutional and unenforceable, and granted summary judgment in favor of the landowners.

This was not a Dakota Resource Council case, but DRC views this as a significant win for family
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farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners across the state. For years, landowners have raised concerns about CO₂ pipelines and underground storage projects that treat private property as a dumping ground for corporate waste.

This decision sends a clear message:

- Your land is your land.
- The Constitution still matters in North Dakota.
- Corporations do not get a free pass to use your pore space.

DRC will continue to organize with landowners to defend property rights and ensure that no one is forced to sacrifice their land for private gain.

OIL AND GAS

Possible Legacy Fund Investment in Controversial Belfield Refinery Draws Concern



A refinery proposal that many North Dakotans have followed for nearly a decade has surfaced again. The company behind the Davis Refinery near Belfield is now being considered for an investment from the state's Legacy Fund. The refinery has been talked about for years but the site remains mostly untouched. Even after permit fights and legal challenges, the project still has not moved forward in any meaningful way.

A firm hired to help identify North Dakota projects for the Legacy Fund recently placed the refinery on a list of developments it is reviewing. The idea is that the Legacy Fund should support in state projects that create long term value. The refinery proposal raises many questions about whether it actually meets that standard.

DRC has followed this issue from the beginning. The location has always been a concern because it sits only a few miles from Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The company has struggled to secure enough financing for a project that is expected to cost around one billion dollars. Those struggles have continued year after year. Nothing has been built. Nothing has materially changed.

Scott Skokos, DRC's executive director, reminded people why this should matter to the public.

"That's enough to say this is a bad investment," Scott said. "They are ignoring all the red flags."

The Legacy Fund was created to support the long term interests of the people of North Dakota. It is meant to strengthen communities and provide real economic value. When a project has this much uncertainty attached to it, and this long of a history without progress, it raises serious concerns about whether public money should be involved at all.

As discussions continue, DRC will stay engaged and make sure that the public understands what is at stake. North Dakotans deserve investments that are solid, transparent, and beneficial to the people who live here. We will continue to watch this process and speak up for responsible use of the Legacy Fund.



A Look Back at the Year in Oil and Gas



This has been a challenging year for our oil and gas work. The new presidential administration moved quickly to undo years of progress that DRC members fought hard to achieve. At the federal level we spent most of 2025 playing defense. We worked to protect commonsense safeguards and to preserve the public's right to have a voice in decisions that affect our communities.

One of the biggest setbacks came from the Environmental Protection Agency under Administrator Lee Zeldin. In July the agency pushed back the start of the 2024 methane rule without any public input. The delay was not legal and it put frontline communities at risk. The methane rule would cut millions of tons of methane, one of the most powerful greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. It would also reduce leaks, venting, flaring, and smog forming pollution. These protections matter in places like Fort Berthold where people live with the consequences of oil development every single day. There is no responsible reason to delay the rule and there is no justification for shutting out the public.

DRC has continued to speak out and to call on our members to do the same. The Clean Air Act requires public involvement for a reason. Decisions about air quality affect our health and our land. When federal agencies try to move forward without hearing from the people who live here, it is our responsibility to respond. North Dakotans have always stepped up when their communities are at risk and this year has been no different.

We have also seen troubling activity in Congress. NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act, is once again under attack. Representative Golden of Maine and Representative Westerman of Arkansas introduced the SPEED Act, House Resolution 4776. The bill is marketed as a way to make permitting faster. In reality it limits environmental review and tries to weaken the public's ability to weigh in on major federal projects. The SPEED Act would prevent agencies from using updated climate science, revised wildfire maps, or modern health risk information when evaluating new development. It would also shrink the definition of major federal action, which would make it harder for communities to challenge oil, gas, and mining projects on public lands.

For decades some members of Congress have viewed NEPA as an obstacle to fossil fuel development. What is new and concerning is that a few Democrats are now repeating that same argument in the context of renewable energy. The evidence tells a different story. The problem is not NEPA. The problem is that agencies lack the staff and resources they need to process complex projects in a timely manner. Instead of investing in that capacity, Congress is choosing to weaken the law that gives the public a voice.

Even with these federal challenges, DRC members have stayed busy on the ground. Working closely with Fort Berthold POWER and with former DRC organizer JP Holmes, we completed the installation of eight new air monitors across Fort Berthold. These monitors provide real time information about the air people are breathing. They detect methane leaks and other harmful emissions at the same moment that federal protections are being pulled back. This work shows why grassroots organizing matters. When national politics move in the wrong direction, strong local action can still protect communities.

As we look toward the year ahead, DRC will continue to defend public participation. We will stand up for clean air and we will hold polluters accountable. The political environment may shift, but our commitment does not. Our members know what is at stake for rural North Dakota. Together we will keep pushing for healthy communities and responsible development that respects the people who live here.

Building Stronger Representation Across North Dakota

DRC Moves from Affiliates to a Regional Structure

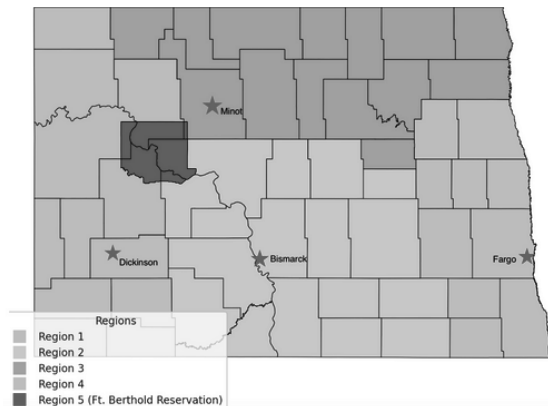
At our annual meeting this fall, Dakota Resource Council members approved an important update to how our organization is structured across the state. DRC is transitioning away from the old affiliate model and organizing statewide through five clearly defined geographic regions.

This change is about strengthening representation, improving coordination, and making sure that voices from every part of North Dakota are directly reflected in DRC's leadership and decision making.

Why the Change

For many years, DRC organized through local affiliate groups. While that structure helped build strong campaigns, it did not always provide consistent or equitable representation across the state. Some areas had active affiliates while others did not, even though members were engaged and affected by the same issues.

The new regional structure creates a more balanced and inclusive system. Organizing by region allows DRC to better connect members, coordinate campaigns, and ensure that leadership reflects the geographic diversity of North Dakota.



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Why This Matters

The move to a regional structure strengthens DRC's ability to organize statewide while keeping leadership rooted in local experience. Every region now has guaranteed representation on the Board, helping ensure that decisions reflect the realities of rural communities, tribal nations, small towns, and farming and ranching areas across North Dakota.

These changes are about clarity, fairness, and building durable grassroots power as DRC continues to take on issues that affect communities across the state.

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