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Nebraska Farmers Union 110th Annual State Convention

"Proudly Serving Family Farm, Ranch, & Rural Families Since 1913"

December 8-9, 2023

Divots Convention Center, 4200 W Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701

Friday Morning, December 8, 2023

- 8:00 Registration Begins and Exhibits Open
- 9:00 Call to order: Convention Convenes, Welcome, Pledge, Prayer, Past Convention Minutes
- 9:10 NeFU Foundation Report & Elections-- John Hansen, NeFU Foundation Secretary
Elect At-Large Member to NeFU Foundation, 1 year term (Doug Dittman is current director)
- 9:20 NeFU Education Report—John Hansen
- 9:30 Nebraska Rural Radio Association Report
 - Tim Marshall, NRRRA Chief Operating Officer
 - Dwight Lane, KTIC Station Manager
 - Ben Steffen, NRRRA President

9:45 Refreshment Break Sponsored by: Nebraska Rural Radio Association

- 10:15 USDA NRCS Conservation Programs Opportunities
 - Rob Lawson, State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 10:45 USDA FSA Programs, Challenges, and Opportunities
 - Tim Divis, Acting Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Administration
 - Roy Stoltenberg, Chair, NE FSA State Committee
- 11:15 NeFU Elections: Report by Elections Chair, Richard Corman
 - Last call for additional nominations for NeFU President (2024-2025)
 - Introduction of candidates for NeFU Delegates to NFU Convention
March 10-12, 2024 National Farmers Union Convention, Plaza Resort Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ
Elect Top Six NFU Convention Delegates--Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates
(Top 3 vote getters are Delegates—next 3 are Alternates)
 - Districts 1& 5 caucus for additional NeFU District Director Nominations (2024-2025-2026)
 - District Presidents caucus to select their representative for NeFU Foundation Board of Directors

12:00 Noon Luncheon

- 12:20 Welcome to Norfolk: Mayor Josh Moenning
- 12:30 NFU Government Relations Report: Aaron Shier, NFU Government Relations Director
- 1:15 First Round Elections

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Friday Afternoon, December 8, 2023

1:30 Farmers Union Midwest Agency, LLP report, introduction of agents, & Branded Insurance Products Update

- Jeff Downing, Farmers Union Midwest Agency
- Kevin Harrington, Financial Services Director

2:00 Norfolk Crush Plant Update—Chad Spohn

2:30 Using Climate Based Tools for Agricultural Decision Making

- Dr. Eric Hunt, Climate resilience Extension Educator

3:15 Nebraska Farmers Union PAC report—Vern Jantzen

3:30 **Refreshment Break**

3:30 Second Round of Elections if needed for NFU Convention Delegates

4:00 Nebraska Tribal Agricultural Initiatives

- Aaron Lapointe, Senior Director Business Operations, Ho Chunk Incorporated

5:15 NEBFARMPAC Wine & Cheese Social

6:15 Friday Evening Banquet & Celebration

- President's Award Presentation: Kay Walter & Tim Rinne
- "The State of our Farmers Union"—Jeff Kippley, Vice President, National Farmers Union
- "Farmers Union, the Key to Success"—Tom Giessel, NFU Amateur Historian, Larned, KS

Saturday Morning, December 9, 2023

7:00 Builders Club Breakfast—Madison Room in North Lobby

7:00 Complimentary Breakfast—Hotel Lobby

8:30 Convention Reconvenes

8:30 NeFU Vice President's Report—Vern Jantzen

8:45 Wind Powered Jobs for Rural Kids in Rural Communities

- John Liewer, Wind Energy Technology Instructor, Northeast Community College

9:15 USDA Farm Service Programs

- John Berge, Acting USDA Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs

10:00 Refreshment Break

10:30 Unscrambling the Extended Farm Bill

- Jeff Kippley, NFU Vice President
- Aaron Shier, NFU Government Affairs Director
- John Berge, Acting USDA Deputy Administrator for Farm Program

11:30 Adjourn and Hotel Checkout

12:00 Noon Luncheon

- NeFU President John Hansen, NeFU President's Report to Membership
- Rep. Mike Flood (Invited: Schedule subject to the Call of the Speaker)

1:30 NeFU Financials—John Hansen & Lisa Orem

1:45 Policy Consideration & Adoption Until Completed

3:15 Convention Wrap Up—John Hansen

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