



2023 SDPA Annual Conference Mitchell, SD

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"I want to welcome all of you on behalf of the South Dakota Planners Association to the annual conference in Mitchell, SD! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped create this amazing agenda and to all of the speakers joining us today for taking time out of their busy lives to come and educate all of us!" – Amber Vogt, SDPA President

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023	
6:30 - 8:30 pm	Networking Mixer w/ 2 drinks provided - food is pay on your own @ The Back 40 Taphouse Grill located at 511 N Main Street, Mitchell SD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023	
8:30 - 9:00 am	REGISTRATION & NETWORKING (hotels provide breakfast - coffee provided at conference)
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome to Mitchell, SD Bob Everson Mayor of Mitchell
9:15-10:45 am CM Credits 1.0	<p>ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER' EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE - Todd Kays, Executive Director, First District Association of Local Governments; Luke Muller, Senior Planner, First District Association of Local Governments, Codington County Zoning Officer and Brian McGinnis, Community Development Specialist, Planning & Development District III</p> <p><i>Todd, Luke and Brian will provide a review of common parliamentary rules and how to make sense of that process in a planning and zoning world. From their experiences, they will also provide insight and best management procedures for planning commission and board member behavior regarding board by-laws, and ex-parte communications.</i></p>
10:45 - 11:00 am	BREAK (Sponsored by The Planning Districts)
11:00-12:00 pm CM Credits 1.25	<p>AG PRESERVATION HAPPENING IN SD Jeff Vander Wilt, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service and Tony Leif, Executive Director, SD Agricultural Land Trust</p> <p><i>Jeff will discuss the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP). Tony will discuss the background of what the South Dakota Agricultural Land Trust (SDALT) provides to South Dakota farmers and ranchers. SDALT has built an organizational foundation of statewide support necessary to deliver conservation solutions to SD producers and is working with those landowners who contact us to solicit our help in protecting their farm and ranch property with conservation easements. Their mission is to conserve South Dakota's agricultural heritage and working landscapes for the benefit of future generations. They look to secure voluntary conservation easements that benefit the sustainability of working agricultural lands, the landowners who steward them, and the natural resources they provide.</i></p>

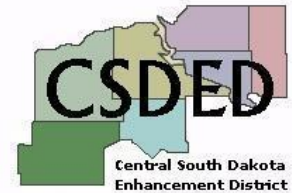
12:00-1:30 pm	LUNCH Provided at Highlands by SDPA	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	CITY SESSION CM Credits 1.0	COUNTY SESSION CM Credits 1.0
	<p>MAIN STREET STREETScape - Ashley Endres, Director of Mitchell Main Street & Beyond</p> <p><i>Ashley will discuss Mitchell's downtown historic district, business improvement district #3 (BID) as well as the Main Street streetscape plan. The BID#3 tax was established in 2018 and is projected to raise approximately \$45,000 per year with a portion of the funds being used as a grant improvement program that is available to anyone within the BID#3 district area. This grant program allows owners to make exterior improvements to enhance the historic commercial district. These improvements are designed to turn around the deteriorating area and improve the entire city's quality of life. The remaining BID funds are being used for the "look and feel" enhancements and features along our Main Street. These elements will attract area shoppers and tourists to the heart of town. The streetscape concept is a process in which each intersection will be complete in consecutive years.</i></p>	<p>PLATTING: TITLE AND HOW IT COMES TOGETHER - Amber Vogt, Lawrence County Planning & Zoning Director and Adam Thompson, PLS, CFedsS, Regional Vice President of Interstate Engineering</p> <p><i>Amber and Adam will discuss the many differences within platting requirements across the state both in the different county offices as well as the register of deeds offices. What basic things can we learn from? How do we make it easier across the board? We want this to be a conversation amongst the state as we know each area differs.</i></p>
2:30 - 3:30 pm	CITY SESSION Complete Streets in Sioux Falls	SESSION B
	<p>COMPLETE STREETS IN SIOUX FALLS - Kristen Benidt, Urban Planner; Fletcher Lacock, AICP, Urban Planner and Sam Trebilcock, AICP, Senior Planner – all of City of Sioux Falls, SD</p> <p><i>What can communities and planners do to start advocating for active transportation and the benefits to the health, wealth, and well-being of a community? In 2015, the City of Sioux Falls, SD adopted a Complete Streets resolution to prioritize early inclusion of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit accommodations in roadway projects. But it doesn't stop there. In 2022, the City of Sioux Falls adopted an ordinance creating an Active Transportation Board to provide a consistent voice on bicycle, pedestrian, and all other human-powered mobility.</i></p> <p><i>This presentation provides an update on what Sioux Falls planners are working on including: a timeline and review of the process to create an Active Transportation Board, a look at improving Complete Streets design standards and ordinances, a review of bicycle and pedestrian crash data, and the coordination needed to create bicycle infrastructure maps for the new Sioux Falls Bike Plan.</i></p>	<p>What is your Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)? Toby Brown, Lincoln County Planning Department</p> <p><i>As Planners, we know we have many codes and laws, but what are the step-by-step set of instructions to guide you and your department so that you perform in a consistent manner. The presenters will share their experiences with and without SOPs and why they are important in the day-to-day function of a planning/regulatory department.</i></p>
3:30 - 3:45 pm	BREAK Sponsored by:	
		
3:45 - 5:00 pm CM Credits 1.0	<p>WATER...WATER...WATER - Cheryl Chapman, PhD, PE, Executive Director, Western Dakota Regional Water System, Inc Communities in western South Dakota rely on surface and ground water for its drinking water source. Studies show that prolonged drought diminishes the available water to the point of insufficient water resources for current and future demands. Western Dakota Regional Water System (WDRWS) was formed to provide abundant, clean water from the Missouri River and other sources to western South Dakota. The presentation addresses the history and progress of its efforts and impact on the future planning and growth in the region.</p>	
6:00 - 8:00 pm	Dinner & 2 Drinks Provided/Business Meeting @ Blarneys (Right next to the Hotel)	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023		

8:00 - 8:30 am	NETWORKING (hotels provide breakfast - coffee provided at conference)
8:30 - 10:00 am CM Credits 1.5	ETHICS for Real People - Jeopardy Style - Jayna Wattson, AICP Retired Planner <i>Planners are influenced by a long list of factors that affect daily decision making and true professional behavior. This session will cover ethics case studies published by the American Planning Association and includes a fun game show style segment!</i>
10:00 - 10:15 am	BREAK & SNACK (Time to check out is by 11:00 am)
10:15 - 11:15 pm	SOUTH DAKOTA PLANNING & ZONING LEGAL ISSUES OF THE YEAR - Jack Hieb, Attorney and Partner and Zachary Peterson, Attorney and Partner with Richardson Law Firm Attorneys <i>Jack and Zach are back with a legal update of what's happening this year in South Dakota. They will review any case law that we need to be aware of or changes occurring in legislation.</i>
11:15 - 12:00 pm	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION/CONFERENCE WRAP UP. <i>Best and worst practices. Let's talk about what you want!</i>

Thank you to the Conference Committee!

Amber Vogt, SDPA President; Brandi Hanten, SDPA Vice President; Adam Roach, SDPA Secretary/Treasurer; Toby Brown, SDPA Past President; Karen Wegleitner, Davison County Deputy Administrator; Jeff Bathke, Davison County, Administrator

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