



## 2018 Wisconsin Rural Summit Agenda

### Day 1: Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Tour of Sauk County Success Stories

Registration 11:30 – 12:30      Clarion Hotel, West Baraboo

Bus Departs 12:30

Tour 1:00 -

Participants will be treated to a 4-hour tour of Sauk County business, economic and community development success stories. Narrated driving tour coupled with multiple project stops offer the chance to witness a variety of project types in communities of all sizes, along with opportunities to chat with individuals involved in these initiatives. Various stops and topics of discussion at each are listed below.

Reedsburg

Worm Farm Institute, Fermentation Fest, New Housing Development Overview (Walnut Flats, Dewey Street, Grove Street, Viking Estates)

Plain

Community Rebranding, Housing Demand

Spring Green

Industry and Employee Retention – Cardinal Glass Tour

Sauk Prairie

Great Sauk State Trail, Sauk Prairie Hospital Development, Vintage Brewery

Baraboo

Riverwalk Tour, Circus World Museum

5:30 - 7:00

Reception Baraboo Arts Convention Center– cash bar and appetizers

7:00

Bus returns to hotel

**Day 2: Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Wisconsin Rural Summit Conference Agenda**

**7:30 – 8:30      Registration – Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Baraboo**

**8:30 – 8:45      Welcome**

**8:45 – 9:45      The State of Rural Wisconsin Update**

Rural Prosperity Taskforce – Frank Fassetto, Wisconsin State Director, USDA

Wisconsin Rural Initiative – State Representative Nancy Vandermeer

Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Program - Barb LaMue, VP Economic and Community Development, WEDC

**9:45 – 10:00      Break**

**10:00 – 11:00      Future of Health Care Panel**

State of Rural Healthcare – John Eich, Director, Wisconsin Office of Rural Health

Mobile Health Care Delivery - Alex Sommers, CEO & Founder, Astia Health

Telepharmacy - Greg Janes, Directory of Marketing, Telepharm

Sober Houses – Wally Orzechowski, Executive Director, SWCAP

**11:00 – 12:00      Future of Infrastructure**

State of Rural Transportation – Craig Thompson, Executive Director, TDA Wisconsin, Doug Reinemann, PhD, Associate Dean Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW Madison

Autonomous Vehicles – Jon Reihl, Transportation Systems Engineer, UW College of Engineering

Clean Water – Scott Laeser, Water Program Director, Clean Wisconsin

Broadband – Angie Dickison, Wisconsin Broadband Director

**12:00 – 12:45      Lunch Keynote**

**Love Wisconsin: Connecting Wisconsin through Storytelling and Conversation**

Love Wisconsin Co-Founders, Megan Monday and Jet Waller, will discuss their 'homegrown' statewide storytelling project and share - from vision to reality - the challenges and success along the way. Love Wisconsin has a special focus on sharing voices across 'divides', including rural and urban voices. For the Rural Partners Summit, Megan and Jet will share some of their favorite Love Wisconsin rural stories.

**12:45 – 1:15      Future of Wisconsin Rural Partners**

**1:15 – 1:30      Top Rural Development Initiative Awards**

**1:30- 2:30      Breakout Session–** Developing a personal story for your community with Love Wisconsin team – outcome to be featured in Love Wisconsin Conversations project

**1:30 – 2:30**

**Future of Housing Panel**

State of Rural Housing – Stuart Kuzik, Business and Community Engagement Manager, WHEDA

Rural Housing Demand – Terry Whipple, Executive Director, Juneau County Economic Development Corporation

Cooperative Housing Development - Warren Kramer, Executive Director North Country Cooperative Foundation

Tiny Houses for Veterans Development – Jeff Gustin, Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin

**2:30 – 2:45**

**Break**

**2:45 – 3:45**

**Future of Agriculture Panel**

State of Rural Agriculture – Paul Mitchell, Director, Renk AgriBusiness Institute

Agriculture Trends & Tools - Keith Ripp, Assistant Deputy Secretary, DATCP

Hemp Manufacturing - Marc Grignon, Hempstead Project Heart

CSA – Kriss Marion, Fairshare Coalition

**3:45 – 4:00**

**2019 Rural Summit Venue Announcement**

**4:00 – 4:15**

**Next Steps and Closing**