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Speakers listed in order of presentation.



Stan Clouse, Mayor, City of Kearney

Stan Clouse attended Mid-Plains Community College and Kearney State College, and has been employed as an account manager for Nebraska Public Power District since 1978. In 2003, he was elected to the Kearney City Council and, in 2006, was voted by his fellow council members to serve as mayor of Kearney.

His service has included the League of Municipalities Executive Board of Directors and Legislative Committee, the Kearney Board of Adjustments, Shelton Village Board, North Platte Planning Commission, and Governor appointments to the State Natural Resources Commission, Water Funding Task Force, Human Trafficking Task Force and Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officials Board.

He is actively engaged in service organizations such as the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce, Great Platte River Road Archway Board of Directors, Buffalo County Economic Development Council Board of Directors, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Kearney.

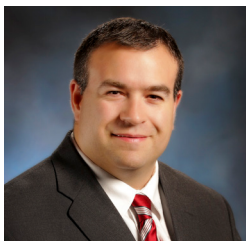


Lanny Nickell, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Southwest Power Pool

As executive vice president and chief operating officer, Lanny Nickell is responsible for SPP's provision of engineering, operations and information technology services to members and customers. These services include coordination of reliable power system operations, development, design and administration of energy markets, development of transmission expansion plans needed to facilitate delivery of reliable and affordable energy to consumers, and administration of resource adequacy policies.

Nickell began his career as a planning engineer for Public Service Company of Oklahoma. He joined SPP in 1997 as an operations engineer where he helped establish SPP's reliability coordination and tariff administration functions. He was promoted to the management team in 1998, became vice president of operations in 2008, vice president of engineering in 2011 and senior vice president of engineering in 2019. Throughout his career, he has served on numerous industry committees developing national and regional electric reliability and energy market policies. Nickell currently serves as staff secretary for SPP's Markets and Operations Policy Committee and participates in numerous community and philanthropic boards.

Nickell received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tulsa and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. He is married and has four children.



Matt Gilliland, Director, Operations Support & Business Continuity, Nebraska Public Power District

Matt Gilliland is the director of Operations Support and Business Continuity for Nebraska Public Power District, working with NPPD's transportation, facilities, aviation, drafting, inventory and business continuity departments. Gilliland holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration. He is the chairman-emeritus of the Upper Midwest Utility Fleet Council, serves as editor for professional trade magazines, serves on the advisory boards for Nebraska's Technical Community Colleges as well as the York Chamber of Commerce Board, coaches local youth sports, recently led NPPD's COVID 19 Response Team, and is currently leading NPPD's Supply Chain Disruption Mitigation Team. Gilliland and his wife Brooke live in York Nebraska with their two children.

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Brad Moline, President & Chief Executive Officer, ALLO Communications

Brad Moline founded ALLO Communications in 2003 in Imperial, Nebraska. ALLO is a telecommunications company offering fiber telephone, long-distance, broadband, internet and television to residents, businesses and governmental entities. ALLO currently provides communications services to 28 cities across Nebraska, Colorado and Arizona totaling approx. 797,000 in population. In 2015, ALLO became a subsidiary of Nelnet further diversifying Nelnet's revenue outside of education. In 2020, SDC Capital Partners, LLC, a private investment firm focused on IT and communications infrastructure, invested in ALLO. ALLO, and its investor group, share a commitment to providing an exceptional customer experience and world-class technology.

Previously, Moline held several senior positions with organizations across the U.S. before returning home to Nebraska with his wife to raise their family. Among those positions, Moline was the Senior Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer, and a driving force behind the exponential growth of Birch Telecom, Inc. in Kansas City. From 1994 to 1997, Moline took a large national transportation company public and was retained as a valued board member serving on the audit committee. Moline also serves on the board of his family's grocery operations in Nebraska and Colorado. He holds a degree in business administration, with distinction, from the University of Nebraska and is formerly a certified public accountant with Ernest & Young.



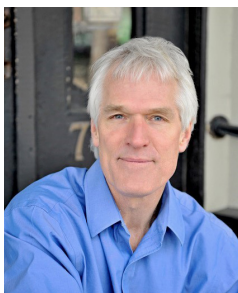
Andy Pollock, Attorney, Rembolt Ludtke

Andy Pollock of rural Seward County is a partner with the Rembolt Ludtke law firm with offices in Lincoln and Seward. Pollock's primary practice is government relations and lobbying. In the past few years, he has led efforts to reform telecommunications and broadband laws and regulations so that competition can accelerate infrastructure deployment in rural areas. Pollock also dabbles in history and creative writing. He and his wife, Kris, have four children.



Aaron Bennett, Vice President, Broadband Development, NRTC

Aaron has dedicated most of his career to rural and emerging market broadband development. Bennett has 30+ years' experience in the fixed and mobile rural infrastructure markets globally and has built teams and project development strategies for FTTx, copper, LTE and WiMAX. Prior to joining NRTC, he held senior executive positions at ip.access, General Dynamics, IPWireless and Alvarion. Bennett is a U.S. Naval veteran of the Sonar Intelligence field and served the U.S. during the Persian Gulf War in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.



Peter Kelly-Detwiler

Peter Kelly-Detwiler has spent more than 30 years of experience in the electric power sector. He is co-founder of NorthBridge Energy Partners LLC, a consulting firm helping companies develop strategies for rapidly evolving power markets.

Kelly-Detwiler is an energy industry thought leader and consults and speaks all over the world. He's advised startups as well as large companies like GE, Nike and SunPower to adapt to a rapidly evolving landscape.

He is known as a contributing writer for Forbes.com and other energy publications. His recently published book, "The Energy Switch," tells the story about the transformation of electric power markets.

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Nina Swanson, Director, Organizational Development, Omaha Public Power District

Nina Swanson has been working in Organization Development, Talent and Leadership Development for over 25 years. She is currently the director of Organizational Development and Enterprise Change Management at OPPD. Prior to OPPD she spent 15 years in tech and eCommerce in a variety of roles always focused on organizational strategy and talent alignment, leadership development and organization transformation work. She has also lead global teams across several industries including financial services, healthcare and rofessional services.

Nina earned a BA in Psychology from St. Olaf College in Northfield MN and a Masters Degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University. She lives in Omaha with her husband, dog (Scout) and her two children when home from college and new adventures.



Hill Thomas, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Hill Thomas was born and raised in Tennille, Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, in Athens, with a degree in Agricultural Economics. After graduating college, he moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for the National Mining Association. Then he served for eight years as Legislative Director for Congressman John Barrow, of Georgia, a member of the Energy & Commerce Committee and the Agriculture Committee and as Deputy Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Gwen Graham, of Florida, a member of the Armed Services Committee and Agriculture Committee. Hill has worked at NRECA for six years, currently serving as Vice President of Legislative Affairs, where he leads the lobby team overseeing legislative advocacy on all issues of interest to electric cooperatives. Hill and his wife have three young kids and live in Washington, D.C.



Desmarie Waterhouse, Vice President, Government Relations & Counsel, American Public Power Association

At APPA Desmarie Waterhouse promotes the interests of over 2,000 community-owned electric systems before Congress and federal agencies on a variety of energy and telecommunications-related issues. She has 20+ years of experience in government affairs, both as a congressional staffer and as a lobbyist.

Prior to joining APPA, she was the director of Government Affairs for Ygomi LLC, an international holding and operating company for technology services in Illinois and, prior to that, she was a Senior Associate at Collins & Company, Inc., a lobbying firm located in Arlington, Virginia. At Collins, she provided clients with strategic advice on the development and implementation of their government relations agenda. Waterhouse was an associate at National Public Radio and spent six years on Capitol Hill, beginning her career with Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), then moving over to the House of Representatives and working for Congresswoman Karen McCarthy (D-MO) as a legislative assistant.

Waterhouse graduated from Duke University with a BA in political science and history. She also holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University and a JD from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

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Dustin Thorne, Manager, Cyber Security, Lincoln Electric System

Dustin Thorne oversees all aspects of Cyber Security to include: corporate, SCADA, substation, Internet of Things and Payment Card Industry (PCI). In this role he manages a Cyber Operations Center which handles incident response, firewall configuration, e-mail defense and vulnerability scanning. Additionally he manages the governance, risk and compliance (GRC) function, which creates corporate policies, audits other functions of IT and ensure compliance is met for various regulatory requirements.

Dustin enlisted in the Air Force in 1998 and spent 20 years fulfilling various roles around the globe. During this time, he was stationed in Wyoming, South Korea, Germany, Georgia, Japan, Hawaii and Nebraska. He also deployed to Qatar, Bahrain and Kyrgyzstan.

Dustin has been awarded his bachelor's degree in Business Analysis from Bellevue University and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He currently holds a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.



Chuck Hutchison, Vice Chairman, Nebraska Power Review Board

Mr. Hutchison was originally appointed to the Power Review Board on May 10, 2017, and confirmed by the Legislature on May 23, 2017. Governor Ricketts appointed him to a second term on Jan. 2, 2021, and was confirmed by the Legislature on March 31, 2021. His current term of office will expire on Jan. 1, 2025. He is one of the Board's two designated lay members. He lives in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Hutchison served in the Navy for 28 years, first as a nuclear-trained submarine officer and later supporting overseas contingency operations from U.S. Cyber Command. He leads the Advanced Warfare Implementation branch at the U.S. Strategic Command. His responsibilities include developing partnerships and obtaining funding for demonstrations and tests to accelerate fielding of warfighting capabilities.

Hutchison is a graduate of California State University at Northridge, where he received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He also received a M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Nebraska.