



# PRAIRIE CAPITAL

## SUMMIT

2023



## WELCOME TO PRAIRIE CAPITAL SUMMIT!

We believe that entrepreneurs and startups succeed when they have access to the resources they need — whether that's business support, social capital, or private capital. Prairie Capital Summit was created as a way to bring together entrepreneurs, investors, and community builders to spark discussions around private capital in the midwest. This gathering includes inspiring and educational speakers, panel discussions on topics relevant to founders and investors, and educational tracks for those managing funds and those wanting to learn more about raising capital.

We're glad you're here.





# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

**REGISTRATION**

10:30 AM

**WELCOME**

**EVENT HOSTS: KODEE FURST** – 50 South Capital

**JONATHAN WARREY** – North Dakota State Representative

10:40 AM

**INVESTING IN NORTH DAKOTA**

10:55 AM

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**WADE MEYERS** – Eagle Venture Fund

10:55 AM

**FOUNDER WINS**

**HOST: SADIE SCHAEFFER** – Emerging Prairie

**WYATT WARKENTHIEN** – Pathway Ventures

**JOEL JORGENSEN** – BWR Innovations, Oncore Energy

**JOSH KLUG** – Aethero

**HUNTER BECK** – Dakota Venture Group

**BRYCE WUORI** – Pavewise

**BECKY NEWELL** – Levridge

11:40 AM

**BREAKOUT SESSION #1**

**BEN STANLEY • ABHINAYA KONDURU • MATT PAULSON**

Preparing For Your Seed Round

**KATHY COCHRAN • BLAINE CRISSMAN**

Leveraging Your Board

12:25 PM

**LUNCH**

1:25 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION #2**

**BRADY NASH**

Are You Ready to Scale? Do the Math

**BLAINE BOOHER • ARNAUD THIERCELIN • JASE KRAFT**

What Your CTO Isn't Telling You

2:10 PM

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**VAN ESPAHBODI** – Generational Partners



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2:30 PM

**BREAK**

2:45 PM

**FIRESIDE CHAT – PATH TO EXIT**

**KODEE FURST** – 50 Capital South

**BROOKS BURGUM** – LongWater Opportunities

3:05 PM

**PANEL – USING AI TO SCALE**

**MODERATOR: ASHER KRAUT** – Generational Partners

**BRIGIT BLOTE** – Fomeno

**JON CABAK** – Detect Auto

**TANNER PALM** – generAI

3:25 PM

**FIRESIDE CHAT – EVOLUTION FROM SEED TO C:  
BUSHEL'S CAPITAL JOURNEY**

**KODEE FURST** – 50 Capital South

**RYAN RAGUSE** – Bushel

**CHARLES HOLMES** – Germin8 Ventures

3:45 PM

**GRATITUDE**

4:00 PM

**HAPPY HOUR, HOSTED BY LONGWATER OPPORTUNITIES**





## 2023 SPEAKERS



**EVENT HOST: KODEE FURST**

Director  
50 South Capital



**EVENT HOST: JONATHAN WARREY**

State Representative  
State of North Dakota



**HUNTER BECK**

President  
Dakota Venture Group



**BRIGIT BLOTE**

Co-Founder / CEO  
Fomeno



**BLAINE BOOHER**

Program Director  
Emerging Digital Academy



**BROOKS BURGUM**

Partner  
LongWater Opportunities



**JON CABAK**

Co-Founder / CEO  
Detect Auto



**KATHY COCHRAN**

Founder  
Elevate2 Consulting



## 2023 SPEAKERS



**BLAINE CRISSMAN**  
Managing Partner  
Badlands Capital



**VAN ESPAHBODI**  
Partner  
Generational Partners



**CHARLES HOLMES**  
Associate  
Germin8 Ventures



**JOEL JORGENSEN**  
CEO  
BWR Innovations + Oncore Energy



**JOSH KLUG**  
COO  
Aethero



**ABHINAYA KONDURU**  
Principal  
M25



**JASE KRAFT**  
CTO  
Pavewise



**ASHER KRAUT**  
General Partner  
Generational Partners



**WADE MEYERS**  
General Partner  
Eagle Venture Fund



## 2023 SPEAKERS



**BRADY NASH**  
CEO  
Nash Capital



**BECKY NEWELL**  
President  
Levridge



**TANNER PALM**  
Co-Founder / CDO  
generAI



**MATT PAULSON**  
General Partner  
Homegrown Capital



**RYAN RAGUSE**  
President / Co-Founder  
Bushel



**BEN STANLEY**  
Principal  
gener8tor 1889



**ARNAUD THIERCELIN**  
Chief Technology & Product Officer  
Thread



**WYATT WARKENTHIEN**  
President  
Pathway Ventures



**BRYCE WUORI**  
CEO / Co-Founder  
Pavewise

# JOIN US FOR THE FINAL DAY OF CURIOSITY WEEK TOMORROW!

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00am CDT  | <input type="radio"/> Coffee and Coding <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                                                               |
| 9:00am CDT  | <input type="radio"/> POC Networking (Free -- No reg. required) <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                                       |
|             | <input type="radio"/> Business Funding: Loans, Grants, State Programs, Oh My <b>ALMOST FULL</b><br>Lindsay Breuler • Hannah Lange • Lisa Mistic • Jon Eisert                         |
|             | <input type="radio"/> Open Golf at Suite Shots <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                                                        |
|             | <input type="radio"/> Yoga <b>LIMITED</b><br>Allison Grippe                                                                                                                          |
| 10:15am CDT | <input type="radio"/> Open Golf at Suite Shots <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                                                        |
|             | <input type="radio"/> Integrating AI Into Your Business <b>FULL</b><br>Tanner Palm                                                                                                   |
|             | <input type="radio"/> How Can You Cultivate an Entrepreneurial Mindset? <b>ALMOST FULL</b><br>Bree Langemo                                                                           |
| 1:15pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> What is the Future of Workplace Culture? <b>FULL</b><br>Mark Traynor Quareme (facilitator) • Camille Grade • Jenny Olson • Pat Lipsiea • Sarah Stetten         |
|             | <input type="radio"/> How Can You Improve Your Performance as a Leader? <b>ALMOST FULL</b><br>Dave Pickles                                                                           |
| 2:00pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> Recreation Summit (Free- No Registration Required) <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                              |
| 2:30pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> What Is a Business Accelerator? <b>ALMOST FULL</b><br>Aaron Mooney (facilitator) • Chad Ulven • Lindsay Breuler • Nick Tietz • Sarah Louise                    |
| 3:45pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> What Will FM Metro Look Like in 100 Years? <b>LIMITED</b><br>Kris Bakkegard • Colleen Fitzgerald (facilitator) • Dr. Rupak Gandhi • Dan Mahli • Lindsay Malone |
| 5:00pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> Closing Party Sponsored by LandTrust <b>LIMITED</b><br>Nic De Castro                                                                                           |
| 6:30pm CDT  | <input type="radio"/> She Starts Fargo: Happy Hour <b>LIMITED</b>                                                                                                                    |

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://CURIOSITYWEEK2023A.SCHED.COM](https://curiosityweek2023a.sched.com)





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