

**Mark Resner**, Chair, Vision West ND Consortium

Mark is Executive Director of the Hettinger County, North Dakota Job Development Authority, and Director of the Hettinger County Energy Impact Office. He also currently serves as Consortium Chair for Vision West ND.

Mark is a life-long resident of southwestern North Dakota, is “mature” (read as *old*) enough to have experienced the boom and bust of the early 1980’s, and is just bright enough to be sure we don’t want to go through that again. He attended Dickinson State College and spent fifteen years in wholesale sales and management. He operated a resort on Lake Sakakawea, held a Merchant Marine Captain’s license, and operated his own charter boat service. Mark has also spent more than a dozen years in advertising and marketing, and owned his own marketing firm for several years before transitioning to economic development.

Vision West ND is a regional strategic planning project encompassing nineteen counties and the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in western North Dakota. The goals of the project are to ensure economic sustainability by addressing immediate needs to meet growth management challenges, and development of long-range strategic plans for the included counties, communities, the Three Affiliated Tribes, and the region.