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Craig Schaunaman was appointed by the Obama Administration to serve as South Dakota State Executive Director (SED) for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Schaunaman has been actively involved in agriculture for over 30 years. Beginning in 1977, Schaunaman farmed with both his father and brother. For the last 16 years Schaunaman and his brother have operated a farming partnership near the Aberdeen area. From 1988-1998 he was elected to five consecutive terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives where he served as the House Minority Leader and House Whip. Schaunaman has served on numerous state and local boards including Heartland Grain Fuels, Dakota Fuels, Aberdeen Development Corporation, South Dakota State FSA Committee, South Dakota Wheat Incorporated Board, and the Brown County Drainage Board. Schaunaman attended Aberdeen Central High School and Northern State University.

Craig and his wife Carolyn reside in Aberdeen with their two children Emma and Sam. Emma is a sophomore at South Dakota State University in Brookings majoring in Agricultural Economics and Sam is a seventh grader at Simmons Middle School in Aberdeen.