

Minnesota Renewable Energy Roundtable

Friday, July 17, 2015
 Heintz Center
 Room HB117
 1926 College View Road East
 Rochester, MN 55904
 9:00 am- 3:00 pm



TIME	TOPIC	
8:40 am	Registration, rolls, coffee and networking	
9:00 am	Welcome and overview introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome from AURI by Dan Skogen, Planning & Government Relations Director Welcome by Senator Dave Senjem
9:15 am	Introductory speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edward Cohen, Chair, Rochester Energy Commission Lisa Clarke, Executive Director, Destination Medical Center
9:30 am	Biomass opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amanda Bilek, Government Affairs Manager, Great Plains Institute
9:50 am	Networking break	
10:00 am	Biomass availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Lindquist, Biofuels Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Joel Tallaksen, Scientist, Renewable Energy, University of Minnesota-Morris
10:40 am	Biomass economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Douglas Tiffany, Extension Educator-Agricultural Business Management, University of Minnesota David Ripplinger, Bioenergy Specialist, NDSU Extension
11:20 am	Case studies in biomass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Eber, Manager of Engineering and Energy Management, Gundersen HealthSystems Ken Smith, President and CEO, District Energy
12:20 pm	Networking lunch	
1:00 pm	Potentials of cattail harvest for biofuels and wetland management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Svedarsky, Director, Center for Sustainability, UMC
1:15 pm	Show me the money!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Taff, Biomass Thermal Energy Council -An overview providing information regarding assessment tools to pre-screen sites for biomass thermal considerations with hands-on training
3:00 pm	Wrap up and adjourn	

This event has been a collaborative planning effort by AURI, University of Minnesota Extension, Biomass Thermal Energy Council and Heating the Midwest with Renewable Biomass.