

Minnesota Renewable Energy Roundtable

Renewable Energy Finance and Investment

Thursday, October 27, 2016

9 am-2:30 pm

Great River Energy

12300 Elm Creek Blvd

Maple Grove, MN 55369

- 8:30 am** **Registration, refreshments and networking**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome, overview and introductions**
Dan Skogen, Planning & Government Relations Director, AURI
Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, AURI
- 9:20 am** **Great River Energy-Welcome and Renewable Program Overview**
Mark Rathbun, Renewable Energy Lead, Great River Energy
- 9:35 am** **Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Panel: Minnesota**
Moderator: Michael Sparby, Senior Project Strategist, AURI
Mark Ritter, Grant Administrator, Renewable Development Fund, Xcel Energy
Bruce Peterson, Executive Director, Minnesota Energy Center
Fritz Ebinger, CERTS Rural Energy Development Program Manager for University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partners & Extension
David Weinand, Grants Coordinator, Agricultural Growth, Research & Innovation Program, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Amanda Bilek, Government Affairs and Communication Director, Great Plains Institute
- 10:35 am** **Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Panel: Midwest**
Moderator: Jen Wagner-Lahr, Senior Director of Innovation and Commercialization, AURI
Bill Haman, Renewable Energy Program Manager, Iowa Energy Center
Tiffany Trottman, Business Development Manager, Nelson Engineering of South Dakota
- 11:25 am** **Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Panel: Venture Capital**
Moderator: Dan Skogen
David Russick, Founder & Managing Director, Gopher Angels
Thad Simons, Co-Founder, The Yield Lab
- 12:15 pm** **Lunch**
Keynote Speaker
Jerry Steiner, CEO, Arvegenix of St. Louis, Missouri
- 1:15 pm** **Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Speakers: Federal**
Moderator: Goutham Vemuri, Biomass & Renewable Products Technologies Scientist, AURI and Owner, GeneSys Consulting
Pat Dillon, Director, MN-SBIR, Minnesota High Tech Association
Naomi Lenz, State Office Business Specialist, USDA-RDA
Paula Sunde, Agriculture, Energy, Environment Field Representative, Senator Franken
- 2:15 pm** **Wrap-up**
Dan Skogen

