



14th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATORS FORUM (ILF)

Wednesday, June 25 - Friday, June 27, 2014

The Courtyard by Marriott – Moorhead, Minnesota

1080 28th Avenue South

Moorhead, Minnesota 56560

Agenda

----- Wednesday, June 25th -----

ILF Steering Committee Meeting – Courtyard by Marriott (Board Room)

11:30 a.m. 2014 ILF Steering Committee Meeting

Lunch will be provided.

Pre-Forum Event – RDO Equipment Company (2900 Main Ave SE, Moorhead, Minnesota)

Transportation will be provided between the Marriott and RDO - There will be a 1:30 p.m. departure from the lobby of the Marriott and a return trip from RDO between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m.

“Technology and the Future of Agriculture – It’s Not Your Grandfather’s Farm”

Hosted and Sponsored by RDO Equipment Company

2:00 p.m. - **Welcome** -

- Senator **Kent Eken** (MN) ILF Steering Committee
- Representative **Dan Fabian** (MN) ILF Steering Committee
- **Steve Connelly**, Vice President - Midwest Agriculture/RDO (Host)

2:15 p.m. - **Agricultural Technology** – Overview and Logistics

- **Todd Thompson**, General Manager –Northern Red River Valley – RDO Equipment Company
- **Joel Kaczynski**, Product Specialist Manger – RDO Equipment Company
- **Greg Frazier** - John Deere Electronic Solutions

2:45 p.m. - **Tours and Demonstrations** - “Hands-on” Opportunities

Participants will have an opportunity to spend the afternoon engaging in a variety of tours and demonstrations featuring the newest and most innovative agriculture-related technology utilizing the expertise of the RDO staff and management.

5:30 p.m. - **Opening Reception** – RDO Equipment (2900 Main Ave SE, Moorhead, Minnesota)

Welcome – Minnesota Steering Committee Members, Hosts and Dignitaries

- Honorable **Del Rae Williams**, Mayor, Moorhead, Minnesota
- Senator **Kent Eken** (MN) - ILF Steering Committee
- Representative **Dan Fabian** (MN) - ILF Steering Committee
- **Ronald D. Offutt**, RDO Equipment Company - Host

6:15 p.m. **Supper** – “Picnic”

7:00 p.m. **Agriculture Policy Panel and Facilitated Discussion**

A Panel Presentation addressing four major sectors of the agricultural economy. Panelists will focus on current and potential opportunities, and policy-related challenges and barriers in the next decade. The presentations will be followed by a facilitated discussion.

- Producers – **Keith McGovern**, CEO, R.D. Offutt Company
- Processors – **Brian Ingulsrud**, American Crystal Sugar
Neil Juhnke, Northstar Agri Industries
- Manufacturers – **Howard Dahl**, Amity Technology
- Consumers – **Karen Ehrens**, Ehrens Consulting

----- Thursday, June 26th -----

Breakfast – Courtyard by Marriott (Red River Room)

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

Opening and Plenary Sessions – Courtyard by Marriott (Salon DEF)

8:00 a.m. Opening – 2014 Legislators Forum

- Welcome – Minnesota ILF Steering Committee - Hosts
 - Senator **Kent Eken** (MN)
 - Representative **Dan Fabian** (MN)
- Introductions
- Meeting Process and Ground Rules
- Agenda and Materials

Energy Issues - Presentations and Discussions

All presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion.

8:45 a.m. Federal regulatory policy in Canada and the U.S. to reduce power plant carbon emissions, state and provincial policies to encourage renewable energy and energy efficiency, rapidly rising oil production, and extensive infrastructure development are driving a transformation of our region's energy sector. This morning's speakers will offer different perspectives on these challenges and how they are responding to them. This section will be moderated by **William Hamlin**, Manager, Energy Policy & Analysis, Manitoba Hydro.

Section #1 – Senior executives from two of our region's leading power companies will discuss their companies' strategies and efforts to deliver affordable, reliable power to customers, while diversifying their generation portfolios, increasing energy efficiency and responding to emerging federal regulations, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recently proposed rule to regulate carbon emissions from existing power plants.

- **Margaret Hodnik**, Vice President, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, ALLETE
- **Eric Olsen**, General Counsel and Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Great River Energy (GRE)

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Section #2 – Perspectives on how capturing CO₂ from power plants can provide a win-win solution for reducing power sector carbon emissions, while enhancing long-term oil production in the region and views of how to address some of the energy and infrastructure development impacts on producers/transporters and owners/stewards of the land.

- **Michael Holmes**, Deputy Associate Director for Research, Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC), University of North Dakota – A review of the current status of carbon capture technology and its deployment and the potential for using CO₂ capture from power plants and industrial sources to increase oil recovery from the Bakken and traditional oil fields in the region.
- **Derrick Braaten**, Attorney at Law, Baumstark Braaten Law Partners – Mr. Braaten will provide a "land" level perspective on the affects and impacts (positive and negative) of energy development and distribution on landowners, including transmission and pipeline siting, rights-of-way, owner rights and associated issues.
- **Richard L. Kern**, Supervisor, LP Land Services, Enbridge Energy Company Inc. - The view and perspective on the process and challenges regarding siting, rights-of-way and landowner negotiations from a corporation involved in pipeline development in the region.

Luncheon – Courtyard by Marriott (Red River Room)

Noon - Luncheon

Welcome

Luncheon Address – "Global Agricultural Realities Shaping Regional Agricultural Policies" - Dr. **Brian Buhr**, Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS), University of Minnesota

Plenary Sessions – Courtyard by Marriott (Salon DEF)

Economic/Workforce Development Issues - Presentations and Discussions

All presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion.

1:15 p.m. Panel #1: Economic and Workforce Development - Issues and Opportunities – a review of perspectives and unique projects that address current and future economic and workforce development issues.

Presenters:

- The Valley Prosperity Partnership (VPP), **James Gartin**, President, Greater Fargo/Moorhead Economic Development Corporation (GFMEDC)
- The “Soft” Infrastructure, **Nathan Dorr**, Grants Officer, Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF)
- Education that Works, **Lisa Gulland Nelson**, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations, Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation (GFMEDC)

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Panel #2: Workforce Development - Cross-jurisdictional licensing and certification for workers and supportive approaches for labor mobility – The Manitoba Experience.

Presenters:

- Labour Mobility in Canada: the Manitoba Experience – **Ms. Mona Pandey**, Manager, Labour Market Information Unit- Policy, planning and coordination, Manitoba Jobs and the Economy.
- Towards Effective and Efficient Recognition and Licensing of Internationally Educated Professionals – **Robert Millman**, Planning and Policy, Office of the Manitoba Fairness Commissioner, Manitoba Labour and Immigration.

4:30 p.m. Break

Reception and Dinner – Courtyard by Marriott (Salon G)

6:00 p.m. Reception (2014 Group Photo)

6:30 p.m. Welcome

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Remarks:

Timothy Cipullo, Consul and Principle Officer

United States Consulate, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Brian Shipley, Consul and Head, Foreign Policy & Diplomacy Service

Consulate General of Canada, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Recognitions:

- Senator **Tom Saxhaug** (MN)
- Honourable **Peter Bjornson** (MB)

8:15 p.m. “Tour and Talk” - Networking - Enjoy!

----- Friday, June 27th -----

Breakfast – Courtyard by Marriott

7:00 a.m. Legislators (Only) Breakfast (Red River Room)

(Breakfast for presenters, sponsors, spouses and staff will be provided in Great Plains Room)

Plenary Sessions - Courtyard by Marriott (Salon DEF)

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Comments

Water Issues - Presentations and Discussions

All presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion.

8:40 a.m. Panel #1: The Clean Water Act Interpretive Rule - Section 404(f)(1)(A) exemption clarification - Memorandum of Understanding, Interpretation and Implementation

Presenters:

- **Desiree Morningstar**, Acting Chief, Northwest Section, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (St. Paul)
- **Don Baloun**, State Conservationist, Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- **Robert Sip**, Environmental Policy Specialist, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Panel #2: The Red River Basin - Water quality, availability, flood mitigation, and the influence of the Farm Bill.

Presenters:

- Fargo/Moorhead Diversion Update – **Keith Berndt**, Cass County Administrator, member FM Diversion Authority Land Management Committee
- Distributive Storage and Water Quality – **Lance Yohe**, President, Trans Basin Solutions
- The Red River and the Farm Bill – **Don Baloun**, State Conservationist, Minnesota Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Lake Friendly Accord and Stewards Alliance – Honourable **Gord Mackintosh**, Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, Province of Manitoba

From the Floor

11:45 a.m. Delegate Recommendations and Conclusions

Adjourn

12:30 p.m. Closing Comments, Evaluations and Box Lunches

12:45 p.m. 2014 International Legislators Forum Adjourns – SAFE TRAVELS!!

- **2015 in South Dakota** (June 24-26, 2015- tentative)
- **2014/2015 Steering Committee Meeting** (September 13, 2014 – Fargo. ND)

Media Conference – Courtyard by Marriott (Salon DEF)

1:00 p.m. Media Conference