

# Wind Energy Forum

January 21, 2009

VFW Post 1656  
711 2nd Street  
Madison, MN

- 5:30 PM Welcome and Introductions**  
Pam Lehmann, Executive Director, Lac qui Parle County Economic Development Authority
- 5:35 PM The Big Picture –Why Wind Energy is An Opportunity**  
Leon Steinberg, CEO, National Wind
- 6:00 PM Risks vs Rewards: From Leasing Your Land to Owning a Project**  
Melissa Peterson, Program Analyst with Windustry
- 6:30 PM Lease/Option Concerns and Community Organization**  
Stan Duran and Ray Faricy, Attorneys with Lindquist and Vennum, PLLP
- 7:00 PM Break**
- 7:10 PM Minnesota Supports Community Wind Energy**  
Information on support mechanisms including the Rural Energy Development Initiative\*  
Cheryl Glaeser, Program Specialist, Southwest Initiative Foundation
- 7:40 PM Commercial-scale Wind Opportunities - Panel Discussion/Q&A**  
Above presenters as well as Jeff Bendel with Juhl Wind, George Crocker with the North American Water Office, and Chuck Koenig with Swift Winds.

Forum concludes at 8:30 PM. Event sponsored by:



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