

**Montana 25x'25 State Alliance**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Great Falls - Chamber of Commerce Conf. Rm.**  
**100 1st Avenue No.**  
**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

**Members Present:**

Jerry Smith-North Central MT RC&D, LaDonna Grotbo-RC&D, Pam Ost- Ethanol Mt, Patty Morning- Mt Energy Corps, Jon Soriano- MSUN Biofuel, Jessica Windy Boy-MSUN Biofuel, Jane Weber- Cascade County, Maddie Krezowski- Exergy, Brian Spangler- State of MT, Sarah Lesnar- Aero, and Peggy Beltrone-Exergy.

Others: Conference Call in: Brent Bailey -25x25 National, Tom Kaiserski- State of Mt.

Not Present: Todd Hunkler-NCAT, Beth Berlin-Climate Solutions, Dennis DeVries, Brian Gion-MCDC, Aeric Reilly-Farmers Union and Ryan McCormick- Grain Growers

**Welcome and Introductions**

Gerald M. Smith, North Central RC&D Board Chairman

**Old Business**

An overview of the National 25x25 efforts and recent changes was given by Brent Bailey, 25x'25 State Activities Coordinator via video conference. Handouts of the latest issues were distributed by LaDonna for Brent. Peggy was not present at this time so her report was later.

**State Activity Updates:**

A report of current state activities was given by Brian Spangler, Dept. of Envir. State of Mt, Tom Kaiserski, State of Montana Energy Promotion Program Mgn. and Jessica Windy Boy, of Montana State University Northern-Biotech. Tom recapped the great potential and resources we have in Montana. All three reported a variety of activities that many present were not aware of. It was suggested we need to get one resource compiling all the current Montana activities to have posted on our website. Tom and Brian will submit their written reports. (See attached).

MSUN reported the possibility of hosting a Renewables Conference thru Baucus's office this fall but the date and detail are pending. It was noted that 25x25 MT would like to have a booth and possible next meeting during that conference.

### Communications Update:

A brief report on the draft of the New 25x25 Montana Website was given by Patty Morning. We were given the address [www.25x25Montana.org](http://www.25x25Montana.org) and asked to review it and get any comments to Patty at [patty.morning@msun.edu](mailto:patty.morning@msun.edu). It was noted that Patty will be available to update the website for another year since she is continuing on with Mt Energy Corps. She will also be willing to work on a one page handout for future events. An example of one done for KY was distributed to all to review.

### New Business

Open Forum Discussion was held. A committee was put together to work on a State Action Plan, consisting of Pam Ost, Jane Weber and Jessica Windy Boy. They will review the sample plans and e-mail a draft to LaDonna.

We had discussion and listed 4 basic goals.

1. Our Governor is on board but we still need to monitor new state policy
2. Compile a resource of current state projects.
3. Compile a resource of programs for assistance
4. Communicate our statewide effort and goals at state conferences to recruit members.

**Set Next Meeting:** Since time was short, Jerry Smith suggested we have our next meeting at the same time as the pending Conference. We will await the date and details from MSUN-team Biofuel as soon as they hear.

**Rainbow Dam Tour-**Jane Weber had arranged a very informative tour of the Rainbow Dam by the Project Manager. All four that attended agreed it was very interesting. Jane Weber has photos of the day.

### Follow up Needed:

- All members should view the new WEBSITE and get back to Patty Morning.
- Action Plan Committee to review and draft both Action plan and goals by end of month?
- Written summary of current projects reports by Brian and Tom.