

EASTERN PLAINS RC&D ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 20TH, 2010
BUSINESS MEETING - 9:30AM-12:00
NO-HOST LUNCH – 12:00-1:00PM
PRESENTATION – 1:00PM (PUBLIC WELCOME)
SIDNEY COUNTRY CLUB
2250 West Holly Street
SIDNEY, MONTANA

In the afternoon we will be having a presentation with two potential guest speakers. Below is a description of those speakers and what they will be presenting to the group. The public is welcome. In addition, the offices for Chairman Dixie Berwick and Treasurer Kevin Dukart are up for re-election this year. If there are any interested council members, please let us know!

Gayle Nansel, Transmission Systems Planning Manager for the Upper Great Plains Region of Western Area Power Administration will address the Council on the potential for wind power development in Eastern MT. Issues to be addressed include transmission interconnections; three phase vs. single; line loss to distant markets; need to coordinate wind power with other, more reliable sources; and AC vs. DC transmission. Essentially, how do specific circumstances of the area affect how we encourage development of alternative energy. You will hear information to help answer...Do we have potential to access larger energy markets? Do we focus on development for local consumption? How may local utilities use it to the advantage of the local economy? What would be the effect of increased energy prices on local wind development?

Also invited is Mary K. Andersen, principal of Western Energy Planning and currently a consultant with TransCanada. Ms. Andersen will talk on the Keystone XL pipeline construction and TransCanada's Community Investment Program. Ms. Nansel will follow with comments on WAPA plans to supply electrical power to Keystone XL pump stations. Learn how the Keystone XL pipeline construction and operation will affect local natural resources and economics and how we may anticipate any enhancements and mitigations that may be made.