



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Energy and Environment Committee

Sunday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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Agenda

Sen. Laura Ellman, Illinois, and Rep. Ethan Manning, Indiana, Co-Chairs

Rep. Sharon Ray, Ohio, Vice Chair

Sunday, July 9

Committee Business Session & Round Table

Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, Woodward CD (2nd floor)

3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Committee business: This will be the inaugural gathering of the Committee, which was created for the 2023-25 biennium. We will review the research work done to date in *Stateline Midwest* and CSG Midwest policy briefs, and discuss topics for future research.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Grid 101: Whither electricity? Many states and provinces have made efforts in recent years to rebalance their electric energy sources by shifting to renewables. How is this affecting the regional Midwestern electric grid, and what should legislators know about the grid's operation for policymaking and future legislation?

- **Bob Kuzman**, Director of State Regulatory Affairs, Midcontinent Independent System Operator

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Round table: The preceding presentation will lead into a general discussion of energy- and environmental issues, policy and legislation in members' states/provinces.

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Tuesday, July 11

Joint Energy & Environment/Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee-Sponsored Session

Westin Book Cadillac Detroit, Crystal Ballroom (4th floor)

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Future of Farmland in the Midwest

State laws — some new, some longstanding — reflect concerns about the continued loss of farmland across the Midwest. There also are mounting pressures related to the push for renewable energy development in rural areas. This session will look at the loss of farmland as well as emerging ideas such as agrivoltaics that allow agricultural and solar production to co-exist.

Presenters:

- **M. Charles Gould**, Bioenergy Educator, Michigan State University Extension
- **Kristopher Reynolds**, Midwest Director, American Farmland Trust