



Preparing Midwestern Communities for Power Plant Closures Kick-Off Meeting - January 13, 2021 at 10:00 am Central

- 10:00 am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- 10:10 am** **An Introduction to the Work of the Just Transition Fund**
- The Just Transition Fund is on a mission to create economic opportunity for the frontline communities and workers hardest hit by the energy transition. This will be an opportunity to learn more about JTF's work and how your local community could benefit from collaborating with them.*
- [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund
 - [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund
- 10:25 am** **Keynote Address: Understand the Impact on a Local Community**
- The city of Becker, Minnesota used to be home to the Sherco Power Plant, which was the state's largest coal plant. Participants will learn more about the impact of this plant closure on the local community and how they are planning to continue to thrive without this large employer and significant contributor to the tax base.*
- [Greg Pruszinske](#), City Administrator, City of Becker, Minnesota
- 10:45 am** **Remarks from the MGA Chair**
- Minnesota Governor [Tim Walz](#), Chair, Midwestern Governors Association
- 11:00 am** **Panel Discussion: A Better Understanding of the Host Communities Landscape**
- Panelists will represent each of the four subgroup policy tracks that will support this year long effort. Each track represents a series of issues that a community must address when planning for energy transition. Panelists will provide one of the perspectives for their subgroup and how they are supporting the transition in their community.*
- **Local Impacts:** [Denise Abdul-Rahman](#), National NAACP Environmental Climate Justice Program (ECJP)
 - **Economic Development:** [Misty Crosby](#), Executive Director, Buckeye Hills Regional Council
 - **Workforce and Education:** [Alicia Uhde](#), Polytechnic Program Outreach Director, Bismarck State College and [Mark Kaufman](#), Business Representative, IBEW Local 949
 - **Energy and Environment:** [Jessica Woycehoski](#), Director, Electric Supply Planning, Consumers Energy
 - **Moderator:** [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund
- 11:55 am** **Discussion of Next Steps and How to Participate in this Yearlong Effort**
- [Jesse Heier](#), Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association
 - [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund
- 12:00 pm** **Adjourn**