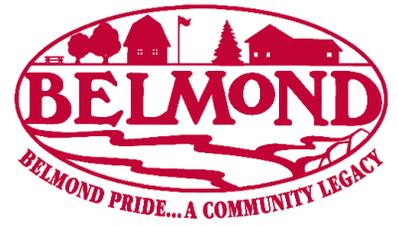


BIDCO Update



"Promoting Economic Growth and Development"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please plan to attend the BIDCO annual meeting on May 17th. During this time we will summarize our activities for the year and turn over the floor to Norm Olson who will share his life experiences while in Belmond and beyond.

Dan Lovgren

Save a Date

The annual meeting for BIDCO members will be held on Monday May 17th at Cattleman's. Our featured speaker this year will be Norm Olson. More information will come in early May but please do plan to attend.



Feature Business

Max Yield

Alliant Energy recently held an Energy Summit and awarded one of the "Green" awards to Max Yield of Belmond. Selection of the award was based on several criteria that included energy savings, project work, application of technology or programs implemented.

Only 10 schools and business received the award based on efforts during 2009. Congratulations to Max Yield on their achievements.

Norm Olson, is currently acting as Facility Director at the Iowa Energy Center's Biomass Energy CONversion (BECON) Facility. BECON strengthens Iowa's economy by developing new methods of converting agricultural-based plant materials into value-added chemicals and fuels. BECON is at the forefront of developing the biorefinery concept where, as a corollary to an oil refinery in which hundreds of products are made from a barrel of petroleum, instead hundreds of products are made from a ton of agricultural plant material.

Olson has nearly 30 years of experience in energy efficiency and renewable fuels projects and has been a registered professional engineer since 1982. Past experience includes work as: a Product Design Engineer for Lenox and Dunham-Bush, a Project Engineer for the Iowa Energy Policy Council, Energy Manager for the University of Iowa, and Project Manager for the Iowa Energy Center's Energy Resource Station (ERS).