

# MEETING NOTES

## EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 55th Stakeholders Meeting ~ December 14, 2006

Where: Banquet room at the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue

When: Regular meeting - 11:00am-1:30pm

Lunch: Ordered from the CC's mini-menu.

Attendees: 31 with 6 new attendees (☺)

1. Keri Brill- KUB
2. Joelle Brink- Interested citizen
3. Mark Cannon- Interested citizen
4. Richard Catterall- Ethos
5. Mindy Cliburn- KUB
6. Jim Davis-Tetra tech
7. Mark Downing- ORNL
8. Fred Forrester- Blount County Chamber of Commerce
9. Nancy Gray- GSMNP
10. Mark Harmon- Knox County Commissioner
11. Sean Hinds- UT engineering ☺
12. Lisa Jerrolds- Benton Oil Service
13. Mark Mauss- Petro Green
14. Jeff Mc Carroll- GC Energy, Inc. ☺
15. Dave Mc Donald- Jo-n-Bo
16. Rick Michelhaugh- Bio Power USA
17. Elise Miller- CAC Americorps/ETCFC
18. Stephanie Murphy- Pilot Oil ☺
19. Jonathan Overly- ETCFC
20. Mark Penland- TDEC
21. Sean Peterson- UT engineering
22. Ron Prater- Marathon Petroleum
23. Darrin Rhines- KUB
24. Russ Roberson- Attorney ☺
25. Bob Silvera- Jo-n-Bo
26. Jill Stooksbury- Pilot Oil ☺
27. James Sullivan- Home brewer
28. Parks Wells- Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council
29. Madeleine Weil- Environmental Analyst ☺
30. Mike Whidbey- Whedbee Insurance
31. Evelyn Winthers- Sungrant Association

### MEETING CONTENT

1. Most folks arrived around 10:50- 11:00 am, the meeting began around 11:30
2. Briefly discussed the day's agenda and coalitions mission statement for newcomers.
3. Introductions from everyone in the room.
4. Jonathan presented the Annual ETCFC awards to founding partners: Sevier Transportation Board, ORNL, Eastman, and Blount County Chamber.
5. Jonathan presented awards to Star Volunteers: Russell Moles (not present), Darrin Rhines, Evelyn Winther Mike Whedbee.
6. Jonathan gave a brief overview of the "Idea Virus." He asked coalition members to think about ways in which we can expand efforts to get the ETCFC more widespread and well known.

7. Brief overview of major to-do's/ items we are finishing for the year:
  - a. Completed the Young biodiesel Leaders Program- Cathy Cate from Leadership Blount and W.C Huffman (school bus owners)
  - b. Get "You Can Too" Campaign kicked off
  - c. Completed biodiesel workshop series in Crossville. There were about 38 attendees. Lots of connections made!
  - d. Finalize CPA partner and get work with them ASAP
  - e. Figure out if we need to become our own 501(c)3;review TEP plans document
  - f. Continue working on Run For Clean Air Fundraising

## 9. Updates from Stakeholders

**Joelle Brink-** Scripts home base is located in Knoxville. They want to take a lead on environmental responsibility. The ETCFC can come present to them and help create a plan to make ideas become a reality.

**Parks Wells-** Attended the National Biodiesel Board meeting in D.C. Quality was a key issue. Jan 30 2007, UT @ Martin will be holding a biofuels seminar- everyone is welcome to attend.

**Mindy Claiborne-**KUB has 270 vehicles running on some form of alternative fuel including hybrid electric trucks and new electric tiger trucks.

**Mark Cannon-** just bought a new larger processor. He is bubble washing his bio 3 or 4 times. The gel point is around 25 degrees.

**Mark Harmon-** is pushing a Conoco/Pilot that is getting revamped to offer biodiesel and E-85. The county commissioners are pushing for a resolution for Knox County stations.

**Nancy Gray-** South District of Smokey Mountain National Park is now using biodiesel. The park is hopeful Cherokee will come on board. EPA/ National parks are working together to facilitate an emissions inventory. The report will come out in January.

**Mark Mauss-** Is interested in all alternative fuels but biodiesel is his specialty.

**Shaun Hinds-** Is the team leader for the Challenge x vehicle. It is outside if anyone wants to see it.

**Jeff Mc Carroll-** Owns a non profit that is interested in producing/promoting biofuels.

**Evelyn Winthers-** It is the hope that the bioweb will be out in March. There is a google group forum for bioweb folks- this may be something the coalition would like to look at as an option for expanding. Her son goes to the TVA Academy. They are always looking for projects to take part in.

**Ron Prater-** Marathon will have ethanol available at the terminal hopefully in May. He attended The Kentucky Clean Fuels meeting as well and took a tour of the terminal there where biodiesel will be available there. There are advantages of blending fuel onsite such as the consistency because it is computer controlled for accuracy of the blend as well as the tax credits can be modified to the invoice right at the terminal.

**Mike Downing-** ORNL will be doing emissions testing a new SAAB at the user testing facility. ORNL has been awarded funding to try to provide 10% commercial fuel demonstration cellulose to ethanol, using about 700 tons a day.

**Kelly Tiller-** UT is supporting biofuels initiatives and making it their #1 priority. The Tennessee Farm Bureau, the largest in the nation is supporting them. Research facility will be a cellulosic ethanol plant using 170 tons per day and provide farmers with 8000 jobs.

**Mike Whedbee-** Thanked the coalition for the award. Both Mercedes are running on B-100.

**Bob Silvera-** It takes around 6-9 months to see the improvements but the city of Rockwood has noticed around a 3% increase in fuel economy.

**Russ Robberson-** Is just learning but would like to contribute.

**Rich Catterall-** Thanked Jonathan for doing the Crossville workshop. The "Green Solutions" will absorb, encapsulate, and biodegrade oil into a non toxic substance.

**Madeleine Weil-** Worked on legislation in Connecticut and Rhode Island for emissions controls.

**Rick Michelhaugh-** U.S Biopower has production/technology facilities near Nashville and is waiting for investors to sign on to produce in East Tennessee. ec

10. Jonathan passed the hats that Ellen Catterall donated to the coalition to get an opinion on which ones the

coalition may offer to sell on the website.

11. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 11, 2007, 11am @ the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Ave.

*Meeting notes taken and written by Elise Miller.*