

MEETING NOTES

EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 53rd Stakeholders Meeting ~ October 19, 2006

Where: Banquet room at the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue

When: Regular Thursday meeting, but moved from 2nd Thursday to 3rd Thursday due to the Odyssey event in Kingsport -- 11:15am-1:00pm

Lunch: Ordered from the Copper Cellar's mini-menu.

In attendance (total of 28 people)

Harvey Abernethy- Interested citizen

John Brichetto- Northington Energy

Keri Brill- KUB

Joelle Brink- interested citizen

Ted Buel- ET Designs

Mindy Cliburn- KUB☺

Rigina Crisp- Interested citizen☺

Scott Curran- UT student

Jesse Dalton- UT student☺

Jim Davis-Interested Citizen

Roberta Dennis- Interested citizen☺

Reed Detring- Big South Fork

Mark Downing- ORNL

Charles Hamilton- Hamilton Furniture☺

John Harris- CAC Americorps

Robert Hodge- Interested citizen☺

David Houk- Interested citizen☺

Bob Jackson- Rindt Mc Duff

Mark Mauss- Petro green

Elise Miller- CAC & ETCFC

Russell Moles- West Chevrolet

Jonathan Overly- ETCFC

Sean Peterson- UT student

Gary Ray- Auto Sales☺

Bob Silvera- Jo-n-Bo.

Kelly Tiller- UT

Mike Whedbee- Interested citizen

(☺ denotes new attendee)

MEETING CONTENT

1. Most folks arrived around 10:50- 11:00 am
2. Briefly discussed the day's agenda and reviewed handouts and articles.
3. Jonathan reviewed EFCTC mission and goals for newcomers.
4. We discussed news from the last month including:
 - The E-85 station that will be coming to West Knoxville hopefully by the end of the year.
 - The "renewable fuels minute will be appearing on WNDX radio on Thursday mornings
 - State of affairs with E-10 locations. Wiegels has about 6 stations in North Knoxville that we will post on the ETCFC website. Pilot is offering it in mid and high grades, and will also offer it in low grade in January. Good News!

5. Jonathan asked if anyone had stories or ideas for the upcoming newsletter.
 - Kari from KUB mentioned they just purchased a new bucket truck.
 - Someone mentioned that E-10 info should appear in there
 - Jonathan spoke about Gerdau Ameristeel' s commitment to begin using biodiesel in their rail cars. Their story will appear in the newsletter as well.
 - Jonathan asked folks to submit ideas to us as people come up with them.
6. Introductions from everyone in the room.
7. There was a discussion regarding the prices of corn directly related to the price if ethanol.
8. This led to another discussion of what residues from ethanol production can be used for feedstock. Jonathan then gave us a n overview of wet and dry mills.
9. Jonathan asked the coalition members what types of goals they would like to see in 2007. He emphasized the importance of gaining new memberships in order to keep the coalition alive. The main ideas are listed below:
 - Expanding education to include adult education as well- working with county extension agents to put the word out there.
 - Emphasizing the relationship the coalition has with schools in providing educational programs for students to include science fair projects, along with other air quality initiatives within the classroom.
 - A Mailing Campaign to raise public profile of the coalition.
 - A type of online resource and networking page for home brewers
 - Getting more E-85 information out to the public to demand stations.
10. Jonathan will circulate these ideas and get back to us at the next meeting.
11. John Harris gave us some Earthfest information and asked us to be part of the education tent and do a workshop on biodiesel and energy dependence. Scott Curran, the UT students, and Mark Downing volunteered to head up this project.
12. The Coalition will be taking part in UT sustainability week, Mon. Oct 23. We will circulate a petition to get students to demand alternative fuels at campus stations.
13. Jim Cocker is working on getting city/ county fleets in the area to begin using his patented propane mowers.
14. Stakeholders and members gave updates from their sectors. Highlights include:
 - Bob- The Roane county fleets are still using ethos. Go to www.ethosforcleanerair.com
 - Kari- KUB vehicles are using E-10. They received their new bucket truck and are very excited.
 - Charlie- Mentioned he would like some type of online resource that says which vehicles can run on what alternative fuels.
 - John – Earthfest will be April 28, 2006 from 12-8pm. They will be selling beer beginning at noon.
 - Russel- UT wants flex fuel vehicles.
 - Kelly- still working on the bio-web project. UT has new bench level cellulosic conversion research coming.
 - Mike- switched to B-100 in all 3 of his vehicles. He also picked up some new electric tractors.
 - Joelle- tried Ethos. She has not noticed a change in fuel economy, but feels the power has increased, and engine seems to be running smoother
 - Roberta- would like to address clean air issues in Roane county.
15. There were no final comments. The next meeting will be on Nov. 9 at the Copper Cellar, 11am-1pm.

Meeting notes taken and written by Elise Miller.