

# MEETING NOTES

## EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 71st Stakeholders Meeting ~ May 8, 2008

Where: Banquet room at the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Avenue

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

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

Attendees: 17 people attended (☺ - indicates new attendees)

1. Natasha Boeckmann- ETCFC
2. Jillian Gilbert- ETCFC
3. Jonathan Overly- ETCFC
4. Roy A Dandidge- Agro-Gas
5. Mark Jordan- Agro-Gas
6. David Myers- DOE-ORO
7. Keri Brill- KUB
8. CJ O'Lenick- private citizen
9. Jim Davis- Tetra Tech
10. Joelle Brink- UT Biofuels
11. Evelyn Winther- NY Life
12. John Trollinger- McNutt Oil Co.
13. Bob Silvera- Jo-N-Bo Constr.
14. Mark Penland- TN. Dept. Env. & Conservation
15. Tim Pruitt- Rogers Petro
16. Bob Cloud- Rogers Petro
17. Michelle Register- Bechtel Jacobs

### MEETING CONTENT

1. Most people arrived around 11:00 am, the meeting began at 11:12am
2. Passed around recent editions of "Biofuels," "Clean Skies," and "Biodiesel" for those in attendance to look at new articles
3. Jonathan showed pictures from various events this year so far, including: the Chattanooga Ethanol Workshop, a new biodiesel station, Johnson City bi-monthly meeting with Depot Street Brewing, SESC Science Fair Awards (ETCFC sponsored an award this year), a new E85 Road Runner gas station in Kingsport, Run for Clean Air, and Nu-Energie's grand opening that took place on May 7, 2008
4. Introductions from everyone in the room
5. Passed around an article about algae production
6. Went over items attached to agenda:
  - ▶ Plans to rewrite the mission statement at next month's board meeting
  - ▶ Success stories of 2007-2008: The Run for Clean Air did a lot better than last year's and we've reached over 1600 students through school presentations
  - ▶ "Bring On the Right Biofuels."
  - ▶ "Ethanol: Key Farm-State Lawmakers"
  - ▶ "Money doesn't grow on trees, but gasoline might."
  - ▶ "Food miles don't feed the climate change- meat does."
  - ▶ "Ethanol groups oppose RFS waiver request by Texas governor."
  - ▶ Pat Crow is very gung ho about alternative fuels
7. 2008 AFV Day Odyssey will be in Chattanooga on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jonathan is currently talking with the City of Chattanooga to become a partner
8. Went over new stations to be opened in East Tennessee and also stations that no longer carry alternative fuels; talked about stations that applied for grants and that there are more stations for E85 than for B20
9. Talked about and thanked new and old members of the Coalition

10. Jonathan began a discussion about ETCFC's budget; the state funding for ETCFC has ended, but the state will continue to fund the state-wide newsletter
11. Talked about new projects in the works:
  - › Anti-idling program
  - › School-to-school Clean Fuels: will train those in higher education schools to prepare them to give presentations to others
12. **Update from Stakeholders:**
  - › **Tim Pruitt/Bob Cloud (Rogers Petro)** – had four of their stations apply for state grants to put in alternative fuels infrastructure; also asked a question about the anti-idling program and suggested talking to counties, they might be interested because it would make them look good by saving money on their transportation budget
  - › **Mark Penland** – spoke about what happened at the Run for Clean Air and EarthFest
  - › **Bob Silvera (Jo-N-Bo Constr.)** – end of the second year with Roane County School Bus system using Ethos; they have 8% fuel savings; their engines and oil are running very clean and due to the success of Roane County Schools he hopes other companies will become more interested in Ethos. He is finding it hard to convince people that adding something to fuel will make performance of fuel and the car better
  - › **John Trollinger (McNutt)** – Products and pumps are doing well and he isn't sure about the volume.
  - › **Evelyn Winther (NY Life)** – Has read several articles about alternative fuels and proceeded to talk about them; talked about website she has discovered called thefuelinvestor.com and she would like to have an investment corner in the statewide newsletter; she has watched the news and found out optimistically petroleum will last for another forty years which she brought up that this would be difficult for other products that are based from petroleum
  - › **Joelle Brink (UT Biofuels)** – Bioweb is peer-reviewed unbiased website about bio and energy ie) biomass; 60% of the site is about biomass along with forestry and Bioenergy; they are currently redoing the front page; they are also creating a section about sustainability; she also talked about how much she enjoyed EarthFest and that her car was very popular there
  - › **Jim Davis (Tetra Tech)** – Tetra Tech is a nationwide California based firm; are currently putting a bid in to the City of Knoxville to have all city based buildings to be more energy efficient
  - › **CJ O'Lenick (private citizen)** – has a degree in chemical engineering and is currently available for consulting; he is currently being considered for a position to research switchgrass at UT
  - › **Keri Brill (KUB)** – KUB is currently having trouble getting B20; they were also supposed to get an electric bucket truck at the end of April, but it hasn't come in yet; there is currently DOE software that you can learn how to use through KUB and TVA classes for; the program is open to the public and will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>, it is held every two months with a \$15 registration fee that will include a boxed lunch
  - › **Michelle Register (Betchel Jacobs)** – took a trip to Alcoa to compare to how her company does things; she is trying to find ways to resolve biodiesel issues at her other company's sites
  - › **Roy A. Sandidge (Agro-Gas)** – his company is based out of Cleveland, TN; his company will take anything a farmer discards and will transform it into ethanol; can possibly cut production costs by 50-70%; mainly use kudzu and they are currently looking for more funding
13. The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2008, 11am @ the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Ave.

*Meeting notes taken and written by Tasha Boeckmann.*