

# MEETING NOTES

## EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 77th Stakeholders Meeting ~ October 9, 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: 16 people attended (☺- indicates new attendees)

1. Patricia Weaver- ETCFC
2. Jennifer Lubke- ETCFC
3. Katie Marolt- UTK student
4. Jessica Bertin- UTK student
5. Warren Nevad- UT MTAs
6. Jim Davis- Tetra Tech
7. Bryon Fortner- City of Sevierville
8. Ted Buel- G T Designs, Inc.
9. Keri Brill- KUB
10. John Nevans [+ 2 guests]- Natural Gas
11. Joelle Brink- UT Biofuels/Sun Grant BioWeb
12. David Myers- US DOE/ORO
13. Russell Mole- Jacky Jones
14. Jonathan Overly- ETCFC

### MEETING CONTENT

1. Most people arrived around 11:00 am, the meeting began at 11:20 am
2. Introductions from everyone in the room-Updates
  - ▶ **Jennifer Lubke (AmeriCorps-ETCFC)**—Working on Clean Fuels Schools, not much interest yet.
  - ▶ **Patricia Weaver (AmeriCorps-ETCFC)** –Talked to about 200 kids thus far, more school class presentations scheduled.
  - ▶ **Jessica Bertin, Katie Marolt (UT students)**—Working on group research project, Environmental Justice.
  - ▶ **Warren Nevad (UT MTAs)**—Project NPO, recycling program, city and county mayors to promote alternative energy-is working in AL, feedstock for biofuel, arranging tours for city.
  - ▶ **Joelle Brink (UT Biofuels/Sun Grant Bioweb)** – Adding new sections on sorghum and jatropha, working on bioweb website, FL jatropha is more hardy than Mexican.
  - ▶ **David Myers (US DOE)**—DOE Oak Ridge, signed a research and development agreement, tech. transfer, with Nu-Energie, Inc. to convert from batch to continuous process.
  - ▶ **Jim Davis (Tetra Tech)**—Energy efficiency, assessments, audits, Air Force project-work big to reach targets for energy efficiency and alternative fuels, Solar House Tours, mellow mushroom-past week.
  - ▶ **Bryon Fortner (City of Sevierville)**—Hybrid Trolleys
  - ▶ **Ted Buel (GT Designs, Inc.)**—Architect, drives biodiesel truck, Group of businesses with green interests working together-solar electric boats, built a prototype, manufacturer interested in joining group, making boats on biodiesel-safe, blend, carry in car.
  - ▶ **Keri Brill (KUB)**—Fleet using alternative fuels, CNG, E85, B5, Hybrid Electric bucket truck, environmental stewardship-KUB as a resource, filtered grease.
  - ▶ **John Nevans (Natural Gas)**—NG pick-up truck-2001 for \$5,100-purchased in Albuquerque, NM from NGV Motors, fills at home for \$1.19 equivalent gallon. Lives in Chattanooga, gets 20mpg equivalent. Ashville, Atlanta, Birmingham (Phoenix Energy), Louisville (Air and Gas)—Work on CNG cars, Nashville Dixie Energy-not good. Governor's-Clean Energy Conference, opening bioplant-Vonore.
  - ▶ **Russel Mole (Jacky Jones)**—Auto Group, 14 stores in 4 states, Domestic product, GM Volt, don't know where to assemble, goal of 100,000/year, battery packs, who will manufacture them=problem, people ordering already. KUB-one of the largest hybrid pick-up fleets. Odyssey—Ride and Drive.

- ▶ **Ted Buel (GT Designs, Inc.)**—Bail out bill, 30% tax credit for solar installation extended 8 years, hoping for added growth in solar
- 3. Discussion
  - Solar talk—TVA Generation Partners, looking for participation, Knoxville—one of the 12 DOE Solar Cities.
  - People contract with KUB on solar for 10 years, but the warranty from manufacturer is 25 years, Current rate can be found on the KUB website.
  - KUB Workshops at senior centers-October 29<sup>th</sup>, Water and light energy—Look at KUB website, Free water efficiency kits, appliance comparisons, and Project Help
  - Waste Management-started house pick up for everything
  - Grease Program-water treatment plant stopping acceptance of grease anymore, grease traps-they are going to start picking it up
  - New Light bulb-LED, more expensive but no heat
  - Biodiesel—tax credit extended for 1 year-\$1 for all
- 4. **Jonathan Overly (ETCFC)**—News
  - Showed pictures from Clean Cities Conference in Montana and Odyssey
  - Introduced Regional C.C. Coordinators from picture
  - C.C. Council—New leaders voted into office—Overly new council leader
  - C.C. working together—collaboration
  - Hard Rock Café in Gatlinburg relationship—hoping for fruit, E85 motorcycle
- 5. CNG News
  - NC—Rural and urban companies sent trainers to get training on how to install a fuel maker system
  - T. Boone Pickens talking about CNG
  - Fed. DOE infrastructure grants in 1.5 months
  - Wylan Resources wants to deliver CNG to Public Stations
- 6. The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2008, 11am @ the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Ave.

*Meeting notes taken by Patricia Weaver and Jennifer Lubke, and written by Patricia Weaver.*