

# MEETING NOTES

## EAST TENNESSEE CLEAN FUELS COALITION 76th Stakeholders Meeting ~ September 11, 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: 14 people attended (☺- indicates new attendees)

1. Patricia Weaver- ETCFC ☺
2. Jennifer Lubke- ETCFC ☺
3. Jonathan Overly- ETCFC
4. Leslie Grossman Frederick- EU Tennessee ☺
5. Scott Curran- UTK
6. John Yeager- Rogers Petroleum
7. Ken Skinner- Matric Research ☺
8. John B. Overly- UT Dep't of Facilities Planning ☺
9. Janie McCowan- ORNL ☺
10. CJ O'Lenick- private citizen/UTK
11. Bob Silvera- Jo-N-Bo Construction
12. John Harris- CAC
13. Cynthia Jackson- Congressman David Davidson's office
14. Joelle Brink- UT Biofuels/Sun Grant BioWeb

### MEETING CONTENT

1. Most people arrived around 11:00 am, the meeting began at 11:17am
2. Passed around recent editions of "Biofuels," "Clean Skies," and "Biodiesel" for those in attendance to look at new articles
3. Introductions from everyone in the room
4. Welcomed the new AmeriCorps members, Patricia Weaver and Jennifer Lubke
5. Went over items attached to agenda:
  - ▶ Possibly over 20 E85 stations in East TN by Dec, '08
  - ▶ TDOT funding coming, discussed how to get station owners to apply
  - ▶ **Reminder**—2008 AFV Day Odyssey in Chattanooga coming up—**10-3-08**
  - ▶ Article—Biofuels blamed for rising food prices so companies can make profit
  - ▶ Article—New York Wind Farm shut down because of congested power grid
  - ▶ CNN Money surveys—What do people think about the issues?
    - 82% believe tapping the strategic petroleum reserve is a bad idea
    - 91% think getting serious about conservation is a good idea
    - Only 45% believe using more biofuels is a good idea
6. Went over new stations to be opened in East Tennessee
7. Facebook! Join ETCFC facebook group. On Jonathan Overly's profile, donate to the Cause!
8. Talked about new projects in the works:
  - ▶ School-to-school Clean Fuels: will train those in higher education schools to prepare them to give presentations to others
  - ▶ Clean Fuels School: get the students to take initiative
9. New more efficient electrical wiring from Composite Technologies being developed. Trapezoidal wire with fiber glass core sags less so it loses less energy. It is being tested now and used in other countries. Company trading for about \$1 a share.
10. Solar power—look at an insolation map. It shows average sunlight, and there is a big difference between Arizona and Tennessee. Every area has their ideal renewable fuel.
11. Try Hypermiling—a method of driving that saves gas and helps you get better MPG in your vehicle. Anyone can do it, in any car.

12. Wilon Research Center could be a partner for CNG. Honda Civic GX coming out with a CNG version.
13. Landfills have huge potential. Beaver Ridge in Anderson Co. can be used. Feed waste can make biodiesel, we can tap it for NG and Methane, and we can sort it for recyclables.
14. **Update from Stakeholders:**
  - ▶ **Bob Silvera (Jo-N-Bo Constr.)** –Roane County has measured a 72% reduction in exhaust in buses.
  - ▶ **Joelle Brink (UT Biofuels/Sun Grant Bioweb)** – Jatropha is being grown for biodiesel. Momentum Fuel Farms in Panama taking big steps. Discussed GMO to be frost tolerant so jatropha can be grown here. Also toxic vs. nontoxic forms of jatropha.
  - ▶ ☺ **Ken Skinner (Matric Research)** – Looking for local contacts doing environmental work. Wife at Farragut High who could be a teacher contact for education outreach initiatives.
  - ▶ ☺ **John B. Overly (UTK Facilities Planning)** – UT renovating buildings, and building new ones to meet LEED standards. USGBC.com Using new smart lights that will dim/turn off when no one is detected.
  - ▶ Just started here—My notes will be better next time.
15. The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2008, 11am @ the Copper Cellar on Cumberland Ave.

*Meeting notes taken and written by Patricia Weaver.*