

CCFC Core Stakeholder Meeting

March 16, 2006

9:30 – 11:30

ATTENDEES

Daryl Parker
“Coach” Joe White
Daniel Nuckolls
Ron Hancock
Mike Keziah
Art Szmuriga
Alan Giles
Larry Howell
Grady Truett
David Friday
Sarah Niess
Jason Wager

MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS

Ron Hancock – Catawba County corporation will goal to produce biodiesel that has taken an old glue factory to a production facility.

Mike Keziah – may have 6 hybrids for next year’s budget

Art – 3 hybrid utility trucks on order; HTUF meeting last month to generate interest in second round of vehicles. International is manufacturer, Eaton is hybrid component manufacturer

Larry – replacing a number of vehicles with E85 to meet state mandate

Grady – negotiating with a company for 40,000 gallons of recycled oil a year – want to purchase equipment to expand productions and have already purchased iron mixers, centrifuges and storage containers. Next year will do more than 50,000 next year. Have 11 schools that use heating oil and want to use biodiesel in this place as well. Issue is collection of oil and will need additional trucks. Dumping wash water was an issue and as well barrels outside. Costs 0.50/gallon to make. State law passed to allow for even if though never paying excise tax can get 0.50/gallon back. Giving letter of donation to persons donating oil. Larger places get about 0.18/gallon. App State is starting a biodiesel project. Speaking to superintendents around the state.

David – 21 hybrids in city fleet; want to double in next 18 months. Prius, Civic and Escapes in the fleet. GEM vehicle as well (three years old but having trouble with it).

Biodiesel and ethanol programs – 9 months of biodiesel (B20) but program ending because of costs. B-20 0.04-0.15 cents more expensive and additional administrative costs. Ford discouraging E85 in older AFVs (pre-2001) because sensor can't sense mix. City purchased two Impalas that are FFVs. Order of vehicles: hybrid, biodiesel, ethanol. City looking for seed money for extra costs of hybrids and a large user of biodiesel within the fleet.

Overview of Legislation:

Coach emphasizes strength of numbers – COG putting together legislative
Ron Hancock – asking about Clean Air Fund legislation, still active? (follow up and give Ron Bill Eaker's contact information).

2006 PLAN AND PROJECTS

Action Plan:

- Jason overviews Action Plan summary
- Mike: HTUP conference – David Friday spoke about hybrid purchasing and was well attended
 - RFPs for services: Try to build into RFPs alternative fuels (i.e. solid waste contracts, meter reading); show a cost difference; point systems - more points for alternative fuels
 - NGIP – specs/model language for this
 - Could put up on website; send out to other coordinators
- Ad Hoc Projects:
 - Processes: put on website; fleet scan and fuel/technologies projects
 - Comments: Identify CCFC staff; capture contact information; less detail on meetings (also include box what is “Required Info” and also say at top – Fill out what you can)
 - Make sure there is a tracking component – put into a database
 - Include in Action Plan taking a review of year and see what accomplished on an annual basis
 - Annual survey
 - How filter? Will still take some time for each. Daryl suggested putting on site as project registration and then staff can determine which projects would be of interest
 - Coach – wants to know how to enforce idling policy but DOT does not have the time to enforce, training, etc. How can CMS track how many gallons of fuel saved from policy? 1200 drivers that turn over quite a bit
 - Concord: has a person on staff to enforce and gives citations for drivers; City looking to program as a cost savings – this year has a goal of reducing fuel use by 5% - since start of program, seen a reduction by 1%.
 - SEQL pushing for use of GPS equipment to
 - David – do hybrids have a payback?
 - Do some sampling of information of hybrid fleets to see if there is a payback on \$ and air quality benefit (by model)

- Do as an initial survey (work with David on key questions/survey)
- PR from survey
- Duke: will be monitoring with GPS the hybrid truck v. regular to track idling, fuel economy – Art will have information on this study (hope to have in service in next month) Will have info in 6 month – 1 year from now. Trucks are the same cost (fed. \$) –
- May want to separate heavy duty v. light duty
- Where will extra \$ come from – can lease and pay as go

Biodiesel Projects:

- Incremental costs of fuel of B-20/ULSD?
- Emissions?
- Maintenance costs
- Reportable problems
- Effects on warranties
- Cold weather effects

Mapping:

- Fuelman.com – locate sites, directions
- Which stations set up to take which cards/fleet cards
- Which fuels available; which fleets
- Darryl speak with Bob about Google Earth – to incorporate into our map

Try & Drive Day:

- CCCC students, vocational efforts;
- Workshop – Larry Shirley (speak about biodiesel production)
- Foothills Bio-energy – workshop similar in the Hickory area

Organizational Issues: draft bylaws for next meeting

Mike digitalized our logo at Sports to You in Monroe in Hayne Street.

Next Meeting date:

Thursday, June 1st 9:30-11:30am