

North Carolina Agricultural Energy Partnership  
General Committee Meeting  
Piedmont Triad Office Greensboro, NC  
July 31, 2009



Chairwoman Judy Stevens called the meeting to order at 11:00am July 31, 2009. After welcoming everyone to the meeting she invited Terry Walmsley to give an update on FibroCoast, FibroMont, and FibroHills. Mr. Walmsley began with the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). He reported that the PPA has not been signed but the utility companies, including the electric cooperatives, are continuing to meet to determine how the Senate Bill 3 legislation affects them individually and collectively. Fibrowatt continues to do work in preparation for the construction phase. Mr. Walmsley shared that Fibrowatt has chosen an EPC contractor but has not publicly announced the contractor. He then moved to the Sampson County Public Information Committee (PIC). The Sampson County PIC has added 6 new members for a total of 12 members that will help bring all questions and concerns to FibroCoast and then provide accurate and factual information back to the local communities.

Chairwoman Stevens then introduced Mr. Doug Duncan from the North Carolina Association of Professional Loggers (NCAPL) as our keynote speaker. Mr. Duncan reported that the NCAPL now has 13 board members, 74 logging businesses, and 72 partner members. Then he went through the **HOT BUTTON** activities that the NCAPL participates in and they are as follows: wood delivery markets, federal and state policy, federal and state agency interactions, they advocates for loggers, and the NCAPL looks for growth in new markets. Their website is [www.ncloggers.com](http://www.ncloggers.com).

The NCAPL have businesses that are **For Profit** and that connect people in the logging industry and that website is the Logging and Services Exchange on [www.loggingservices.biz](http://www.loggingservices.biz). This site provides contact information for insurance needs, equipment needs, and other leads for your logging needs. Mr. Duncan provided three products that the NCAPL considers to be quality biomass products and they are wood pellets, chipped wood, and ground wood products.

Mr. Duncan mentioned that the Hardwood Value Improvement Project is a grant that the NCAPL utilizes to promote continued growth in their industry and organization. This project also promotes

education and training of loggers as Mr. Duncan mentioned that 40% of log's value is lost in the woods because of the lack of education to define the best part of the log. Also, the NCAPL uses the grant to protect the wildlife and the local environment where the loggers work.

Doug Duncan went on to describe the demonstrations that are put on to help generate interest in the NCAPL and the equipment the loggers must use. He called on Mr. Greg Thornton who attended the latest demonstration in Clinton, North Carolina, to comment on what he saw at the demonstration. Mr. Thornton provided that he experienced a first class event. The NCAPL had everything from logging equipment demonstrations to the availability of safety products and safety demos, to a lunch with speakers that talked about their industries and how they benefit the loggers.

Doug Duncan introduced James Jeuck from North Carolina State University to put the finishing touches on a great presentation. Mr. Jeuck is from North Carolina State University and works to determine the supply and protect the sustainability of forestry that is taking place. Mr. Jeuck works very closely with the Woody Biomass Service Center to provide resources and economic analysis for woody biomass projects.

In conclusion Doug Duncan acknowledges the compounding factors for woody biomass are environmental concerns, sustainability, logging force, in woods equipment, landowner projects, and adjacent landowner concerns. Mr. Duncan also identified several opportunities for the NCAPL as partnering with other industries, site expansion, operating efficiencies, transportation efficiencies, inventory, and storage. He closed by giving a self assessment, service after the sell is vital.

Meeting Adjourned.