

North Carolina Agricultural Energy Partnership
March 27th, 2009
Executive NCAEP Minutes
First Meeting



11:00 am The First Executive Meeting was called to order. Rupert Fraser and Kasia Wieronski opened the meeting by suggesting that the executive committee lead the NCAEP completely independent from Fibrowatt or its employees. Then taking the lead the Executive Committee excused all Fibrowatt employees to caucus.

11:30 am Returning to the meeting the NCAEP Executive Committee informed us that officers had been chosen and they were:

Chairperson	Judy Stevens from Montgomery County
Secretary	John Swope from Sampson County
Treasurer	Jan Critz from Surry County

The NCAEP was discussed. Chris Knopf asked if the County seals should be a part of the NCAEP logo if it is does not represent the counties.

Kasia Wieronski will work on the logo and report back to the committee. Miss Wieronski will also be responsible for the creation of the NCAEP website. She announced that the web address will be www.NCAEP.com.

Rupert Fraser brought up the idea of funding. Grants such as the Golden Leaf Fund were suggested. Chris Knopf mentioned that \$200,000 was secured through those types of funds for water and sewer for Surry County. Rupert Fraser also suggested the Poultry Federation as a possible source of funding. Another possible place for funding is the Tobacco Trust Fund.

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Rupert Fraser also suggested that local realtors near the UK plants be surveyed to produce concrete information about the increased property values of the surrounding homes that are located close to those UK plants.

Rupert Fraser also suggested that the NCAEP have a constitution. This will ensure how things are handled! For instance, matters of the press, how funds are used, frequency of meetings, etc. It will be up to the committee. Importance should be set on making public aware, how the NCAEP is funded, and the constitution of the NCAEP.

Jan Critz inquired about the budget. Suggestions for the budget include; transportation, tours to Benson, Minnesota, postage, advertisement, and opinion polls.

It was decided that the Agricultural Secretary of North Carolina, Steve Troxler, would be invited to take a tour of the Benson, MN facility. The NC Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco will be invited as well.

12:00pm Lunch was served

12:45pm The NCAEP Meeting was called to order. Chairwoman Judy Stevens introduced herself, then John Swope as Secretary, and Jan Critz as Treasurer of the Executive Committee. Then she introduced Fibrowatt VP of Environmental and Public Affairs, Terry Walmsley, as the speaker for the meeting.

Terry's presentation consisted of January 5, 2009 Sampson County Commissioner's presentation. The main points were as follows;

- Timeline
- Site criteria
- Open houses
- Fertilizer plant
- Biomass
- PPA

A copy of the presentation can be obtained via email by contacting Terry Walmsley at terry.walmsley@fibrowattusa.com.

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Chairwoman Judy Stevens will contact all members for the date of the next meeting and its agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

To ensure that the NCAEP Executive Committee members contact information is updated and correct, please send it to the email of John Swope at jswope@sampsonedc.com.