



### **Call to Order**

Meeting of the NCAEP Executive Board was called to order by Chairwoman Judy Stevens. She introduced Mr. Ron Fish from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Mr. Fish pledged his support and mentioned how important the Fibrowatt projects are to the agriculture of North Carolina. Chairwoman Stevens invited Mr. Fish and Secretary Steve Troxler and any other officials from the NC Department of Agriculture to be guests of the NCAEP and take a visit to the FibroMinn facility in Benson, MN. Mr. Fish went on to mention that his office has done their research by speaking with Benson, Minnesota farmers as well as The Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Marshall, a State Veterinarian at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**ACTION:** The motion was made by Jan Critz and seconded by John Swope to approve the NCAEP minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### **NC Utilities Commission/Letters of Support**

Kasia Wieronski indicated that the docket number on the Public Utility Commission letters had been corrected and should be accurately posted on the website within the week.

### **NC Utilities Commission/Clarification of SB3**

Chairwoman Stevens called upon Carl Strickler, President of Fibrowatt, to update everyone concerning the Public Utility Commission (PUC) rulings on the Clarification of Senate Bill 3(SB3). Mr. Strickler mentioned that there were 10 questions from the various utilities concerning SB3 and Fibrowatt. It covered everything from rate recovery from the customer to which type of energy should have priority from the utilities. The PUC responded clearly by ruling that priority is to the carve outs; swine, poultry, wind, and

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solar. He also reported that Duke Energy had scheduled a meeting the week after Memorial Day with Fibrowatt and they are in hopes that Progress will soon follow suit. Carl Strickler went on to say that Fibrowatt had passed on incentives to the utilities from the Stimulus Package in the form of a 10% reduction in pricing to entice the utilities into signing the PPA. I have attached a copy of the PUC rulings with these minutes.

### **Environmental Assessment**

Chairwoman Stevens described the Independent Consultant hired by Montgomery County Commissioner Jim Matheny to perform an independent study on the air emissions of the FibroMinn facility. Mr. Conrad Carter, President of Alpha Environmental Management, is the Independent Consultant hired and will produce a written report. Mr. Carter's point of contact with Fibrowatt is Terry Walmsley and he will report his findings directly to Sampson, Surry, and Montgomery counties.

**ACTION:** Chairwoman Judy Stevens put a motion on the floor that all counties with a proposed Fibrowatt site contribute \$1000.00 each to go toward the services provided by Mr. Conrad Carter. Seconded by John Swope, the motion was unanimously passed and agreed to by Jan Critz.

### **Mission Statement/By-laws**

Miss Kasia Wieronski reported that the NCAEP mission Statement is a work in progress and should be finished soon. Miss Wieronski proceeded to hand out the proposed NCAEP Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Articles of Incorporation, and Organizational Meeting of the Initial Directors. Then, she had the Directors Judy Stevens, John Swope, and Jan Critz, sign the Written Consent of the Sole Incorporator of NCAEP to Action without Meeting document. As instructed by Miss Wieronski we will review these documents and discuss them during a conference call at a later date before our next meeting.

### **Funding**

The NCAEP cannot begin fundraising until Incorporation is complete. Terry Walmsley gave a contact for fundraising when Incorporation is completed. Mr. Mike Almond is the contact who is/was with Parker Poe Law Firm and sits on the Golden Leaf Foundation. Chris Knopf knows him and will get his contact information to Jan Critz. Other ideas for contacts are the poultry federation, Jim Shepard, Gator Pelltier, Bob Ford, Bob Johnson, Scott Prestage, Sam Mooney, Keith Shoemaker, and Doug Duncan President of the NC Association of Professional Loggers, Farm Credit, and other fertilizer companies. The important thing to remember is to keep everyone involved, there are many regional benefits.

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### **Website**

Kasia Wieronski asked the Board to produce their Bios so she could post them to the website.

### **Question/Concerns**

Jan Critz addressed a concern that she and Chris Knopf have fielded from the community. It was related to the Channel 8 Fox News story that Chad Fox reported. The comments from the community were that it was one sided, pro BREDL. Kasia Wieronski said that she had spoken with Chad Tucker, of Fox News, to inform him of the lack of information and inconsistency of the story. Terry Walmsley indicated that Fibrowatt sometimes has to choose which battles to fight and which ones we don't engage in. Our current fight deals directly with the misleading information and research (or lack thereof) in the latest BREDL report on Fibrowatt emissions.

### **BREDL Rebuttal**

Terry Walmsley gave an overview of the two BREDL meetings that he, Michael Freeman, Greg Thornton, and Tracy Kimbrell attended on Monday and Tuesday. Concerning the information there were several holes in the presentation that was given by BREDL on both evenings. Mr. Walmsley made it clear that Fibrowatt would definitely take issue with BREDL over their misleading and inaccurate analysis. He said that the press release would be coming out at the beginning of the following week.

### **Meeting Adjourned**