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Energy – Dairy Cluster Meeting Notes September 25, 2013 - 10:30 am - CONFERENCE CALL

Attendees : Merlin Raab, Connie Loden-EDCMC, Carol Karls, Andy Onesti, Amber Hewitt, Andy Barta, Cory Kuchta, Amanda Kleiber, Jennifer Brown

Discussion of plan for Oct 16 meeting.

Action planning

Bio- Gas / CNG – Fuel

Bio-Mass Energy generation - Consider this a strategy -Present the concept and explore interest of a sub-committee and plan separate meeting to look at developing action plan.

Who needs to be invited: Need people who will move pieces forward – not just opinion contributors. Smaller group will be better. Invite the core group that worked on the CNG Workshops. **Amber** will invite a couple of Dairy people. Connie will invite Brad from Brown County.

Merlin gave an overview of where things are at currently - Workshops went well – may see more interest as fleets are converted and more stations emerge. 2 more located in Green Bay since our workshops – so now 3 CNG fueling stations in Green Bay – 1 in Oshkosh and 1 in Sheboygan. Sheboygan is considering converting fleet to CNG. Need to talk to farmers about those interested in adding digesters, those that have digesters and are they interested in getting involved. Brown County Waste Management may also play into this.

Potential Steps/Strategies to consider – educating political representatives for the need for RINS.

Area Energy Summit

Providing conversion analysis for municipal fleets and dairies.

Sept 26- State Energy Office event on waste water treatment – Waste Energy Conference in Appleton. This may have some ability to connect into.

Has there been a directory of all the farms and what and who they sell to. DATCP licensing. Amber will look and see what is available.

Send out ahead of time

- Kewaunee Scenario planning Report and Action plan
- Dairy Survey results – and instrument (Have it hard copy -
- List of dairies the survey was sent to.
- Action Plan format
- Energy-Dairy Cluster Participant data base list
- Wisconsin Ag Education Center Brochure

Oct 16 – Cross Cluster Event – Areas of Focus Identified and tentative agenda

Dairy and Energy – Invite Co-chairs and core leadership Team from both clusters (Use list that worked on CNG Workshops)

Areas of Focus for Action Planning:

1. Develop Action Plan for Determining demand for CBG as fuel
2. Develop Action Plan for Feasibility plan on CBG for Fleets
3. Develop Action Plan for Dairy Survey
4. Develop Action Plan for Determining Bio-Gas producers interested in investing in the infrastructure to produce CBG
5. Develop Action Plan for Fertilizer by-product
6. Develop Action Plan to explore expansion of Bio-Mass Energy generation

ED Support Staff Facilitators: Carol Karls and Amanda Kleiber

Objectives of the Lakeshore Industry Cluster Summit

- Recognize and celebrate successes
- Develop and refine industry cluster strategies and actions for the upcoming year, including cross cluster opportunities
- Identify areas where clusters may be getting stuck or are in need of additional support
- Identify knowledge, research and resources needed to implement the action plan.
- Align the Industry Clusters to the Action Plan developed as a result of the Kewaunee Power Station Scenario Planning

Tentative Agenda

- 7:30-8:45 EDC County Leaders meet to talk about supporting the teams, roles, expectations, etc.
- 9:00 Introduction, agenda, timing and session objectives
- 9:15 Economic Trends as it relates to the LICl- Jeff Sache
- 9:35 Kewaunee Power Station overview of actions (information about action recommendations for clusters)
- 10:00 Cluster teams work independently: (with an Economic Development Support Staff member facilitating each cluster team.
 - 10 min- what have we done
 - 50 min- next action steps (specific actions, names, EDC county support person, etc)
- 11:00 10 min each team- report on action plans to all present.
- 11:40 20 min to discuss cross cluster opportunities