

JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
Phillips Community College of the U of A
Community Meeting Room, 1210 Rice Belt Avenue
Dewitt, Arkansas
Tuesday, October 29, 2013

The Joint Interim Committee on Energy met Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at Phillips Community College of the U of A in the Community Meeting Room, at 9:30 a.m., Dewitt, Arkansas.

Committee members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield, Chair, and Bobby Pierce. Representatives David Branscum, Chair; John Baine, Dan Douglas, and Betty Overbey.

Alternate members present: Representatives John Hutchison, Mark McElroy, and Sue Scott.

Also attending: Representatives David Hillman and Stephen Meeks.

Senator Chesterfield called the meeting to order, and members proceeded to the mini-bio-refinery site.

Farm to Fuel Demonstrations, Press Conference and Ribbon Cutting at Mini-Bio-refinery Site, 523 S. Jefferson Street, Dewitt, Arkansas

Committee members attended the Farm to Fuel project ribbon-cutting and met the key project's partners. They viewed demonstration stations featuring Camelina-crushing with a mobile unit, a refining station using waste vegetable oil, and refining Camelina oil.

Farm to Fuel Value Chain Panel Discussion

The committee learned more in-depth information regarding Camelina and the value chain model from a panel discussion. The purpose of implementing the farm to fuel strategy is to prepare the Arkansas Delta to become the bio-fuel hub for the United States by 1) developing the know-how to maximize yields for Camelina, the new energy crop, and 2) developing the infrastructure to produce biofuel through small and large-scale refineries.

Luncheon Featuring Delta Regional Authority Chairman, Chris Massingill

Mr. Massingill spoke on bio-energy and its potential economic impact on communities such as Dewitt, Arkansas.

The following handouts were provided:

- Farm to Fuel Agenda
- Arkansas Advanced Energy Association
- Camelina - Biofuel for thought
- Energy - Helping small business grow and communities thrive
- Video Premiere and Discussion - Farm to Fuel –Technologies Advanced and Sold in Arkansas

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.