



Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council (ICCAC) Draft Meeting #8 (Teleconference) Summary

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

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Welcome

Chairman Jerry Schnoor welcomed participants after which Marnie Stein called the roll – see Appendix A - Attendance.

Chairman Schnoor said the revised draft report [posted in track changes on the ICCAC website] reflects the Council leaderships' proposals about how to amend the report in light of the numerous comments submitted. Regarding the suggestion that additional items should be allowed to be added to the "barriers to consensus" element after Meeting #7 the Council leadership proposed to allow such additions where there was either support in the meeting summaries or if we had a clear recollection that the barrier had indeed been discussed by the Council. Chairman Schnoor said he was the final arbiter.

One general comment offered was to change the phrase Policy Recommendation to Policy Options throughout the report. Chairman Schnoor noted that the Senate File called for recommendations. ICCAC went through an option screening process early on and then adopted policy recommendations proposed by the Subcommittees. Given the charge to produce Recommendations, he decided to leave the phrase Policy Recommendations intact in the report.

Another member (David Miller) said a problem is that there is no prioritization of the "recommendations." Another member was concerned that there was not sufficient time or resources for fuller analysis of the emissions and economic costs and savings.

Mayor Frank Cownie noted that the Council continues and the members can refine the recommendations and the priority setting.

Krista Tanner read from the statute where it calls for "scenarios." She is not comfortable with these being firm "recommendations." She gave the example of the load forecast and the perception that these are "findings of fact." She may need to abstain due to cases she is involved in where load forecasts are at issue.

Jennifer Easler is also concerned about the prioritization.

Frank Cownie reminded the group that we started with 500 options¹ and narrowed it down to these 54². So these are the options we are recommending for action.

Senator Rob Hogg noted that this is largely a semantic debate. The Executive Summary says there has been no effort to prioritize the 54² recommendations presented. He fears that if you call them options the Legislature will call the ICCAC back to do the prioritization. He notes the changed climate on climate change and the expectation of pressure from national and international policy to move forward fast. He also noted that the ICCAC continues and this is not the last chance to refine the recommendations. He thinks the wording in the report is fine now. Roxanne Carisch still feels semantics are important and prefers “options.”

David Miller moved to change “policy recommendations” to “policy options” throughout the report. Richard Cruse seconded the motion. The motion passed 10 -6. (See Appendix B for voting details).

The meeting moved to a discussion of the specific sections of the report and the edits to them:

Executive Summary

Tom Looby, Iowa Project manager for the Center for Climate Strategies, noted that Richard Ney correctly pointed out that TLU-6 was not quantified for costs, but only for emission reductions and therefore the reductions from this policy should not be included in the cost-effectiveness equation. This changed the number of policies that were factored into the cost-effectiveness calculation from 38 to 37. It also resulted in slight modifications to the total costs/ ton figures in the cumulative results table.

A Member pointed out that the Executive Summary clarifies that there was prioritization to get to the 56 options selected for further analysis and design (from more than 300 originally considered). However, as noted earlier those options selected are not prioritized for the Governor’s and Legislature’s consideration.

Krista Tanner asked about the section called “Science of Climate Change”. The Chairman felt that decision makers were apprised of the debate over climate science, but several members had commented about this section of the report.

David Miller suggested moving the science discussion out of the Executive Summary since it was not part of the ICCAC work. It is already in the Chapter 1- Background and Overview. He then moved to cut the section on “Science of Climate Change” from the last two pages of the Executive Summary and to have it only in Chapter 1. Nile Lanning seconded the motion. This was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

(Tom Fey left the meeting at 8:43 AM.)

¹ Actually it was over 300 options to begin with

² 56 options were selected for analysis.

Chapter 1- Background and Overview

Tom Looby went through the key suggested edits to the report. There had been a request that the report note that the analysis is CCS's not the Councils since they were done by CCS rather than by the Council. Since all of the analysis had been reviewed and approved by the ICCAC, the Chairman decided not to make that change. This is the ICCAC's Report.

Roxanne Carisch agreed with changing the report to refer to CCS analysis. Krista Tanner felt that there was not sufficient time to fully understand the analysis.

The Chairman read the paragraph about the process. Tom Peterson of CCS also noted that there were work group meetings added to analyze the data and inputs both to the Inventory and Forecast and to the cost analysis. There were votes by the Subcommittees and the ICCAC at multiple steps along the way.

Chairman Schnoor asked if we should change the text to reflect that it was CCS analysis as had been recommended by a member in the comment period.

Jennifer Easler said we should keep the text as is, adding she feels the ICCAC needs to take ownership of the report.

Roxanne Carisch moved to change "the ICCAC analyzed" to "CCS analyzed." Krista Tanner seconded this change – and that it be done throughout the report. There was a roll call vote on this change. The motion failed on a 4 to 11 vote.

Chapter 2 – Inventory and Forecast

Tom Looby from CCS went over the edits to Chapter 2 – no members had any comments or refinements to these.

Chapter 3 – EEC

Hal Nelson from CCS reviewed the track edits made in response to Members' comments. In a couple cases information included in the Appendix were brought forward into the Chapter. Jennifer Easler pointed out that not all of the examples she had requested for EEC-5 had been brought forward. She would prefer an "all or nothing" approach regarding the examples. Chairman Schnoor asked if there were any objections to doing this. Jennifer Easler moved to bring all the examples from the appendix forward into the EEC Chapter. Marian Gelb seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Chapter 4 – CRE

Hal Nelson of CCS reviewed the changes recommended during the comment period. The Members agreed with these changes.

Chapter 5 – TLU

Jason Miles of CCS noted that the TLU-6 changes were discussed above in the executive summary.

The fuel economy and emission efficiency is the other substantive change that will be discussed under Appendix H. The Members agreed to all changes.

Chapter 6 – AFW

Jackson Schriber of CCS reviewed the change to the sinks language recommended by an ICCAC member. No further changes.

Chapter 7 – Cross Cutting

No changes

Appendix D – No changes

Appendix F – EEC

Cathy Woollums said changes were suggested on the problems with the load growth scenarios and should be included in the Barriers to Consensus language. Tom Looby recalls the discussion and will revise the text accordingly.

Appendix G – CRE

Hal Nelson of CCS went over the changes to this Appendix. Chairman Schnoor noted the objection to the nuclear option. No further changes were requested by the ICCAC.

Appendix H - TLU

Jason Miles of CCS briefly reviewed the changes. Chairman Schnoor noted his changes to the question of biofuels and their life-cycle GHG assessment (page H-58) and the challenge it raises to Iowa's corn-based ethanol. (Under new federal law, after 2009, any new ethanol plants need to do such a life-cycle analysis.) Roya Stanley has concerns about the life cycle analysis and the science behind it being only focused on the biofuels, not also the oil (new supplies which could come from tar-sands/oil sands). She and Brian Crowe of the Office of Energy Independence (OEI) requested revised language to reflect the uncertainties. The California LEV limits the flex fuel market. They are looking mostly at cold starts instead of the broad GHG emissions of the vehicle. OEI no longer recommends the California standard so the language under TLU-8 Key Uncertainties needs to be corrected to reflect this.

Chairman Schnoor asked for an addition in language on the other emissions beyond the growing of the biofuels. "Other emission products and the science behind the California Standards need further review.

Tom Looby suggested adding a line something along the effect of: There are other uncertainties related to the CARB analysis.

A further change was agreed to: On Indirect emissions of ethanol change "would" to "may."

Another member (Mayor Cownie) noted the need for a low-carbon fuel standard that addresses all types of fuel sources (imported, derived from sands, etc.)

Roxanne Carisch asked why language in Barriers to Consensus on pg. H-30 was deleted. Tom Looby recalled discussion about the cost effectiveness is longer term.

Appendix I - AFW

Jackson Schrieber from CCS went over the very few edits. There was no further discussion.

Appendix J – Cross Cutting Issues

Tom Looby noted the changes for consistency and the Barriers to Consensus related to the numbers in the Scenarios.

Krista Tanner made a motion to change the language on page J-7 text that begins ... “During 2009 ICCAC members...” to “may be involved” instead of “foster implementation” This is to remove any idea that members are lobbying. Roxanne Carisch seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Next Steps for Finalizing the Report.

Tom Looby noted that CCS will make the revisions reflecting today’s changes. This will go to the full ICCAC in track changes by early next week. He suggested that there could be a 24-hour turn-around for Members to review the changes made to ensure that they were adequately captured by CCS. If members see errors in what was changed today they should notify Marnie Stein. This gives the ICCAC one last look. The Chairman asked if this process met with the Member’s approval. It did by acclamation.

Teresa Galluzzo has some typos she will send to Marnie Stein. Stephanie Weisenbach and Dawn Snyder noted they had joined the call.

The Chairman asked for approval of the amended ICCAC report. The members unanimously agreed to have a roll call vote to approve the report as amended. Franklin Cownie then moved to approve the final report as amended. Marian Gelb seconded the motion.

Roxanne Carisch wanted the record to show she has some concerns that Barriers to Consensus and that costs to consumers have not adequately been addressed in the report. A roll call vote was conducted with yes being a vote to approve the ICCAC report. The motion passed 16 – 1.

Senator Hogg thanked everyone for their hard work. This is the “issue of our generation.”

Rep. Olsen seconded that thought and thanked all of the organizations represented by the ICCAC Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM CT.

Appendix A

| Roll Call | | | |
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| Item: Attendance for 12/10/2008 Conference Call | | | |
| Advisory Council Members | Y | N | Notes |
| Roxanne Carisch | x | | |
| Franklin Cownie | x | | |
| Richard Cruse | x | | |
| Jennifer Easler | x | | |
| Thomas Fey | x | | Left @8:43 AM |
| Teresa Galluzzo | x | | |
| Marian Gelb | x | | |
| Shelley Hackett | | x | |
| Thomas Hadden | x | | |
| Nile Lanning | x | | |
| Robert Loyd | | x | |
| David Miller | x | | |
| Richard Ney | x | | |
| Norman Olson | x | | |
| Jerald Schnoor | x | | |
| Julie Smith | | x | |
| Dawn Snyder | | x | Arrived @ approx. 9:30 AM |
| Roya Stanley | x | | |
| Bill Stigliani | | x | |
| Krista Tanner | x | | |
| Stephanie Weisenbach | | x | Arrived @ approx. 9:30 AM |
| Cathy Woollums | x | | |
| <i>Robert Hogg - non-voting</i> | x | | |
| <i>Steve Kettering - non-voting</i> | | x | |
| <i>Donovan Olson - non-voting</i> | x | | |
| <i>Ralph Watts - non-voting</i> | | x | |

Appendix B

| Item: Replace “Recommendations” with “Options” throughout final report. | | |
|--|---|---|
| Advisory Council Members | Y | N |
| Roxanne Carisch | X | |
| Franklin Cownie | | X |
| Richard Cruse | X | |
| Jennifer Easler | X | |
| Thomas Fey | | X |
| Teresa Galluzzo | | X |
| Marian Gelb | | X |
| Shelley Hackett | | |
| Thomas Hadden | X | |
| Nile Lanning | X | |
| Robert Loyd | | |
| David Miller | X | |
| Richard Ney | | X |
| Norman Olson | X | |
| Jerald Schnoor | | X |
| Julie Smith | | |
| Dawn Snyder | | |
| Roya Stanley | X | |
| Bill Stigliani | | |
| Krista Tanner | X | |
| Stephanie Weisenbach | | |
| Cathy Woollums | X | |

Motion: David Miller

Second: Richard Cruse

Motion passed 10 - 6.

| Item: Change “ICCAC analyzed...” to “CCS analyzed...” in 3 places in final report. | | |
|---|---|---|
| Advisory Council Members | Y | N |
| Roxanne Carisch | X | |
| Franklin Cownie | | X |
| Richard Cruse | | X |
| Jennifer Easler | | X |
| Thomas Fey | | |
| Teresa Galluzzo | | X |
| Marian Gelb | | X |
| Shelley Hackett | | |
| Thomas Hadden | | X |
| Nile Lanning | | X |
| Robert Loyd | | |
| David Miller | | X |
| Richard Ney | | X |
| Norman Olson | X | |
| Jerald Schnoor | | X |
| Julie Smith | | |
| Dawn Snyder | | |
| Roya Stanley | | X |
| Bill Stigliani | | |
| Krista Tanner | X | |
| Stephanie Weisenbach | | |
| Cathy Woollums | X | |

Motion: Roxanne Carisch

Second: Krista Tanner

Motion failed 4 – 11.

| Item: Approve final ICCAC report as amended. | | |
|---|---|---|
| Advisory Council Members | Y | N |
| Roxanne Carisch | | X |
| Franklin Cownie | X | |
| Richard Cruse | X | |
| Jennifer Easler | X | |
| Thomas Fey | | |
| Teresa Galluzzo | X | |
| Marian Gelb | X | |
| Shelley Hackett | | |
| Thomas Hadden | X | |
| Nile Lanning | X | |
| Robert Loyd | | |
| David Miller | X | |
| Richard Ney | X | |
| Norman Olson | X | |
| Jerald Schnoor | X | |
| Julie Smith | | |
| Dawn Snyder | X | |
| Roya Stanley | X | |
| Bill Stigliani | | |
| Krista Tanner | X | |
| Stephanie Weisenbach | X | |
| Cathy Woollums | X | |

Motion: Franklin Cownie

Second: Marian Gelb

Motion passed 16 -1.