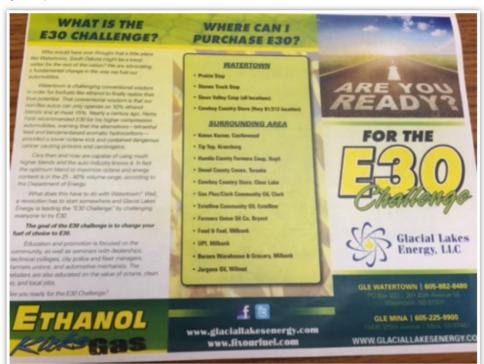
## CODINGTON COUNTY ASKED TO TAKE THE E-30 CHALLENGE

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Glacial Lakes Energy CEO Jim Seurer appeared before the Codington County Commissioners this week (Tuesday) to promote the E-30 Challenge. The campaign is designed to raise public awareness about the potential of bio-fuels. He says they're launching the public initiative in the next of couple of weeks and that he wanted to introduce it to the commissioners today as a way of encouraging the county to move their vehicles to E-30 blended fuels. He says Glacial Lakes Energy is a locally owned company with more than 60 percent of the shareholders living in the Watertown trade area. Seurer says GLE has been on the cutting edge of ethanol technology from the beginning having promoted and installing the first blender pumps at Sioux Valley Coop back in 2003.



Seurer says the challenge in the United States is the oil industry and a battle that never ends. He says that, although the oil companies outspend them about 10 to one, they're confident E-30 can make it's way into the U-S economy in a similar way that E-10 did years ago when it moved from the center part of the country to the coasts. Andy Wicks, who represents Performance Engine and Dyno Tune, has conducted extensive research for the ethanol industry. He is a liaison between the ethanol plants and automotive industry.



Wicks says another issue that surfaces from time-to-time with the public is the check engine light, an issue that, he says, is a non-issue.



Wicks says they've done extensive testing using non-flex vehiciles with E-30 and that using the higher blends actually increased engine horsepower performance because the ethanol product is a higher octane fuel.



Wicks talked about the bottom line savings that Codington County might experience using the E-30 blend fuels.



The Codington County commissioners took no action today and will continue their talks on the topic next week. The goal of the E-30 challenge, says Seurer, is to change public perception about the use of higher ethanol blend. Seuer says the ethanol revolution needs to start somewhere and that Glacial Lakes Energy is leading the E-30 Challenge by calling on everyone to use E-30.