

LaSalle Parish
Beef, Pasture and Forage Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
7-18-06

The LaSalle Parish Beef, Pasture, and Forage Advisory Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Jim Summers, LaSalle Parish County Agent. The group was served a brisket and sausage meal. Summers addressed the group as to the purpose and function of the advisory system. He stated the advisory council was to identify educational needs and problems as related to beef and forage production and marketing. Summers stated that working as a group educational plans could be developed that would address identified needs and issues.

Members present were: Doyle Stevenson, Buddy Powell, Twyman Appleby, Steven Tingle, Ricky Huffman, Charles Williams, and W.E. Appleby. Charles Williams was elected president and W. E. Appleby secretary.

Issues discussed were the need to improve marketing techniques, and the need to utilize the calf to carcass program for producers to determine the type and quality of beef they were producing, better selection of breeding stock and better health and nutrition programs in herds.

In the area of pasture and forage issues identified were: the need for improved weed and insect control variety information. The group felt producers should take advantage of management tools such as soil testing and forage testing to make management decisions.

There was also interest in better brush and fence row management as far as controlling trees in fence rows.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jim Summers