

Sugarcane Advisory Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Justin Frederick.

A motion by Ronnie Robert, seconded by Allen Theriot, was called to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was passed.

Mike Melancon reported that the account was in good standing as of April 20, 2006. A motion by Allen Theriot and seconded by Roy Latiolais was accepted for the treasurer's report.

A motion by Allen Theriot, seconded by Andy Gerard, to nominate Randy Duplantis as Chairman and the motion was passed.

A motion by Allen Theriot, seconded by Andy Gerard, to nominate Tim Albert as Vice Chairman and the motion was passed.

The treasurer's position will continue to be held by Mike Melancon.

**Sugarcane Field Day** The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugarcane Field Day will be held on Friday, July 29, 2006. A discussion was held to move the field day up by one week to accommodate growers who are beginning planting early. The discussion was tabled for a late meeting, perhaps in September.

The location will be Levert St. John and WOW Building.

**Meal and Refreshments:** A committee was asked to get a price on a prepared meal. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

**Guest speaker** Someone from LA Sugarcane Refining (LSR), Mike Comb, manager of LASUCA and Alfred Guidry will work on getting a guest speaker.

**Blessing of the Crop** Father Breaux

**Tire Recycling Program** will be held the first two weeks in August.

**Hi-Yield Awards** No awards in 2006. Discussion was tabled and will be brought up again in spring of 2007.

Mike Salassi, LSU economist, discussed the use of sugar for ethanol. All facts and figures indicate that sugar cannot compete with corn as a feed stock.

Wendell Jackson, agronomist with AMSL, discussed the release of L99-226 and L99-233.

County Agent, Alfred Guidry, discussed the rust situation in 384 and 988. He also talked about a Section 18 for use of a fungicide in 2007, if a company was willing to support the program. The List of Sponsors was given to members in preparation for the field day.

There being no old business or new business a motion by Allen Theriot, seconded by Stacy Albert to adjourn. The motion was passed.

Members present were: Mike Melancon, Mike Comb, Mike Salassi (LSU economist, guest speaker), Allen Theriot, Jackie Theriot, Ronnie Robert, Willie Price, Ronald Francis, Justin Frederick, Andy Gerard, Wendell Jackson (ASCL), Stacy Albert, Tim Albert, Curry Albert, Roy Latiolais, Randy Duplantis, Richard Latiolais and James Trahan, FSA.