

Sugarcane Advisory Committee Minutes
May 15, 2008

Chairman was absent; the meeting was conducted by Alfred Guidry, county agent.

- A. Minutes of last meeting—motion to dispense with the minutes by Richard Latiolais, seconded by Allen Theriot. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report—Mike Melancon, treasurer said the account was in good standing. Election of officers—2008
 - President—Craig Melancon
 - Vice—President—Justin Frederick
 - Secretary-Treasurer—Mike Melancon
 - All were voted in by acclamation.
- C. Field Day
 - 46th Annual Sugarcane Field Day—July 18, 2008
 - Location—WOW Building
 - Meal and Refreshment—same arrangements as 2007 with the exception that we will cook pork steaks instead of chicken.
 - Guest speaker—1st choice—Charlie Melancon, 2nd David Agneta
 - Blessing of the Crop—Father Chang
- D. Tire Recycling Program—Group agreed to have program from July 21—25, 2008
- E. Release of L01-283—discussed by county agent, Alfred Guidry and Windell Jackson from the American Sugar Cane League
- F. Growth Measurements—by Dr. Sonny Viator. Told the crowd that sugarcane was somewhat shorter this year compared to average. Cool nights may have contributed to short growth, but crop has time to catch up especially with recent rains.
- G. Industry Up—Dr. Ben Legendre—spoke to group and gave excellent ideas on how growers can save money and hopefully survive these current low prices.
- H. Farm Bill Update—discussed by county agent, Alfred Guidry and Windell Jackson---Sugar support will increase by \$.75 over a 3-year periods beginning in 2009. Sugar for ethanol is an excellent provision in the bill which will allow non-quota sugar to be used for ethanol production, which could help increase price. Bill would be for 5 years.
- I. Field Day Sponsors were distributed.
- J. Section 18 Headline for Control of Brown Rust was discussed by Alfred Guidry.
- K. Supplemental labeling for Idle and Fallow Ground –Eptam discussed by Alfred Guidry.
- L. Their being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.