

Sugarcane Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2006

Present:

Randy Duplantis, Mike Melancon, Andy Gerard, Jackie Theriot, Allen Theriot, Ronnie Roberts, Roy Latiolais, Hobson Champagne, Charlie Levert, Calvin Boutte, Lester Bergeron, Curry Albert, Willie Price, Windell Jackson, James Trahan, Craig Melancon, Justin and Larry Thibodeaux (guest)

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randy Duplantis
- Treasurer's Report—Mike Melancon gave report on status of finances. Motion by Curry to accept the report and a second by Hobson. Motion was passed.
- Evaluation of Field Day—members said the field day ran fine and no changes were recommended for 2007.
- Update on Sugar harvest: Windell Jackson, Agronomist with the American Sugar League commented that throughout the sugar belt that sugar recovery was averaging 190-200, which is excellent for this early in the season. Tonnage was also above normal with approximately 45 tons more than recent years. Planting was also 95% complete with St. Mary Parish still behind because of wet field conditions.
- High yield awards—discussion on high yield awards was tabled to spring meeting.
- Educational tour—discussion on possible tour in 2007 was also tabled until later in the year. A possible bus tour to Pointe Coupee and surrounding parishes was also discussed.
- County agent, Alfred Guidry, then honored Mr. Willie Price for his 50 years of service and dedication to the sugar industry. Mr. Price has served on all major committees in Extension and FSA. Mr. Willie retired this year because of health issues. Comments from the committee praised Mr. Will for his generosity and service to the sugar industry.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned. A motion by Ronnie and a second by Allen, was made to adjourn.