

2007 East Carroll Ag Advisory Committee Minutes

The Ag Advisory Committee meeting for the fiscal year 2007 was held Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in the Hyder Room at Delta Bank. The meeting started at 6:10 p.m.

In attendance were: Donna Lee, associate county agent with the LSU AgCenter in East Carroll Parish; Glenn Dixon, associate area agent with the SU Ag Center in East & West Carroll parishes; Dr. Ralph Bagwell, entomology specialist with the LSU AgCenter; Dr. Donnie Miller, Weed Scientist with the LSU AgCenter; Sherry Smith, secretary with the LSU AgCenter in East Carroll Parish; Lori McLain, secretary with the LSU/SU AgCenters in East Carroll Parish; Reynold Minsky, Lynn Brown and Bo Holt.

Donna Lee opened the meeting with introductions. She then explained the purpose of the meeting which is to let the committee members state their concerns with or needs from the Ag program in East Carroll Parish.

A brief discussion on grain storage bags ensued.

Donna gave everyone a copy of the demonstration/variety trial results that have been completed this season. David and Rodger Coody had a corn variety trial; Bobby Joe Dettenhaim had a soybean variety trial; Jamie Howington had a Bt corn trial; Bo Holt had a cotton variety trial; Ken Fairchild had a rice verification plot and a soybean verification plot. An insecticide test seed treatment was conducted on soybean with Jerry and Ronnie King. Donavon Taves has a borer collection site. The rice verification yielded 180 bu/acre and the soybean verification yielded 62 bu/acre. The cotton plot on Bo Holt's place has been defoliated but not yet picked.

If anyone is interested in participating in a demonstration or variety trial for the next growing season, they should let Donna know and she will check into getting them enrolled.

Glenn Dixon briefly described 1890's partnership with Monsanto in doing a Roundup Ready Flex test in Mer Rouge. A crops field day was held in July which highlighted cattle and cotton, corn and soybean production practices. Plans are to focus more on cotton and soybean. Commercial vegetables are being considered as an alternative crop rather than planting traditional row crops.

Glenn discussed his concentration on home grounds and turf IPM (integrated pest management) and cultural practices. Demonstrations were conducted at the Lake Providence High School football field, with homeowners and the housing authority. The housing authority will utilize Extension home grounds and lawn BMPs (Best Management Practices).

Glenn informed that there has been some interest in soil amendments. He will test some of the products in the area to see if their claims hold true. He also stated that educational programming on pesticide applicator testing will continue. The test has been revised and he is revising his educational materials to address the new standards.

Mr. Minsky stated he thinks we need a wheat trial on fungicide treatment to determine if fungicide will be an advantage or not. He also said people are asking about rust problems.

Dr. Miller discussed conducting fall applications for weeds. He said they are very effective; however, they may keep the field clean until harvest and they may not.

Dr. Bagwell discussed spider mites being found from Tallulah to Vicksburg. Some of the fall applications may have something to do with that. An experiment is being conducted on pre-bloom application in cotton and we will look into the issues of controlling plant bugs.

Dr. Miller stated the finishing touches are being added to a job description for a weed specialist for cotton, soybean, corn, wheat and sweet potato.

Donna asked everyone for their opinion on demonstrations and email newsletters – how do they think these things are working? Ms. Brown said she likes the email newsletters. Mr. Holt said he doesn't check his often enough and would rather receive information by regular mail.


Mr. Minsky stated he thinks we are probably as good now as we've ever been in this parish. He said he knows he can get a quick response from Donna whenever he calls her.

Mr. Holt asked about conducting corn fungicide tests.


Dr. Bagwell said he didn't think they saw any difference in applying fungicides and not applying.

Donna then gave everyone a copy of the Advisory Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities form and asked them to read and sign it if they agree to serve on the committee. By signing this form they will give us permission to post their name on our Web site.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 for everyone to enjoy a meal of shrimp etouffee', rice, salad, garlic bread, cold drinks and bread pudding.



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Glenn E. Dixon
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2007 Ag Advisory Committee Members

Lynn Brown
Bo Holt
Reynold Minsky
Eran Robinson
Donavon Taves

2007 List of Invited to Ag Advisory Committee Meeting

Bobby Amacker	John Herrington
Jolene Brown	Bo Holt
Lynn Brown	Tim Holt
Paul Brown	Keith Howard
Steve Brown	Jamie Howington
Mark Buntyn	Jerry King
Roger Clement	Ronnie King
David Coody	Alvin Minsky
Rodger Coody	Willie Nelson
Dexter Davis	Tap Parker
David Dennis	Eran Robinson
Steve Dooley	Donavon Taves
John Larry Goode	Billy Travis
Cliff Griffin	Reese Traylor
Edward Hampton	James Turner