



Minutes Franklin Parish
ANR Advisory Leadership Council
March 12, 2008

The Franklin Parish ANR Row Crop Advisory Leadership Council met in the Extension Auditorium on March 12, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. Present were Keith Bringol, Ricky Campbell, Jr., Chad Nelson, Kyle Peoples, Paul Till and Rusty Wiggers. Joyce Johns, Kevin Graham and John Earl Carroll were absent. Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent participated in the meeting.

The members were asked to give input on areas that needed to be addressed by the LSU AgCenter in the parish. Rusty Wiggers wanted to see more educational programming directed to the general public on the economic impact agriculture has on the local economy and the national economy. Also information related to the benefits of a strong USA agriculture industry. Chad Nelson wanted the *Best Management Practices for Plant Bugs in Midsouth Cotton* mailed to Franklin Parish cotton producers. He also wanted the email distribution of various newsletters to continue even though there is duplication on receiving some of the information. In addition Mr. Nelson wanted the results of parish producer demonstrations available on the parish web site and hard copies. Keith Bringol was interested in anything that could promote “value-added” for local producers. Most of our producers raise multiple crops, and many also have beef cattle or vegetables or pecans. With the increased number of soybean acres, Ricky Campbell wanted up to date information on Asian soybean rust and fungicides recommendations and Mr. Nelson wanted harvest aid information on soybean. Kyle Peoples was interested in information on the availability of precision agriculture technology.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

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