



**Minutes of the East & West Feliciana Parish
Combined Overall Advisory Council Meeting
March 26, 2009
Jackson, Louisiana**

Members present:

Sandra Baker, EF Quad Area Agency
Wedge Barthe, EF cattleman
Doug Beauchamp, EF School Superintendent
Greg Beauchamp, EF producer
Marc Browning, EF cattleman
Brian Cutrer, WF forester
Bill Dart, EF Ag advisory council member
Alyse DeLee, WF 4-H parent
Spencer DeLee, WF 4-H parent
James Genius, WF vegetable producer
Pat Gilmore, WF Council on Aging
Louis Kent, EF Police Jury
John Patrick, WF cattleman

Tony Rouchon, EF School Board
Sarah Wilson-Rogers, WF School Board

AgCenter personnel present:

Andre' Brock
Brian Chandler
Dr. James Devillier
Lauren Kennedy
Pam Myers
Ursula Shaw
Dr. Ken Spoto
Dr. Pam Hodson
Hampton Grunewald

Dr. James Devillier welcomed all members of the East and West Feliciana Parish Advisory Leadership Councils. Members and AgCenter personnel introduced themselves to the group. Johnny Arceneaux, Administrator of the Folkes Campus of the Louisiana Technical Colleges, welcomed the participants and gave a brief overview of the programs offered at the facility.

Dr. Devillier and Pam Myers gave summaries of AgCenter programs in East Feliciana and West Feliciana parishes, respectively. Dr. Devillier explained that the purpose of this meeting was different from other ALC meetings, in that it would focus on budget issues rather than community issues and programs to address the issues.

Hampton Grunewald, coordinator in the Chancellor's office of the AgCenter, spoke to the group about budget concerns for the state, for higher education and for the AgCenter specifically. He shared information regarding the serious impact proposed cuts would have on AgCenter operations and how the AgCenter differs from other entities in higher education. He asked for these stakeholders to show their support for the AgCenter during the legislative session in order to help alleviate the situation.

Members asked questions and discussed the information presented. There was a consensus that it is important to maintain a higher level of financial support in order for the AgCenter to continue to function and to serve the people of all parishes in the state.