

2006 Spring 4-H Livestock Advisory Meeting March 23, 2006

Committee Members: David Watson, Beth Karl, Paul Alford, Roddy Karl, Barry McNabb, Lane Miller

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The 2006 spring meeting of the St. Helena 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee was held on March 7:00 PM at the Hitching Post Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by David Watson (president).

The minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Beth Karl. Motion made by Paul Alford and seconded by David Watson to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

A 2005 St. Helena 4-H livestock financial report was given by Stefen Givens. Receipts collected from business donations and sponsors was \$1600.00. The Sweet Potato Fundraiser made \$289.00 with a grand total of \$1889.00 collected. Expenses for the 2005-06 year totaled \$1848.40. These expenses included the parish show awards (\$1477.00), parish show lunch (213.95), Grooming Workshop/Showmanship Clinic (\$27.40) and equipment repairs/purchases (\$177.45). A note was made that the Bank of Greensburg was billed on 3/9/2006 for \$575. The money is to pay Parish Livestock Show class premiums and lunch. Paul Alford made motion to accept financial report and Roddy Karl seconded motion. Motion passed.

Old Business Discussed:

It was stated by Paul Alford that the sweet potato fundraiser was weak. He said that we needed to start in September or October selling sweet potatoes instead of December. The committee agreed with this.

The citrus fundraiser was brought up by David Watson. Stefen Givens reminded the committee that 2005 was the first year that profits from the citrus fundraiser were going back to the 4-H clubs that sold. Only \$1.00 per box would stay in the 4-H foundation. All agreed that this is the way it should be. Beth Karl stated that she would like lemons and grapefruit to also be sold.

New Business Discussed:

Stefen Givens informed the committee that the face of 4-H might be changing somewhat in St. Helena Parish. Kay Singleton and he would start doing more enrichment work in the public schools. Enrichment would include nutrition and financial management. David Watson made the statement that we were lucky to still have a 4-H agent in the parish considering the financial situation of state and the AgCenter.

The 2006-07 4-H livestock budget was presented by Stefen Givens. The budget totaled \$3000 with \$550 of it coming from the foundation. The remained would be collected from sponsors and fundraisers. After much discussion Paul Alford made the motion to accept the budget with minor revisions and Roddy Karl seconded. Motion passed to accept the 2006-07 budget and for Stefen Givens to present it at the next St. Helena 4-H Foundation meeting.

Discussion was made about the Christmas Grooming and Showmanship clinic that was held at the Florida Parishes Arena. It was stated for this to become an annual event. They liked the time, location, and activities. The committee thought this was an excellent opportunity for our St. Helena 4-H'ers to meet and work with other youth from Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes.

Discussion by all to look at where the parish livestock show will be held in 2007. Stefen said there was a possibility to have the town of Greensburg to extend the pavilion at the Forest Festival grounds. David Watson mentioned the Florida Parishes Arena. The majority thought the show could be held at the Florida Parishes Arena. He further stated that it would be good for our children to be able to commingle with Tangipahoa 4-H'ers. Stefen Givens stated that the date of the show would conflict with Tangipahoa Parish livestock show. Stefen said he would work with Chic Core to try to eliminate this conflict even if St. Helena had to show the Saturday before.

After a great meal Paul Alford made the motion to adjourn with Beth Karl's second. Motion passed.