

**Vernon Parish Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
March 5, 2007**

**Advisory Committee Members**

**Andy Addison  
Charnel Bailey  
Robyn Briscoe  
Michelle Mitchell  
Katie Thomas  
Bill Anderson  
Jack Bass  
Carol Coriel  
Leslie Ortiz  
Linda Thomas  
Ruth Bailey  
Brenda Bealer  
Georgia Jeane  
Wayne Tanner**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A brief history of the Vernon Parish extension programs and the summary of agriculture in Vernon Parish were presented.**

**The group was asked to discuss the extension programs and give suggestions as to what new programs or changes in existing programs needed to be made.**

**Agriculture:**

- \*Programs on calving difficulties**
- \*Programs on the effect of ethanol and corn prices on the price of cattle**
- \*Program on the effect that the big timber companies selling out is going to effect the price of private timber**
- \*Program on the possibility of using clover as a source of nitrogen due to the increasing prices of commercial fertilizer**

**FCS:**

- \*The need for an FCS agent in Vernon Parish**

**4-H:**

- \*New 4-H agent Chad Hagan was introduced to the group**

- \*The dress code at 4-H activities was discussed and it was agreed upon that all the 4-H program could do was abide by Vernon Parish School Board dress codes**
- \*Programs need to be developed to make the livestock projects more appealing to club members**
- \*The fact that Vernon Parish is participating in a pilot program at 4-H Camp (environmental camp) was discussed**
- \*The 4-H program seems to be doing well, so little changes were recommended.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.**

**Cleve Weisgerber  
Parish Chair  
Vernon Parish**