

Agriculture Advisory Minutes 2007

At 6:00 pm on February 20, 2007 in the LSU AgCenter Winn Parish Extension Office, County Agent Donny Moon called the Agriculture Advisory Committee to order. Members present included Glen Austin, Donna Cheek, Roy Jones, Mike Jordan, Joe Shields, J. C. Ward and Reverend Huey White.

Following the welcome and introductions, Donny discussed the mission and purpose of the LSU AgCenter. The mission and purpose of the LSU AgCenter is to bring research-based information from the college to the people. After the mission and purpose was discussed, Donny talked about the purpose of advisory committees. Donny stated that advisory committees are used to help plan trainings that will most benefit local clients and producers. After Donny finished discussing the role of advisory committees, he gave a report on issues that were discussed in the 2006 advisory committee and progress made on the issues. Then Donny asked the committee to identify the primary concerns facing the Winn Parish agricultural producer.

1. Row crop and corn production/market in the hill country.
2. Forestry: Harvesting/marketing on small acres for timber, pine straw and other forest products.
3. Producers Coop: Plants, chemicals, feed, fertilize, lime, seed, soil/mixes and other horticulture needs.
4. Master Farmer: Hay/pasture production
Livestock production
Tax write-offs
5. Soil sampling and the spreading of poultry litter on pasture and timber.

The group discussed ways to reach the producers by using clinics/fielddays/field demonstrations and the development and utilization of a local producers list.

Donny thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.