

LEE COUNTY

Committed Today for a Better Tomorrow

Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 20, 2010

Members present: Donald Nicholson, Jerry Lemmond, LaVerne Joyner, Worth Pickard, Tom Boerger, George Wilberg, Tony Ragan, Jane Barringer, Barbara Alphin, Darrell Doby, Wayne Yarborough, Ed Angel, Wayne Watson

County staff present: Tommy Brooks, Susan Condlin and Rhonda Gaster

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. No public comment.

Business:

Approval of Minutes –Minutes were approved as mailed.

Fund Balance – The balance of the NCDFP Trust Fund grant is \$8,065.46. There were no transactions to report.

Signing of the Bylaws and Guidelines – The Bylaws and Guidelines were signed by members that were not present at the last meeting. The official copy will be posted to the web.

Continued discussion on VAD signage - After a conversation with Bobby from VLO signs, Susan commented that the sign Chris Gaster has designed would be too expensive to reproduce. Bobby from VLO developed an alternative sign (attached to minutes) that has two colors and is less expensive to reproduce. The prices quoted by VLO for this sign will be considerable less. Susan has sent Bobby's design to Correction Enterprises for pricing. At the time of the meeting she had not received a response from Correction Enterprises.

Worth Pickard made a motion to accept the green and white sign with the sun with a chicken added. Ed Angel seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Susan Condlin stated that Bobby at VLO, mentioned the charge for the sign design will be \$100. Worth Pickard made a motion to pay VLO \$100 for the design. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

The committee agreed to pay Chris Gaster \$100 for his initial design work.

Presentation of Brochure - Tom Boerger and Jane Barringer designed our promotional brochure. They used information from Cumberland and Jones Counties. After discussion, some minor changes were made. Jane Barringer will check the brochure for grammatical errors. Barbara Alphin made a motion to accept the brochure with minor corrections. Ed Angel seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Motion carried.

Susan suggested using Chris Gaster's design in other areas. Suggestions given by the committee included using it for Farm-City Week; framing it and placing it at the Government Center, Courthouse or McSwain Center.

Donald Nicholson will speak about the VAD at the Extension Advisory Council meeting Thursday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. He will also speak at the Lee County Forestry Association on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:30 at Tony's Seafood and the Lee County Area Farmers on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Ron's Barn. Any committee member that would like to attend and speak about the Voluntary Agricultural District is welcome to attend.

Announcements:

In-Kind-Report – New timesheets were given to committee members to log their volunteer hours for attending the meetings. Timesheets were collected from members not attending the December meeting. The timesheets will be sent to NCDACS ADFP.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center

Adjournment: Darrell Doby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Angel seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.