



Minutes Franklin Parish ANR Advisory Leadership Council

The Franklin Parish ANR Row Crop Advisory Leadership Council met in the Extension Auditorium April 12, 2013 at 9:30 a. m. Present were Brad Banks, Adam Faulk, James Moore, Drew Wiggers, and Dustin Wright. Absent were Russell Caldwell, Hank Jones and Matt Raley. Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent, Dr. Josh Lofton, Agronomist Macon Ridge Station and Dr. Beatrix Haggard, Agronomist, Scott Center participated in the meeting.

The committee members and guests were introduced. The role of the council was reviewed.

Carol Pinnell-Alison updated the committee on the LSU AgCenter's personnel changes in the NE Region and the proposed new administrative structure of the LSU AgCenter.

The members were asked to give input on educational program areas that needed to be addressed by the LSU AgCenter in the parish or statewide. The committee issues were:

-Continue to conduct variety demonstrations on producer farms. From a state wide perspective have variety core block tests at various locations with different soil types, with irrigation and with different environmental conditions. Post information on parish and LSU AgCenter web site.

-Continue to develop information on managing herbicide resistance weeds in the growing season and during the fall/winter months. Need information on weed management options for hard to control winter weeds on highly erodible land that needs winter vegetation to maintain row integrity. Ryegrass control is a concern and morningglory control in corn.

-Corn is the main crop for producers in Franklin Parish. Disseminate corn production practices including fertility (zinc, poultry litter, and timing), irrigation water management, fungicides, and seed treatments vs. in-furrow.

-Water resource management, drainage, and irrigation.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a. m.

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