

**Evangeline Beef Cattle Advisory Meeting
Evangeline Cattleman's Association Board Meeting
Thursday June 17, 2010
Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Office**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was a presentation by Dr. Tim Page with the LSU AgCenter, on the Calf to Carcass Program specifics for this year including pre-conditioning sites and requirements. Also up for discussion was making rulings on board members' attendance at meetings and officers serving 2 year term limits. Members in attendance were: Mike Fontenot, Wayne Vidrine, Dr. Craig Fontenot, Dr. Dale Reed, Tom Ardoin, Todd Fontenot, Jake Guillory, David Miller, Vince Deshotel and Keith Fontenot.

Dr. Page was first on the agenda giving a brief summation of the Calf to Carcass program, requirements and specifications. This continued with discussion on necessary premise id for individuals who may not have this, as well as source and age verification.

Dates for the parish field day and tour were next discussed; the date of Wednesday, July 21, 2010 was selected as first choice, with the time for the field day to start at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Officers and board member rules and regulations were next discussed. This was one of the specific purposes of this meeting and for that reason; all board members were mailed a letter, and also contacted or left a message by phone. It was agreed upon by all by vote that board officers serve for two- year term limits. However you can be in office for 2 years, but also be nominated and re-elected again. But this will be done every 2 years.

Regarding board members attending meetings, it was voted and agreed upon at the March 5, 2009 board meeting after much discussion that if a board member misses three meetings, with no reason, phone call, or any type of notification of a conflict to any other board member, he will be removed from the board. This was all rehashed and discussed again since this was one of the main reasons for calling this meeting. After much discussion four board members were removed from the board. Removed were: Donny Manuel, Kane Fontenot, Nick LaHaye and Robert Floyed.

A nominating committee was appointed for our annual meeting and ladies night program when board members will be nominated. The nominating committee will consist of Wayne Vidrine, Chairman, Dr. Craig Fontenot, Felix Morein and President Michael Fontenot.

The next item discussed was the United Blood Services blood drive, sponsored by the Evangeline Cattlemen's Association in cooperation with Farm Bureau, KVPI radio, LSU AgCenter, and Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. The blood drive was Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at the Ville Platte Wal Mart parking lot. Fifty-nine people attempted to donate blood and forty-eight were able to donate. Previously a blood drive was held at the Billy Campbell store in Pine Prairie with 22 donors. This brought the total of 70 units of blood donated through the efforts of the Evangeline Parish Cattleman's Association for 2010. United blood services did say that next year they will attempt to have two buses on hand for our drive because many people came to donate but could not due to the long wait. Many had to return to work and had to leave without donating.

A committee was also set up for the Calf to Carcass program (source and age verification) to include: Tom Ardoin, Chairman, Jake Guillory, Dale Reed, Michael Fontenot, Wayne Vidrine, and Keith Fontenot to coordinate paperwork.

The annual field day date was set for July 21, 2010 with tours of herbicide plots at four different locations beginning at 5:30 p.m. After the tour, everyone would return to the barn for a presentation on the Calf to Carcass Program by Dr. Tim Page.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned and a meal was served at 8:45 p.m.