

**Evangeline Beef Cattle Advisory Meeting  
Evangeline Cattleman's Association Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 27, 2010  
Chauncey Pitre Memorial Building**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Members present include Dr. Craig Fontenot, Dr. Dale Reed, Tom Ardoin, Wayne Vidrine, Jake Guillory, Felix Morein, Vince Deshotel, and Keith Fontenot.

Tom Ardoin reported on the Ascension Parish reorganization with several parishes involved in their area. He also reported on Louisiana Cattlemen's Association Certified Calf Guidelines.

Dr. Craig gave a report on the Trichomoniasis Testing Program, 30-day test certificate. Any bull you borrow, use, or lease has to be Trichomoniasis tested. At sale barns, you supply Trichomoniasis test results when you drop them off or they automatically go for slaughter.

The next topic was regarding the Fall general membership meeting held in conjunction with the field tour. LSU AgCenter's Dr. Tim Page will be asked to present specifics on the Calf to Carcass program to encourage local producers to participate.

Other suggestions for topics were the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program and Master Cattleman program.

Tom Ardoin brought up Louisiana Cattlemen's Association Brand Boards being offered as fundraiser for the state association. He also discussed the Beef Month Proclamation that would be signed in the parish on June 9, 2010 during the Evangeline Cattlemen's Association sponsored blood drive at the Ville Platte Wal Mart parking lot.

The Open Fall Livestock Show, Evangeline Beef Classic, was discussed. The show committee appointed includes Wayne Vidrine chairman, Vince Deshotel, Keith Fontenot, Todd Fontenot, Jake Guillory, and Dr. Craig Fontenot. Todd Fontenot briefly discussed topics of Champion awards for Grand and Reserve Champion. Also discussed was assistance with work day to set up the arena and clean up the barn before the event. Wayne Vidrine will check with Sheriff's Department for inmate labor to get ready and also to clean up after the show. Vince will check with Showmanship sponsors from outside the parish. He put something together last year at the show with Troy Thibodeaux.

The next discussion was the election of officers by the board in January and also discussion about board members not attending board meetings. It was noted in the minutes that board members missing 3 consecutive board meetings without any acknowledgement as to why, or not calling in to let someone know they would not be able to attend, would be removed from the board. We have board members who have been missing repeatedly with no contact. Other board members would like for this to be enforced to possibly give someone else who may be interested a chance to serve on the board. Also in this discussion it was brought up that we need to continue to have a minimum number of at least quarterly board meetings. We may have more as occasions and activities call for special meetings to organize.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday June 17, 2010. This meeting would be explicitly for discussion of and enforcement of the Board Meeting attendance ruling. All board members will be sent a letter and either contacted by phone or a message left by phone. Meeting will be at LCES office at 6:30 in the evening.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. followed by a meal being served.