



**Iberia Leadership Advisory
Council Meeting
Minutes
August 12, 2008**

Present: Paul Cook, Barbara Guidry, JoAnn Jacobs, Leanne Breaux, Raymond "Jay" Boudreaux, Versa Dore, Cathy Mouton, Gloria Girouard, and Darlene French

Extension Agents: Blair Hebert, Joshua Fredieu, Thu Bui, Monique Hebert, Nikki LeMaire

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Committee Chair "Jay" Boudreaux. Members introduced themselves followed with their interests and involvement with the LSU AgCenter and their community.

The following was then reviewed and explained:

- 1) Blair explained the purpose of the Advisory Leadership System:
 - Allows stakeholder input, leadership development, create public awareness of the value of the Extension Service and its programs, and to conduct educational programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Science, and 4-H Youth Development.
- 2) The group reviewed the programming areas of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.
 - a) Agriculture and Natural Resources-discussed by Blair
 - b) Family and Consumer Sciences-discussed by Nikki Lemaire
 - c) 4-H Youth Development-discussed by Joshua Fredieu and Monique Sanchez including the 100 year anniversary of 4-H.
- 3) Past meeting minutes-Gloria Girouard motioned, Cathy Mouton seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented-motion passed.
- 4) Issues from last meeting (11/15/2006):

Blair told the group that the issues identified at the last meeting (11/15/2006) had been divided into the 3 programming areas of the LSU AgCenter. He further

explained that though a myriad of educational programming efforts by local staff members with assistance from state specialists that the issues identified were addressed. Many of the educational programming efforts currently being conducted in Iberia are related to these issues.

- 5) Issues identified at the 2008 Programming Committee Advisory meetings were reviewed which included the following:

ANR:

Financial issues/education, internet usage, labor and language education, cultural and management practices, farmers producing food and energy.

FCS:

Parenting classes for the at risk child and 1st time mother, health and nutrition classes (smart bodies, Take 10, Alone and OK, Take Charge of Your Health, Stretching Your Food Dollars, and DM Education)

4-H Youth Development:

Youth tragedies, bullying, stress, youth choices/decision making skills), youth education/parenting education related to drugs, lack of physical education in today's youth and transportation issues.

The group also identified the following:

ANR:

Recycling/container disposal, tire recycling, educating farmers and the public about alternative crops

FCS:

Take 10, GLE's-part of smart bodies, exercise.

4-H Youth Development:

The drug use of young people today, positive thinking, self-esteem, gardening in schools, FFA program, new mandates at schools.

General:

News releases-local-KANE, problems with local newspapers, educating public on farm equipment.

- 6) Funding

-Blair discussed the most up-to-date figures of funding:

Federal-69%, State- 21%, Parish (local) is 10%-that goal as of June (2008) has been met. Goal is to have 20% local funding by 2011/2012.

Paul Cook made a motion to prepare information to give to legislators, school board, and Iberia Parish Council for the need of funding in our parish-the motion was seconded by Cathy Mouton-motion passed.

7) Other business

-Blair told members about Thu's ability to write and speak fluent Vietnamese and she is able to help break barriers that exist for our area residents who speak Vietnamese . Also, Monique is fluent in Spanish, which also helps break this barrier. We thanked these two for their great and very important contribution to this multicultural area.

8) Raymond "Jay" Boudreaux agreed to continue as Committee Chair, and Versa Dore agreed to continue as recorder/secretary. Everyone in attendance agreed to a three year rotation to stay on the committee.

The committee agreed to meet again in the spring to discuss how new issues have been addressed.

With their being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Chairman Boudreaux.