

**Iberia Leadership Advisory
Council Meeting
Minutes
November 15, 2006**

Present: Ricky Gonsoulin, Mike Tarantino, Lee Ann Breaux, Versa Dore, Paul Cook, Cathy Mouton, Effie James, Gloria Girouard, David Landry, Dennis Pellerin, Jay Boudreaux, Carroll Boudreaux, and Darlene French

Extension Agents: Amy Juneau, Jimmy Flanagan, Glen Thomas, Chris Robichaux, Blair Hebert, and Ada Palermo

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Iberia Parish Chairman Ada Palermo. Members explained their personal, professional and community involvement. Ada introduced the Extension Agents, reviewed and explained the following:

- 1) The objective of the meeting
- 2) Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service Mission
- 3) Purpose of Extension's Advisory Leadership System
- 4) Why members were chosen
- 5) Members roles
- 6) Responsibilities and qualifications of members
- 7) LCES programming process
- 8) Overview of Land Grant System and History of Ag Center
- 9) Mission of LSU Ag Center
- 10) LCES Program Initiatives

-Agents present reviewed the programming areas in Iberia Parish including-FCS, ANR and Youth Development

-Ada then reviewed the funding of the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service

-Ada asked members to identify issues in the parish that the LSU AgCenter could address.

-Issues identified by the group:

- 1) Youth need to have good work ethic and respect job, themselves and customers/clientele
- 2) Show respect by example and teach by example and get to youth before problem arises; can't just tell youth; need hands on learning; need consequences for doing wrong; Character Development programs are one method of addressing this problem
- 3) Need to address youth issues in a manner/language that youth of today relate to and understand
- 4) Encourage positive behavior in youth

- 5) Parents need assistance for proper parenting
- 6) Youth need to learn life skills
- 7) Involve mentoring groups
- 8) Have opportunity for adult volunteers to work with youth, ex. Coastal works, island outpost; parish library
- 9) Establish small community based opportunities
- 10) Public transportation is a problem
- 11) Work on deleting red tape and bureaucracy to help kids
- 12) Ownership in the community needs to be built in our youth
- 13) Education starts with parents and young people
- 14) How do we teach people/individuals in fisheries industry how to keep up on issues and how the legislative system works and how they can educate our legislatives on fisheries issues? How do we get this information to reach the people who need it?

-Jay Boudreaux was nominated to be the Committee Chair. Jay Boudreaux accepted.

-Versa Dore agreeded to be the recorder/secretary of the committee.

-The roles and responsibilities of members serving on the Iberia Extension Program Advisory Leadership Council were handed out and explained to members. Members were asked to sign up for one (1), two (2) or three (3) years commitments.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.