

Forestry Advisory Meeting
Livingston Parish Courthouse
January 22, 2008

Present: Gerald Whitehead, Merle Shannon, David Hoover, Steve Horvath, Jane Bickford, Charles Kemp, Monica Harrison, Ralph Willie, Kenny Sharpe

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Minutes approved as presented

Treasurer's report:

Steve Horvath reported that we received 48 member dues to be deposited

Membership report:

48 have paid dues and we should send out a send notice with Annual Meeting announcement

Old Business:

The group discussed the Fall Tour to Weyerhaeuser. All agreed it was educational and enjoyable. The tour was well liked and having the meal at their facility was very good also.

New Business

Dates for the Annual Meeting were discussed and there was a desire to hold it earlier than previous to avoid any conflicts with Turkey season. March 6 was 1st choice and April 3 was 2nd choice.

Places for the meeting were discussed and cost. Possible places for the meeting were: Forrest Grove, LaFleur's, Am Vets Hall and Revival Temple. Motion from Horvath and second from Whitehead to let David Hoover and Kenny Sharpe investigate the possibilities and make the final decision and arrangements for the place and meal, passed.

Educational program possibilities were discussed. Ideas for the meeting were: Newly elected Commissioner of Agriculture, Mike Strain; Legislative updates from Buck Vandersteen; How to have a family meeting – Dr. Allen Nipper; Carbon Credits; Assessor Jeff Taylor. Ask Sharpe to secure the program from the list of potential topics provided.

Sponsors would be solicited and Merle Shannon would work with Jocelyn Wilson and Gerald Whitehead to secure sponsorship for the meeting.

Motion from Whitehead and second from Horvath that we sponsor another Livingston Parish teacher for the State Forestry Tour, passed.

Fall tour suggestions and other forestry educational programming were discussed. The group felt that all the program ideas for the Spring Meeting were important to consider in future

programming. There was also a desire to hear from the State Forester when they were named. Idlewilde Experiment Station was mentioned as a possible Fall tour destination to see there forestry practices and there wildlife research projects.

David Hoover appointed a nominating committee to fill the officer and board positions for 2008. The committee is David Hoover, Monica Harrison and Gerald Whitehead.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.