Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
August 19, 2009

Members present: Worth Pickard, Jane Barringer, Wayne Watson, Tony Ragan, Don Nicholson, George Wilberg, Darrell Doby, Wayne Yarborough Tom Boerger

Excused Absent: Jerry Lemmond, La-Verne Joyner, Barbara Alphin, Albert Adcock
Unexcused Absent: Ed Angel

Guest present: Jaime Teel

County staff present: Susan Condlin, Rhonda Gaster, Tommy Brooks was attending an out of town meeting

Opening Remarks: Donald Nicholson welcomed the committee

Business:

Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as mailed.

Fund Balance – The balance of the NCDFP Trust Fund grant is $8,065.46.

Revisit Meeting Dates – Some members had a problem with the original meeting date. The committee discussed changing the date. George Wilberg made a motion to keep the same meeting date of the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center. Darrell Doby seconded the motion. All approved.

Review and Discussion of Proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures -
II. Membership
   A. At some point in the future, address the maximum number of committee members with the Lee County Commissioners.

III. Officers and Duties
   D. Technical Advisor: Add the word staff after the following: The Cooperative Extension Director and the Lee County District Soil and Water Conservationist shall serve as technical advisors for the Board along with any designated “staff”.

IV. Rules of Conduct for Members
   C. Worth Pickard made a motion to change from The Board to The Chair or Vice-Chair is empowered by the Lee County Commissioners to define extraordinary circumstance on a case-by-case basis and to excuse absences. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
   D. Add as needed from the township after the following: Members not meeting the 75% attendance requirement may be removed by the action of the Board of County Commissioners and replaced by another interested individual “as needed from the township”.


E. Add an immediate family member or financial interest to the following: When a member has “an immediate family member or” financial interest, they shall make note of that interest and request that they be excused from consideration of that agenda item.

V. Meetings:
   B. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board shall be held four times a year on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meetings shall begin at 4:00 pm unless notice is provided otherwise.
   E. All meetings shall be open to the general public. A discussion was held on the time limit for public comment. Tony Ragan made a motion to limit public speaking to 30 minutes total, 3 minutes per person with no yield. George Wilberg seconded the motion. All approved. The clerk will have a sign-in sheet available the day of the meeting for the public to register to speak before the Board.

I. Records: Worth Pickard made a motion to have a show of raised hands when voting. George Wilberg seconded the motion. Tony Ragan dissent.

VI. Powers and Duties:
   A. Add the word “district” after agricultural.
   E. Add “the Lee County Voluntary Agricultural District” Ordinance instead of this ordinance.

VII. Amendments:
   Add “2/3 of the members present” of the Board, provided that such amendment(s) is presented in writing at a regular or special meeting preceding the meeting at which the vote is taken.

The corrections will be posted on the web and a final copy will be e-mail to all who have e-mail and a hard copy will be sent to those without e-mail.

Worth Pickard made a motion to approve all corrections. Thomas Boerger seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands.

**Consider Timeline for VAD** – Reviewed the VAD Timeline worksheet. Members agreed it sounded doable. Next month the Board will consider the application and process to become a VAD. The application fee will also be discussed. There are several counties with VAD applications located on the web and the members were encouraged to review these counties.

**Announcements:**
   **In-Kind-Report** – The committee began filling out their in-kind-report for their volunteer hours. This will be done at each meeting and is to be mailed to NCDA.
   **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the McSwain Extension Education and Agriculture Center

**Adjournment:** Darrell Doby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Watson seconded the motion. All approved with a show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.