

Kentucky Agriculture Advisory Council
Annual Meeting
Four Points Sheraton, Lexington
January 17-18, 2006

The meeting began with a New Member Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The new members introduced themselves telling what county and district they represented. Dr. Henning and President Walter gave an overview of the organization and a short discussion about its structure.

The meeting was officially called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Walter with introductions of all Board Members, A&NR Agents, College Faculty and Guests. Dr. Henning gave a quick overview of the program and the mission of the meeting. He further discussed activities conducted by the College and those hosted by KAAC over the past year.

Keith Rogers, Director of the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy, was introduced and he discussed some of the changes proposed or passed by the Phase I State Committee over the past year that included: Bull Genetics Program, Tobacco Dependent Counties, Water and Sewer Projects supported by Phase 1 money, Proposed changes to the Master Settlement Agreement, to name a few.

After the break, breakout sessions were conducted on Forage/Goat, Grains, Tobacco, and Energy. Session reports (Attached) were discussed by the entire group when reports were presented by Ricky Yeorgan, Vickie Shadrick, Brittany Edelson, and Bob Fehr.

Dr. Larry Turner, Association Director for the Cooperative Extension Service, briefly discussed activities conducted over the past year by the College. Those activities included: Equine Initiative, Energy developments in Bio-Mass production and Energy Efficiency, Leadership Development Programs on campus and in the counties.

Dr. Henning closed the meeting and invited members to the reception and dinner to be held later in the restaurant.

The Business Meeting was officially called to order by President Walter at 7:50 a.m. (1/18/2006). Delegates were asked to review minutes from the 2005 business meeting that came in their packets. Stephanie Young, District 1, moved to approved the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jeff Settles, District 5, and PASSED.

The Nomination Committee Chairman, Phillip Bean, District 7, reported the committee recommends to leave current officers as they are for 2006. Seconded by Stephanie Young, District 1, seconded and PASSED.

Phillip Bean, District 7, moved to accept recommendation of the committee and elected the current officers for 2006. Seconded by Marie Halpin, KSU Rep., and PASSED. The officers for 2006 are:

President – Dennis Walter
Vice President – Gayle Arnold
Secretary/Treasurer – Beth Tillery
Director – Jeff Settles
Director – Jimmy Thompson

The President asked for now business with none proposed. Jeff Settles, District 1, moved the business session adjourn and Gayle Arnold, District 1, seconded. PASSED!

The Council then broke for breakout sessions in Beef/Forage, Forestry and Diversification. Breakout sessions reports are attached.

Dr. Harold Benson, Director Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky State University, gave a brief welcome to old and new members and congratulated them for being select to represent their Districts. He gave a quick summations of activities at Kentucky State University.

After a short break, a value-added agriculture discussion was hosted by Rick Raque from the Department of Agriculture in Frankfort. Most interesting discussion looking at avenues to enhance the bottom line of small businesses and farmers in Kentucky. Much of this work has been conducted using a grant sponsored by the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy thru Phase I money.

Dr. Stout, State Veterinarian, discussed the implementation process of the Animal ID / Source Verification in Kentucky and the United States. Kentucky is a lead state presently and the process is voluntary.

Dr. Henning made closing comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Tillery, Secretary
Paul Deaton, Ag Programs