

Minutes
Kershaw County Extension Service Advisory Council Meeting
August 5, 2008 – 6:00 pm

Attending: Paula Favor, Doris Burton, Deon Legette, Betsy Farmer

D. Legette called the meeting to order and delivered the welcome. A special welcome was extended to D. Burton, the newest member of the Kershaw County Extension Advisory Committee. P. Favor gave the invocation.

D. Legette reminded council members of the Extension Advisory Council Social to be held October 21, 2008 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Mill Pond Restaurant in Boykin. The goal of the social is to highlight current Extension programs and bring more awareness to the public of the opportunities that Extension has to offer.

D. Legette told council members of Margaret Shelton's resignation which has left a void in agricultural education programs in Kershaw County and that this office now houses only one agent (D. Legette – Food Safety and Nutrition/4-H & Youth Development, Lead Agent, FCL Advisor). She advised council members that any decisions regarding a replacement for M. Shelton would be made by the state office, and that she has received no information about plans for a replacement at this time.

D. Legette shared information on the budget allotted to Kershaw County Extension Service by Kershaw County. This office again received \$2,000.00 to be split between three program areas (agriculture, food safety and nutrition, 4-H). D. Legette expressed some hope that the amount received could increase in the future based on the election of two new Kershaw County Council members and the addition of a new Kershaw County Administrator. She discussed the Kershaw County 4-H program summary presented to Kershaw County Council annually by 4-H youth. Plans are being made for 4-Hers to present our annual 4-H summary, lead the 4-H and American pledges at a County Council meeting in October, near National 4-H Week.

D. Legette noted that State funding for Extension programs was cut again this year, but that the cuts do not affect most of the programs operating in Kershaw County.

D. Legette discussed the efforts of the local newspaper, the Chronicle-Independent to promote Extension Service and its programs in Kershaw County. This included publishing several articles on local Extension programs and numerous filler ads for Extension Service and the 4-H Program.

D. Legette stated that plans for the Extension Advisory Council Social will not be finalized at this meeting. She will be working along with Wayne Belger and two to three council members to finalize plans between tonight and October 21.

D. Legette gave a report on the 4-H program activities in Kershaw County since the last Extension Advisory Council meeting. Programs included Color Me Healthy, partnership

with Camp S.O.A.R. to conduct 4-H Food & Fiber Day Camp, 4-H clubs at St. Matthews Community Center, 4-H Breads Workshops, Kids in the Kitchen (Fairfield County), and the F.A.C.E. Project (1 participant – Tyler Peake).

D. Legette and D. Burton discussed future opportunities for cooperative programs.

The next meeting of the Kershaw County Extension Advisory Council was tentatively set for February 24, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the FCL Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.