



Georgetown County Extension  
 Advisory Committee Minutes  
 April 1, 2008

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ag/Hort**

Timothy Chapman  
 Lonnie Creel  
 Kenny Davis  
 Ted Jordon  
 Debbie Mann  
 Martin Owens  
 Brad Parsons  
 Linda Ransom

**4-H/Youth Development**

Maxine Blackman  
 Temple Cuttino  
 Debbie Justice  
 Rena Rice  
 Shelia Sullivan

**Community Development**

Thomas Bender

**Clemson Extension**

Sherry Davis-Livingston  
 Susan Hastings  
 Carlin Munnerlyn  
 Beth Stedman  
 Lee VanVlake

The Georgetown County Extension County Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at the Kimbel Center, Hobcaw Barony. The meeting began with a chicken dinner catered by Land's End.

Carlin Munnerlyn, Lead Agent, called the meeting together at 6:30 P.M. She welcomed the Advisory Committee members and discussed with them the reason for the meeting which is to help the Extension meet our goal of sharing knowledge. She gave an overview of the Extension and Public Service & Agriculture (PSA) which are components of Clemson University.

Carlin introduced the members of the Georgetown County Extension staff and Lee VanVlake who is the Area Livestock Agent. Each agent had the members of their Program Committees introduce themselves to the committee members.

Carlin then reviewed an overview copy of the State Advisory Committee Meeting notes from August 2007. She stated that there are five or six members on the State Committee from the Pee Dee Region. She reported that there are currently no members from Georgetown County as Payton Parsons just completed his term. The counties rotate members on the State Committee.

She asked the committee members to pull out evaluation forms. The top of the sheet is for ideas and recommendations to the County programs and the bottom is related to their specific program area. She asked the members to complete the sheet as the meeting progressed.

She passed out a copy of Clemson's Public Service Commitment 2008 (see attachment) which is a wish list of items that Clemson would like for their programs. With budget cuts expected of \$1.2M for 2009 some of these items will be put on hold.

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She also discussed the money the office receives from Georgetown County. A budget for 2009 of approximately \$5000 was submitted. Most of the money is to cover the facility, utilities and pest control. Each agent, however, receives approximately \$800 to cover program expenses. She reported that she asked for an additional \$500 for Dr. Marty Miller, DVM. He has volunteered to work with the County Animal Rescue Team and she asked for the money to pay for his travel expenses.

Sherry Davis-Livingston, 4-H/Youth Development agent, gave an overview of the 4-H program in the state and Georgetown County and discussed a State Map of 4-H activity in each of the Counties (see attachment). Georgetown County had 5,652 youths involved in 4-H which included clubs, youth enrichment programs, summer day camps or after-school programs. She discussed the 4-H program and working with day care providers to provide support to youth in pre-school. She reported on 4-H camps being held in 2008. She stated that since we do not have a facility to conduct 4-H summer day camps, she has taken the program on the road to different locations and it has seemed to work well. She briefly discussed that the Extension is looking for a 4-H Palmetto Youth Leadership agent to work with the Georgetown County School District.

Beth Stedman, Community Development Agent, reported on her activity in Georgetown County (see attachment). Beth's time is split between Georgetown and Marion Counties. She also works on several regional projects. She is a member of the advisory board for Murrells Inlet 2007. She is working on philanthropy with the Waccamaw Community Foundation. Also she is involved with a regional South Carolina Women's Connection that has a lunch series which includes Georgetown County.

Lee VanVlake, Area Livestock agent, described some of the work that he is doing in relation to feed cattle, equine, and other livestock such as poultry, goats, and sheep. There are more beef cattle coming into the area as tobacco farmers are converting fields to coastal Bermuda. There are several Cattlemen associations that he is involved in as well as working with 4-H groups. He also judges livestock at local and state fairs.

Carlin Munnerlyn, Lead Agent and Agriculture/Horticulture agent, discussed some of the work she does in the Commercial Horticulture field (see attachment). Also, discussed her assistant, Nancy Palisin's work with urban horticulture. She updated her agriculture work in the County. She briefly discussed her duties as the Lead Agent for Georgetown County and how the agents are working on generating funds for programs and fees to offset expected budget cuts from the State.

The Program Advisory Committee broke up into three committee groups: 4-H and Youth Development lead by Sherry Davis-Livingston, Community Development lead by Beth Stedman and Agronomy and Horticulture lead by Carlin Munnerlyn with Lee VanVlake.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hastings, Adm. Asst.