

Minutes from Newberry County Extension Advisory Committee Meeting on
August 14, 2006

Members in attendance:

Craig Kessler	Joe Boozer
Andy Morris	Pat Caldwell
Lillian Leavelle	Marlyne Walker
Susan Derrick	Kevin Satterwhite
Darren Atkins	Rick Doran

Call to Order – Rick Doran

Invocation – Craig Kessler

Introductions

Approval of the agenda – Entire Committee

Report on 4-H Position request – Andy Morris reported that not only was the 4-H position not approved, but there were no other new positions added either. He added that it may pay off to ask again and state that there are 17 other counties who have accepted the 50-50 offer. It would be recommended that we do something on this at the next county work session in September. Andy asked Darren Atkins to talk to Mike Hawkins about being placed on this agenda

- Lillian Leavelle stated that 4-H is a definite need in the county
- Craig Kessler added that we are falling short in the youth area.
- Rick Doran suggested that we need to come up with some definitive reasons of why an agent is needed so that we will have that available when asking for the funds. Also noted that the dairy subject area is high need in Newberry
- Craig Kessler stated that Newberry is falling short in the area of youth programs
- Marlyne asked that attention be given to the healthy lifestyles area of 4-H youth development

Rick Doran asked the committee how we can approach hiring an agent in Newberry

Susan Derrick said that School Improvement Councils are an avenue for parent recruitment to build a group to push for an agent with the county. PTA's are also an avenue that could be used to recruit parents to plug County Council to hire a 4-H agent to address the needs.

Andy Morris reported that the new office building that will house USDA and Clemson Extension is under way to begin construction toward the end of the year. He re-iterated the need to have all of the agencies under one roof to better serve the public. He asked that the committee become more active in soliciting funds for the Discovery Center which will be adjacent to the office building. Joe

Boozer suggested that the US Forest Service may have funds available for this project.

Terms: Motion by Pat Caldwell to accept the current members rotating off the committee to consider serving an additional term. Voted on and approved.

Motion from Andy Morris to keep the current committee chair (Rick Doran) for an additional term. Seconded by Craig K. Unanimous vote.

Pat C. asked to e-mail committee chairs prior to the next meeting.

Next meeting: October 16th @ 6:30

Adjournment