

## LOUISIANA CCA BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 17, 2007

Place: Chicot State Park, Ville Platte, La.

Board Members Present: Rustin Gilder, Lloyd Glenn, Marty Pousson, J Stevens, Steve Nipper,  
Mike Venable and John Fontane

Meeting came to order at 2:30pm

Topics of Discussion Were:

- 1) Approved minutes from January 10, 2007 meeting.
- 2) A current financial statement thru July 2007 comparing current income and expenses to budgeted income and expenses was presented to the board.
- 3) John F. acknowledged corporate sponsors for 2007 as Crowley Grain Drier, Monsanto and Helena. Funds from this sponsors allowed the La. CCA program to operate in the black for 2007. We need sponsors for 2008. Potential sponsors are Ouachita Fertilizer, G & H Seed Co., Jimmy Sanders, Agriliance and Tractor Supply.
- 4) La. CCA web site calendar is kept up to date. Request that board members send any potential meetings to John to put on web site. John acknowledged that ICCA has been very cooperative in assisting with the website.
- 5) Board unanimously approved recommending that CCA's be billed for 2 years at one time per their cycle. The only problem could be with companies that pay CCA dues for their employees and have multiple CCA's on staff.
- 6) Next CCA exam will be February 8, 2008. Need to encourage potential test takers to start studying now.
- 7) John stressed that board members should encourage all CCA's to keep brochures of CEU meeting they attend in the event that they are not credited by ICCA. They will have proof and can resubmit.
- 8) Steve Nipper suggested we contact LSU University Professors and encourage them to recommend to students to join CCA. J Stevens will pursue this issue.
- 9) It was noted that Steve Phillips has replaced Cliff Synder with PPI.
- 10) John F. will address agronomy students and agronomy graduates at ASA meeting in New Orleans on November 4 to 8th. This talk will encourage these students to become involved with CCA program.

- 11) La. Board sponsored CEU sessions for 2007.
  - a) Fertilizer session in Crowley in February
  - b) Wildlife Food Plot Session in Calhoun in September
  - c) Herbicide session in Alexandria in November
- 12) La. Board sponsored CEU sessions in 2008
  - a) Fertilizer session in Crowley in February 2008
  - b) Rice production in Alexandria in Oct. /Nov. 2008
- 13) Steve N. suggested we include a soil quality session with rice session and a poultry litter session with fertilizer session. Steve will try to get speakers for these sessions.
- 14) Discussion was held on how to keep current CCA and to attract new CCA's. John F. suggested that if we can get to the farmer, the farmer may require that his consultant be a CCA. Lloyd suggested news letters with requirements of being a CCA could be sent to farmers. His firm is doing such a news letter.
- 15) John F. informed board that Josh Zaunbrecher will rejoin the La. CCC Program.
- 16) Board approved continuing with ads in La. Farm and Ranch Magazine for 2008. Also suggested we continue with news articles in La. Farm and Ranch with as many group photos as possible.
- 17) Board was given a comparison of La., Ark, Miss., and Texas of number of acres per CCA in each state.
- 18) John F. informed board he will meet with board member of Texas CCA to compare programs.
- 19) Mike Venable will attempt to call north La. CCA's and encourage them to attend Wildlife Program on September 5th.
- 20) John F. made board aware of agreement with LSU Ag Center in putting on CEU sessions. The cost is \$10.00 per CEU hour and we need to make the programs long enough to make it feasible for the Ag Center to conduct these sessions.
- 21) Steve N. thanked board members Mike V., J Stevens, and Marty Pousson for attending the NRCS meeting which was held prior to the board meeting.
- 22) Ruston G. and Steve N. discussed problems associated with cost sharing and lazer leveling. Ruston felt that it was more detrimental than beneficial. Steve noted that it needs to be a case by case situation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.