

PLN- ANR Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2014

Attending:

Paul Mask	Auburn University
Bobby Grisso	Virginia Tech
Rogers Leonard	Louisiana State University
Ross Love	Oklahoma State University
Pete Gibbs	Texas A&M University
Edoe Agbodjan	South Carolina State University
Billy Lawton	Prairie View A&M University
Steve Brown	University of Georgia Athens
Joan Dusky	University of Florida
Marion Simon	Kentucky State University
Robert Burns	University of Tennessee
Louie Rivers, Jr.	Kentucky State
Marion Simon	Kentucky State
Gary Palmer	University of Kentucky
Angela McKenzie-Jakes	Florida A&M University
Joe Outlaw	Texas A&M University

Call to Order - The meeting called to order at 3:00p.m. EST on 02/11/2014 by ANR-PLN Committee Chair Edoe Agbodjan.

Roll Call -Roll Call was taken by Secretary Billy Lawton with each member responding as their respective state was called (see list of attendees above)

Old Business – Minutes from previous meeting were approved and will be posted on PLN website.

New Business - Multi-State Professional Development Opportunity

Southern Region Climate Academy (SRECA)

Open discussion on the selection process for those best suited to attend the workshop. Key points from the discussion were that most universities don't have a person dedicated to climate change. The workshop will be very basic and would be suited for agents or specialists who do not have expertise in the area. It could also serve as a train-the-trainer workshop which would allow those attending to return to their respective states to train others in the area of climate change.

Suggestion was made to include a person from the following areas Crops, Livestock, Forestry and Coastal Sea Grant. States are being asked to cover the travel cost of getting their staff to the workshop. The cost of the workshop will be supported by the project. Program Leaders should exercise the ultimate decision on who should attend from their state.

Update on the PLC Meeting (Joan Dusky)

Joan Dusky gave an update on the upcoming PLN meeting to be held in Fort Worth, Texas. Each committee will have time for professional development. Feedback from a recent survey of PLN members on the following topics yield clear consensus.

- How can this meeting be more effective?
- How much committee time do you want?
- Do you find the State Reports of value?
- What other things do you want from this meeting?

New Farm Bill Update – Joe Outlaw

Dr. Outlaw gave an overview of the new Farm Bill changes as they relate to the key areas in which he has oversight;

Commodity Title: Producers will have more choices between programs, which mean they will have to give more thought to factors relating to their production situation and the overall ramification of their options.

Conservation Title: Less money being spent on conservation program changes in mandatory spending but no real changes in the amount available to farmers.

Crop Insurance Title: Price supports have been eliminated,

Dr. Outlaw addressed several issues of importance that will take place as the Farm Bill unveils.

- *The creating of “Decision Aids” to help producers make the correct choices relating to new programs.*
- *The development of “Train the Trainer” workshops to educate the public on the new Farm Bill.*
- *Identifying items in the Bill that are “Authorized” but not “Appropriated”.*

2014 ANR PLN Committee Conference call dates -

Calls are scheduled for an hour and are to begin at 2:00 PM Central / 3:00 PM Eastern on the following dates:

- May 13, 2014

Meeting Adjourned at 3:47 pm

Minutes submitted by Billy Lawton – 2013-2014 ANR PLN Secretary

