

Governor's Commission on Family Farms

April 19, 2000

Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort

10:00 AM EST

Members present: Jim Naive, Chairman; Bob Stoss for Karen Armstrong-Cummings; Bill Atkins; Alice Baesler; John Berry; Ron Catchen; Sharon Furches; John-Mark Hack; Mark Haney; Susan Harkins; Hampton "Hoppy" Henton; Denise Hoffman; Paul Hornback; Janet Johnson; David Kash; Chris Kummer; Mattie Mack; Luther Mason; Al Pedigo; William Brandon Reed; Secretary Allen Rose; Commissioner Billy Ray Smith, and Bob Sparks.

Absent were: Don Halcomb; Sylvia Lovely; Ken Mattingly; John Medley Jr.; and Stephen Price.

Chairman Naive called the meeting to order and the secretary called the roll.

Chairman Naive welcomed commission members and guests.

Susan Goddard asked that the minutes be amended to state Department for Technical Education, and to change Emil Jezik's title from Dr. to Mr. Denise Hoffman asked that Ms. Scinicropi's name be corrected to Patricia. The minutes were approved as amended.

Hoppy Henton updated the board on the status of the cross county leasing vote in various states and possible reactions in Washington.

Brandon Reed invited the members to the State FFA Convention. The Convention will be held June 7 – 9 at the Galt House in Louisville.

John-Mark Hack briefed the board on how agricultural legislation fared during the recent Legislative Session. He discussed *HB 611 as Enacted; CAFO regulations; and budget items for the University of Kentucky.

Bob Stoss discussed Karen Armstrong-Cummings' email*. There was a motion and second that the Commission write a resolution inviting the USDA Advisory Committee to Kentucky. The motion passed. Mr. Stoss will assist with the language for the resolution.

Jody Hughes and Alice Baesler reported on the efforts of the Farm Labor Task Force. Specifically, the Farm Amnesty Bill in Congress, and H2A issues.

Ron Catchen presented the Education Committee Report. Chairman Naive asked if the Commission members would entertain a motion that the Education Committee move ahead with the planning of the Education Summit. There was a motion and second. The motion passed.

Alice Baesler discussed the Farm to School program. The members discussed various ways that the Commission could support this program.

Chairman Naive called the members attention to a *letter that had been drafted, which would request funding for the Center for Entrepreneurship. The members discussed to whom this letter should be mailed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

*A copy of all meeting handouts are on file in the Commission on Family Farms meeting folder located in the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.