



WCSHC's First 100 Days of Dividends-by Frank Taylor

Success depends on planning, strategizing and implementing which equals more work for the Winston County Self Help Cooperative in 2007. The co-op's "100 days" had measured high on the barometer of success with numerous bi-monthly meetings, homebuyer education seminar; multiple out-reach meeting with NRCS, co-op and youth field day activities, and members participating in various conferences, such as, North South Institute, Mississippi Association's Annual Meeting and the ASU Small Farmers Conference. "The co-op is on time, on schedule, and on target to help save rural America", according to Elaine Hobson WCSHC member. We have crossed several monumental hurdles in the "first 100 days of 2007", and more work is required, therefore, we will continue using this formula to complete our fiscal year. We have completed 85 percent of our strategic plan for 2007 in the "first 100 days". We are blazing a path for next the generations of landowners by working fervently to achieve our dream of helping save rural America and managing God's natural resources. We have held seven bi-monthly meetings with average attendance of 24 members and we have held four special outreach meetings with average attendance of 45 participants. Additionally, the coop has published nine newsletters in the first "100 days". WCSHC's formula for success are three (P's) Purpose + Passion=Performance.

Winston County Self Help Cooperative First One Hundred Days' Timeline'

- December 27, held January's monthly meeting.
- January 9, held February's monthly meeting.
- January 11-13, member participated in leadership training-University Arkansas at Pine Bluff.
- January 14, held youth January's monthly meeting.
- January 15, members participated in Martin Luther King's Celebration.
- January 16-18, 12 members participated in North South Institute Conference-Davie, Florida.
- January 19, leadership team meeting Louisville, Ms.
- January 21, youth group attended Mississippi State University's Women Basketball game.
- January 23, youth leaders participated in 4-H volunteer workshop.
- January 26, leadership team meeting Louisville, Ms.
- January 26-28 member participated in SAWG Conference-Louisville, Kentucky.

February 2007 Activities

- February 5, monthly meeting.
- February 9, Community Voices meeting.
- February 14, published newsletter.
- February 19, monthly meeting.
- February 19, out-reach meeting with Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- February 23, published newsletter.
- February 23-24, three members participated in Southern Echo's Environmental Workshop.
- February 27, Community Voices' Mass Meeting with 32 individuals participating.

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March 2007 Activities

March 1, published newsletter.
 March 3, youth leaders participated in 4-H's leadership workshop.
 March 5, co-op held monthly meeting.
 March 12, co-op held special call meeting.
 March 15, co-op's material and supply committee meeting.
 March 15-17, 8 members participated in Mac's Annual Meeting.
 March 17, co-op members purchased 325 metal posts collectively as a group.
 March 19, published newsletter.
 March 20-25 member participated in Southern University's AgCenter Leadership Class.
 March 24, erected feeder, fertilized and plant forages on the coop's farm.
 March 24, community voices meeting.
 March 26-28, eleven members participated in Alcorn State University Small Farmer Conference.
 March 28, WCSHC member Omerio Dotson received "Woman in Business" at Alcorn State University Small Farmers Conference".
 March 29, member participated in the Grassland Conservation Initiative Meeting in Canton, MS.
 March 30-31, two members participated in MANRRS Conference-Birmingham, Ala.

April Activities

April 5, published newsletter.
 April 9, held youth field day.
 April 9, held monthly meeting.
 April 9, held field day activities.
 April 10, published newsletter.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winston County Self Help Cooperatives' next monthly meeting will be April 30, 2007 at 4:55 p.m. at the extension office in Louisville, Mississippi.

Winston County Self Help Cooperatives' Youth Group is sponsoring a prom for special needs youth on April 21, 2007 at Taylor's Union Hall on 397 South. For further details, contact Dorothy Harper at 662-773-8264 or email: jeanh29@bellsouth.net

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