

Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Association
Monthly Meeting
7:00 MST
December 15, 2014

1. **Call to order:** President Wil Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Directors& Guests:** Directors present were Jerry Koskie, Mack Loudon, Dr. John Maulsby Curt Werner, Don Gittleson and Tom Robb. Officers present were President Wil Bledsoe, Secretary Cody Jolly, Treasurer Janell Reid and past presidents, Gerald Schreiber, Kimmi Lewis and John Reid. Directors and past presidents not present were Lorene Bonds and Paul Schmucker. Guests present Bill Bullard.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Cody Jolly verbally reviewed the October meeting minutes. Janell Reid moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Cody Jolly seconded. Motion carried. President Wil Bledsoe asked if anyone had any corrections to make to the November meeting minutes. Janell Reid made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. Don Gittleson seconded. Motion Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the treasurer's report. Dr. John Maulsby made a motion to accept the treasure's report. Curt Werner seconded. Motion Carried.
5. **R-CALF:** Bill Bullard with R-CALF discussed Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), the Beef Checkoff, the sudden fall in cattle futures, Foot and mouth disease in South Korea and Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Act (GIPSA rule).
6. **Lobbyist Report:** Totsy emailed out assignment reports for Republicans at the capital.
7. **Membership Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that membership renewals have been sent out and we currently have 376 active members.

Old Business

- a) **Pinion Canyon/Southeast Colorado Private Property:** Mack Loudon reported the defense bill that was passed was bad. Mack was also concerned that he has two sections of state trust land that are being nominated to the Steward Ship

Trust. He is concerned that it might change the way he operates on those two sections.

- b) **Calendar of Events:** Legislative day in Denver to be held in February will be set at our January meeting.
- c) **Sustainability Meeting:** Tracy Hunt will be speaking in Kim Colorado on January 10, 2015 at the Southern Colorado Livestock Association meeting.
- d) **Convention:** Janell Reid found out that it would cost \$525/day to use a new facility called Inspiration Field located in La Junta. The convention will be held July 17-18, 2015.
- e) **Other:** President Wil Bledsoe brought up we still haven't decided if we wanted to renew with the Colorado Resource Alliance which provides daily updates on what local and federal agencies are doing that could affect us as producers. There was discussion that we like the service but if not everyone is receiving we are not receiving what we are paying for. President Wil Bledsoe would give Korry Lewis a call to see if everyone would receive the daily updates if we pay our renewal.

9) **New Business**

- a. **Legislative Day:** President Wil Bledsoe would like to have our legislative day in the middle of February and would try to have a date set before our next meeting and would email the date out to the board to make sure it would work for most of the board.
- b. **Committee Assignments:** President Wil Bledsoe will email out the list of committee assignments.
- c. **Other New Business:** Dr. John Maulsby had talked with Lucy Meyring about being on our board. Lucy declined the invitation due to being busy with their ranch. President Wil Bledsoe reported that Sarah Nuss

was busy getting our newsletter out. Don Gittleson would try and get ahold of Tom Grey to see if he would be interested serving on our board.

d. Officer and Director Reports: The officers and directors reported on the weather and their operations.

10) Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 p.m... The next meeting will be January 19, 2015