

**Colorado Independent Cattlegrower Association  
Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting**

**12/15/2015**

**1. Call to Order**

President Lorene Bonds called the meeting to order via conference call at 7:03 PM.

**2. Roll Call of Directors and Guests**

**Present:** Lorene Bonds, President; Cody Jolly, Janell Reid, Curt Werner, Tom Robb, John Beaty, Ronnie Sylvester, and Wayne Rusher. Also present were Past Presidents Wil Bledsoe, Gerald Schreiber, John Reid, and Kimmi Lewis. Also present was Totsy Rees.

**Not Present:** Dr. John Maulsby, Don Gittleson, Christine Lewis, and Bill Bullard.

**3. Minutes from previous meeting**

Janell Reid moved to accept the minutes from November 16, 2015 as corrected. Second from Cody Jolly. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Appointment of recording secretary**

Wayne Rusher reported that his daughter, Kelli Jo Brubaker is willing to be the recording secretary for the monthly calls. Janell Reid moved to appoint Kelli Jo Brubaker as the recording secretary. Second from Curt Werner. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Janell Reid reported that the following checks were written:

- Kerry Froese for \$10.00 for corporate fee reimbursement
- Rees Consulting for \$1100.00 for monthly lobbying fee

Balance is \$28,258.57            Raffle Account balance is \$683.58

Intern Account is \$595.00    Intern CD Balance is \$1958.00

Total Balance of all assets is \$31,495.15

There were no questions or discussion regarding the treasurer's report. Wayne Rusher moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Second by Paul Schmucker. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Legislative report**

Totsy Rees reported on several issues.

- Cody Jolly asked her if the CSP had plans to make any changes, etc...concerning truck weights. Rees stated she had talked to the chief and he was unaware of

anything except the possibility of a change regarding truck height through CDOT. Rees will check with CDOT and report back.

- Legislative Day should occur sometime the first ten days in February. Rees will review calendars and get back to everyone with everyone in the next few days.
- John Reid and Rees discussed some water issues.

## **7. Membership report**

Kimmi Lewis gave the report in Christine Lewis' absence. There has been one new membership sponsored by Melinda Rusher and Janell Reid. Renewal memberships have been sent out with only one being returned by the post office for incorrect address.

## **8. Old Business**

- Website update: Jolly stated that he hasn't done anything on the website but he will get on it in January. Bonds stated she had received an email from Reed Kelly complaining that nothing on the website had been updated.
- Brochure update: Bledsoe reported the brochures are on the way and they should be here in a couple days. Cost will be \$200.00 for 500 brochures.
- SECPPRC Report: Lewis reported about an article that came out in a northern Colorado newspaper as well as the Trinidad newspaper that really bashes SECPPRC for stopping the proposed National Heritage Area. The article is very negative about the people who participated in the informational meetings, and especially negative about the information contributed by Dr. Norman Kincaid. Lewis also reported that in the court case involving CPI the judge ruled that they had to pay \$1300.00 in legal fees.
- Convention update: Jolly reported that the Gunnison fairgrounds is booked for the entire month of July but the lady that manages the fairgrounds is going to call him back with some other possible venues. Discussion occurred about if it would be a good idea to have the convention in conjunction with Gunnison's local fair. Lewis suggested that maybe we should go farther West such as Montrose. Schmucker stated that there may be several possibilities farther West and he will look into some options. Jolly suggested the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> and that we should consider the college in Gunnison. Jolly will touch base with Bonds before the next call.
- Four Corners Ag Expo: Bonds reported that she called and confirmed that we did get a cheaper booth. Bonds requested that Janell Reid send a check for \$275.00 for the booth space which will be in the middle aisle and is smaller than previously discussed. Reid will send a check.

## **9. New Business**

- State land/public hunting: Jolly has been making calls to neighbors and a rangeland specialist. He went to the commissioners' meeting to ask for support and they agreed. Lewis asked about if anyone gets the *Rave Report*. Lewis is going to send this out to the board because there is pertinent info in it. Lewis recommended that CICA subscribe to it as a board so we can stay on top of things.
- COOL: Bledsoe reports that tomorrow it might be repealed but it isn't looking good at this point. John Reid stated that if we can influence the rule making process in the USDA that probably is our only chance left for anything that might help us.

#### **10. Officers reports**

#### **11. CICA Meeting Dates**

Discussion about when calls will be held ensued. Consensus was for the second Tuesday at 7pm with the next meeting being January 12, 2016 at 7pm unless Schreiber has a conflict. If change is needed Bonds will email everyone.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Jo Brubaker  
CICA Recording Secretary