

Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Association
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
February 25, 2014
Conference Call

- 1) **Call to order:** President Wil Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call Directors& Guests:** Directors present were Curt Werner, Don Gittleson, Tom Moulden, Paul Schmucker and Tom Robb. Officers present were President Will Bledsoe, Vice President Lorene Bonds, Secretary Cody Jolly, Treasurer Janell Reid and past Presidents, Gerald Schreiber, John Reid, and Kimmi Lewis. Directors not present were Jerry Koskie, Mack Louden, Dr. John Maulsby, Leellen Koroulis and Korry Lewis. Guests present were Sarah Nuss, Wayne Rusher and Bill Bullard
- 3) **Minutes of previous meeting:** Secretary Cody Jolly read the minutes of the previous meeting. Janell Reid moved to accept the minutes. Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the treasurer's report that she emailed out. Lorene Bonds moved to accept the treasurer's report as emailed. Tom Moulden seconded. Motion Carried
- 5) **R-CALF:** Bill Bullard from R-CALF talked about the Farm Bill, Country Origin of Labeling (COOL), Grain Inspectors Packers and Stockyards Act (GIPSA), the Beef Checkoff and fresh beef from Brazil. Bill Bullard mentioned that they would be sending a sign on letter sent out to its affiliates to start an investigation and get updated on how the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) plans to protect the United States cattle industry from the introduction of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). Tom Moulden made a motion that we sign on the R-CALF letter. Paul Schmucker seconded. Motion Carried.
- 6) **Lobbyist Report:** None

- 7) **Membership Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that membership renewals were coming in good.

Old Business

- a) **Legislative Day/Legislative Report:** John Reid chairman of the legislative committee thought our legislative day might have been one of the best we have ever had. John spoke about the new methane gas regulations that were passed stating a stripper well will most likely have to be shut-in since the cost of putting the new equipment on these old wells would not be cost effective to produce these wells anymore. John wanted to make it clear that methane gas is not considered a pollutant but is considered a greenhouse gas so we questioned if cattle are going to be regulated next for their methane gas release. The last update was on Jerry Sonnenberg's bill requiring animal rights groups that have recorded animal cruelty to turn the tape into the proper authorities within 48 hours of the video being taken. The bill should be introduced soon.
- b) **Pinon Canyon/Heritage Area:** Kimmi Lewis updated the board that the feasibility study for the heritage area in Southeast Colorado. It is already halfway done. Kimmi had news that in the affected area a private property right group has been formed and will be known as Southeast Colorado Private Property Rights Council. Wayne Rusher commented that there were petitions against the heritage areas circulating around Crowley County and were getting a lot of signatures collected.
- c) **2014 Calendar of Activities/Ideas:** None
- d) **Convention Speakers:** Gerald Schreiber suggested having Mike Schultz come speak on COOL. Cody Jolly thought it would be good ideas to have someone speak on something that pertained to the Western side of the state.

- e) **Other:** Cody Jolly brought up that he was getting frustrated with our webmaster. Cody commented that Wil or he had been asking the webmaster to update things on multiple occasions and they were not being completed nor had there been any response from the webmaster either. It was decided to form a website committee and the committee members are Janell Reid, Kimmi Lewis, Wil Bledsoe and Cody Jolly. Lorene Bonds talked about how the meeting went with cattle producers in Southwest Colorado. Lorene thought it went well and was positive.
- 8) **New Business**
- a) **Four States Ag Expo-March 13-15 Cortez Colorado:** President Wil Bledsoe stated that our group will have a booth at the Four States Ag Expo and asked if anyone would like to go or had ideas for the booth. There was discussion to make sure we had our banners, plenty of brochures about our group and to have copies of our newsletters so people could take them and read about what our group does.
- b) **Internship Application:** President Wil Bledsoe wanted to remind everyone to be thinking of people who would be a good candidate for our scholarship. Wil was hoping to have multiple applications turned in for our scholarship this year.
- c) **Fundraiser:** There was discussion on what to do for a fundraiser this year. The gun raffle has proven to be successful for our organization. Janel Reid made a motion to raffle one gun off. Tom Moulden seconded. Motion Carried
- d) **Officers and Directors Reports:** Several directors gave reports on how things were going with their operations and what the weather had been like in their area.
- 9) **Adjourn:** Cody Jolly moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Schmucker seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.