

Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Association
Monthly Meeting
7:00 MST
February 23, 2015

1. **Call to order:** President Wil Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Directors& Guests:** Directors present were Mack Louden, Curt Werner, Don Gittleson and Tom Robb. Officers present were President Wil Bledsoe, Vice President Lorene Bonds, Secretary Cody Jolly, Treasurer Janell Reid and past presidents, Gerald Schreiber and John Reid. Directors and past presidents not present were Kimmi Lewis, Jerry Koskie, Dr. John Maulsby and Paul Schmucker. Guests present Bill Bullard and CICA membership coordinator Korry Lewis.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** President Wil Bledsoe asked if anyone had any corrections to make to the January meeting minutes. Janell Reid made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the January treasurer's report. Lorene Bonds made a motion to accept the treasure's report. Mack Louden seconded. Motion Carried.
5. **R-CALF:** Bill Bullard with R-CALF discussed that National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and American Meat Institute (AMI) dropped their lawsuit against Country of Origin Labeling (COOL). The Beef Checkoff working group has come up with a Moratorium of Understanding (MOU) but R-CALF is opposed to the new MOU since a lobbying group is the primary contractor of the Beef Checkoff dollars. Canada has reported its 20th case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.
6. **Lobbyist Report:**
7. **Membership Report:**

Old Business

- a) **Pinion Canyon/Southeast Colorado Private Property:** Korry Lewis reported that Colorado Preservation INC. is planning to file multiple historic sites to the national register that are located on private property.
- b) **Legislative Day (February 12)/Bill Votes:** Those who were able to attend spoke that they thought it was maybe one of the best legislative days that we have had. Throughout the day the group got to speak with elected officials from the house and senate.
- c) **Convention (July 17-18):** Janel Reid thought the convention is coming together well but lodging and the evening meal detail still need to be figured out. There was some discussion on if we should raffle another item such as a fire pit or quilt that Korry Lewis is donating.
- d) **Other:** Gerald Schreiber brought up that he will not have Tracy Hunt speak in Northeastern Colorado until calving and branding are done.

9) New Business

- a. **Ken Buck Round Table:** Gerald Schreiber, Curt Werner and Sara Bledsoe attended the round table discussion and issues that were discussed Packers and Stockyards Act, water, migrant labor help, COOL and the Trans Pacific Partnership.
- b. **Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association Annual Banquet:** President Wil Bledsoe and Vice President Lorene Bonds attended the banquet. Wil spoke about our organization and what we represent.
- c. **Other New Business:** The Four States Ag Expo is going to be held March 19, 20 and 21, 2015 in Cortez Colorado. Bill Bullard asked if CICA would sign onto their letter opposing the new MOU for the Beef Checkoff. Janel Reid made a motion to sign onto the letter. Mack Loudon Seconded. Motion Carried.

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

10) Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next meeting will be March 16, 2015.