

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

**03/15/2016**

**1. Call to Order**

President Lorene Bonds called the meeting to order via conference call at 7:06 PM.

**2. Roll Call of Directors and Guests by Secretary Curt Werner**

**Present:** Lorene Bonds, President; Cody Jolly, Janell Reid, Curt Werner, Tom Robb, John Beaty, and Wayne Rusher. Also present were Past Presidents John Reid and Wil Bledsoe. Past President Kimmi Lewis joined the call late. Also present was Bill Bullard from R-CALF.

**Not Present:** Dr. John Maulsby, Don Gittleson, Paul Schmucker, Gerald Schreiber, Kristine Lewis, and Totsy Rees.

**3. Minutes from previous meeting**

Janell Reid moved to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as submitted. Wayne Rusher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Treasurer's Report (see attached)**

Janell Reid reported that the following checks were written:

- Kimmi Lewis for \$500.00 for donation to SECPPRC
- American Steward for \$100.00 for donation/affiliation
- Elisabeth Erickson-Noe for \$300.00 for press releases
- Rees Consulting for \$1,300.00 for monthly lobbying fee
- Kelli Jo Brubaker for \$40.00 for monthly recording secretary fee
- Elisabeth Erickson-Noe for \$349.95 for PR/press release

Total Expenses: \$2,589.95

Income

Total Income	=	\$0.00
February 2016 balance		\$29,971.33
plus income		\$0.00
less expenses		\$2,589.95
Balance Forward		<u>\$27,381.38</u>

Raffle Account balance is \$683.58

Intern Account is \$895.00

Intern CD Balance is \$1958.00

Total Balance of all assets as of 03/14/2016 is \$30,917.96

There were no questions or discussion regarding the treasurer's report. Wayne Rusher moved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Tom Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cody Jolly presented a bill for 1000 bumper stickers and two banners for a total of \$447.58. Janell Reid moved to pay bill for \$447.58. Curt Werner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. R-CALF Report**

Bill Bullard gave a report on various topics including the packers and stockyards act and voluntary labeling of GMO crops/voluntary COOL program.

## **6. Legislative report**

John Reid gave a report on current legislative issues. The legislative committee has taken a position of support for a bill of John Becker dealing with relief for people receiving conservation easements that are still in question. We also asked that an amendment be added to put a moratorium in place that would allow no new conservation easements be allowed until the issue is cleaned up. However, after speaking with Totsy Rees it was determined that this amendment would not happen. Kimmi Lewis spoke about some history about the conservation easements and how the situation has occurred. She also touched on the fact that some of our new members are people who have gotten involved in these easements and are now in need of education/resources on private property rights so they are turning to CICA for this.

## **7. Membership report**

Kimmi Lewis reported that a few more memberships have come in and a couple of new members have also come in.

## **8. Old Business**

- SECPPRC—Kimmi Lewis reported that many things continue with the State Land Board and all the “heritage” organizations. She had a call from Congressman Buck and then he went to her house to speak with her about all of the issues in Southeast Colorado and he really wants to help put an end to all of this “heritage” stuff. Kimmi also reported on the meeting that was held with Dr. Angus Macintosh in La Junta. There were 100 people there and CICA membership applications were handed out at this event.
- Convention Update: July 16, 2016. Kimmi Lewis has invited Jullaine Hixson to speak at convention about conservation easements but she hasn't responded.

- Four Corners Ag Expo is this coming weekend.
- Discussion occurred about putting a bumper sticker and cards in a separate mailing because it wasn't relayed to Kristine to mail them out.

## **9. New Business**

- Spring Newsletter. Lorene asked if Sarah was going to put out the Spring Newsletter. Janell stated she would contact her to find out.
- Colorado Farm Bureau's Buyers Guide renewal—cost is \$500.00--discussion followed. Wayne Rusher moved that CICA no longer pay this affiliation/membership. Janell Reid seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Central Colorado Cattlemen's Association—they have contacted Lorene asking for someone to attend their convention in Lake George. Wil Bledsoe and Cody Jolly will attempt to attend this event. Kimmi reported that she believes the press releases Elisabeth Erickson-Noe has been doing for us is probably responsible for some of these people contacting CICA.

## **10. Officer & Director Reports**

**11. Next Meeting:** April 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm

**12. Adjournment:** time unavailable

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Jo Brubaker  
CICA Recording Secretary