

**Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**7:30 MST**  
**October 20, 2014**

1. **Call to order:** President Wil Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Directors & Guests:** Directors present were Dr. John Maulsby, Curt Werner, Don Gittleson and Tom Robb. Officers present were President Will Bledsoe, Vice President Lorene Bonds, Secretary Cody Jolly, Treasurer Janell Reid and past presidents, Gerald Schreiber, Kimmi Lewis and John Reid. Directors and past presidents not present were Jerry Koskie, Mack Loudon and Paul Schmucker. Guests present were Totsy Rees and Roni Sylvester
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Cody Jolly wanted to add to the calendar of events the possible meeting in December with Tracy Hunt as the speaker. Janell moved to accept the minutes as amended. Tom Robb Seconded. Motion Carried
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the treasurer's report. Lorene Bonds moved to accept the treasurer's report. Tom Robb seconded. Motion Carried
5. **R-CALF:** The World Trade Organization (WTO) ruled in favor of Canada and Mexico again against the United States Country of Origin Labeling law.
6. **Lobbyist Report:** Totsy spoke about the 2014 elections and what the current polling results are.
7. **Membership Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that we have several new members.

**Old Business**

- a) **Pinion Canyon/Southeast Colorado Private Property:** Kimmi Lewis reported that there was a map found that the Colorado State Land Board put out that shows renewable energy areas. The Southern Colorado Livestock Association will be holding their annual Cattlemen's Ball in Trinidad on November 1.

- b) **Election of Officers:** The newly elected officers for the 2014-2015 year are President Wil Bledsoe, Vice President Lorene Bonds, Cody Jolly Secretary and Janell Reid Treasurer.
- c) **Calendar of Events (Convention-December Gather):** It was suggested to have our annual convention either in Lamar or La Junta. Cody Jolly will forward a story from the Fence Post covering Tracy Hunt who would be speaking at our December gather.
- d) **Brand Board:** Dr. John Maulsby attended a meeting that was looking at increasing the stock inspection fees. It was discussed to increase brand renewals to \$300 and per head inspection would increase 10-15 cents per head.
- e) **State Land:** Cody Jolly attended a state land board meeting where the discussion was looking at changing the grazing rates. The proposed rate changes were isolated sections be at 75% of private rates, sections where the lessee owned the surface improvements be at 80% of private rates and where the state land owns the surface and improvement be 90% of private rates. Matt Pollart with the state land board would like comments to be filed by the end of October.
- f) **Other:** There was discussion if we wanted to give Michael Semler extra money for his work as our intern. The board thought the \$1000 was sufficient enough.

## 9) **New Business**

- a. **Open Positions:** Directors positions need to be filled in region 1 and 3. There was discussion of Tom Gray or a Meyering to fill the positions. Someone will try and get in contact with the suggestions from above to see if they would be interested in serving on the CICA board.
- b. **Fundraising Idea:** Roni Sylvester suggested we could sell custom metal no trespassing signs. The cost for 100 signs is \$1000 and Roni thought we could sell them for \$20-\$25 dollars per sign.

- c. **ICOW Annual Banquet:** President Wil Bledsoe mention the annual ICOW banquet was coming up.
- d. **Other New Business:** President Will Bledsoe brought up we haven't made a donation to R-CALF to help with Bill Bullard's expenses for coming to our convention and speaking. Tom Robb made a motion to donate \$500 to R-CALF. Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried. There was some discussion if we wanted to retain Totsy Reese as our lobbyist. Lorene Bonds made a motion to retain Totsy as our lobbyist. Janell Reid seconded. Motion Carried. The GMO bill or proposition 105 was brought up if we wanted to take a position if we supported it or not. Cody Jolly made a motion that we oppose proposition 105. Dr. John Maulsby seconded. Motion Carried.
- e. **Officer and Director Reports:** The officers and directors reported on the weather and what they had been doing on their operations.

**10) Adjourn:** Lorene Bonds moved to adjourn the meeting. Janell Reid seconded. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.