

Colorado Independent CattleGrower's Ass'n
September 30, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Monte Vista, CO

- 1) **Call to order:** President Gerald Schreiber called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. President Schreiber led the group in a short prayer.
- 2) **Roll Call Directors & Guests:** Directors present were Dr. John Maulsby, Harry Thompson, Mack Loudon, Steve Jarmon, Lorene Bonds, Wil Bledsoe, Tom Robb, and Cody Jolly. Also present were President Gerald Schreiber, Secretary Janell Reid, Treasurer Wayne Rusher, and past Presidents, John Reid and Kimmi Lewis. Newly elected director Jerry Koskie was also present. Guests included Margie Jarmon, Melinda Rusher and Virgie Robb.
- 3) **Minutes of previous meeting:** Secretary Janell Reid read the minutes of the August 15 meeting. Lorene Bonds made a motion to accept the report as read. Steve Jarmon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Wayne Rusher reviewed the treasurer's report for the past month as well as a convention wrap up report. Janell Reid asked if Madison Andersen, CICA intern had been paid. Wayne said she had but he forgot to include it in the report. Kimmi Lewis asked about the 1099's for 2012. Wayne said he would get with Tom Brown this week and get those done. There will be a \$50 late for each one and the deadline for filing is October 15. Wil Bledsoe asked about the internship account. Wayne explained funds donated for the intern were put into the checking account until they could be added to the CD. Wil asked about getting a savings account instead of a CD because of its liquidity. No action was taken on this idea. Harry Thompson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with the correction.
- 5) **Membership Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that memberships were still coming in. She reminded all board members to consult their member list and to call on

delinquent members to get them to rejoin. Cody Jolly asked about Foundation Members. John Reid said he reviewed the by-laws and discovered members could still join as founding members. Founding members would pay \$500 the first year and the regular \$50 dues fee each year after. Cody and Gerald will take this information to the men that had asked about becoming founding members.

Old Business

a) COOL Lawsuit Status: President Schreiber said R-CALF had not been recognized as an intervener. R-CALF would spend up to \$60,000 in opposition to the NCBA action against COOL. The judge had denied NCBA's injunction against COOL and NCBA was appealing the ruling. John Reid explained to the board the letter he wrote to the attorneys in the case as well as the court asking them to remove his name from the supporters of the anti-COOL. He explained that NCBA is using the names of anyone involved in a breed association or is a member of a local association who affiliates with NCBA to increase the numbers of cattlemen who are opposed to COOL. Cody Jolly made a motion to develop a template letter and send it to all CICA members either via email or regular mail. Members would be asked to fill in the associations they belong to and asked not to be counted. Steve Jarmon seconded the motion. Discussion included some way to count who sent their letters. It was decided to have members email the secretary when they sent their letters, including the date. Motion carried.

b) Farm Bill: President Schreiber reported the US House had passed the farm bill with no livestock title. All GIPSA had been deleted from the house bill. Senators Testor and Grassley were sponsoring an amendment in the senate to put it back in. Gerald urged all board members to call their Senators to ask them to pass this amendment.

- c) **September flooding impact on CICA members/others:** It was reported that Chuck and Roni Sylvester had sustained serious damage to their farm and house during the recent floods. They were busy drying out and rebuilding. Roni said the best place to send donations was to the Weld County Salvation Army. Dr. John Maulsby reported many cattle had died because they couldn't get away fast enough. Newly elected board member Curt Werner had to evacuate with his 3 children. Their house wasn't damaged but they lost 140 Ton of hay and the garage had been damaged. Mack Loudon reported that Las Animas County had sent 2 belly trucks to Weld County to help with clean up.
 - d) **Pinon Canyon/Army activity:** Mack Loudon reported the funding ban for the next 6 years was still in place for expansion of the Pinyon Canyon. He said it would cost at \$100,000 to get back to court to fight the army. The army is spending money on expansion anyway. The funding ban is still in place for this year and probably next year. After that it may change because the members of Congress will change somewhat. There are conservation easements all around the site. Mack also spoke briefly about Oil/Gas and Fracking as well as Agenda 21.
 - e) **Other:** Dr. John Maulsby gave a report on Zilmax. He reported that many packers were refusing to purchase cattle fed the additive.
- 6) **New Business**
- a) **Canvass Ballots:** Secretary Janell Reid reviewed the ballots. She reported that Don Gittleson, Paul Schmucker and Tom Robb had been reelected to the board. New board members are Curt Werner, Jerry Koskie and Janell Reid. Wil Bledsoe was elected president and all the policy questions passed. Harry Thompson made a motion to ratify the ballots. Mack Loudon seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - b) **Re-organize Board:** President Gerald Schreiber gave a few parting remarks and turned the meeting over to new CICA President Wil Bledsoe. President Bledsoe

asked for nominations for Vice-President. Janell Reid nominated Lorene Bonds. Mack Loudon seconded the motion. Dr John Maulsby moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lorene. Tom Robb seconded the motion. Motion carried and Lorene Bonds is the new CICA Vice-President. President Bledsoe then opened nominations for treasurer. Lorene Bonds nominated Janell Reid. Dr. John Maulsby seconded the nomination. Lorene Bonds moved nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Janell. Mack Loudon seconded the motion. Motion carried and Janell Reid is the new CICA Treasurer. President Bledsoe then opened nominations for secretary. Janell Reid nominated Cody Jolly. Lorene Bonds seconded the motion. Dr. John Maulsby moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Cody. Lorene Bonds seconded the motion. Motion carried and Cody Jolly was elected as the new CICA secretary. It is noted that there were no prevailing votes and all ballots were unanimous.

- c) **Recognize Service of Exiting Board Members:** Gerald Schreiber recognized all the board members, Harry Thompson and Steve Jarmon as well as the treasurer, Wayne Rusher who were leaving office. He thanked them for their service to CICA
- d) **Lobbyist:** The board discussed the hiring of a lobbyist for the 2014 session. It was mentioned that current lobbyist Totsy Rees' contract ended after the session. Janell Reid made a motion to retain Totsy for another year. Lorene Bonds seconded the motion. Past Presidents Kimmi Lewis and John spoke highly of Totsy' capabilities. The motion carried.
- e) **Legislative ideas for 2013-2014:** Harry Thompson asked about doing something to stop the army from obtaining more land. Other topics discussed were a term limit on conservation easements. John Reid spoke of the importance of getting

the ground work done on any bill and suggested CICA do that with plans to run a bill in 2015. Janell Reid, CO Agri-Women President asked about the possibility of CAW joining CICA at the legislative day CICA will hold. Mack Louden made a motion to invite CAW members to attend CICA legislative day. Dr. John Maulsby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- f) 2014 Calendar of Activities/Ideas:** A brief discussion was held about activities for the 2014 year. Lorene Bonds reported that the Bonds ranch would like to host the 2014 convention. Cody Jolly reported that the Lincoln County Stockmen would be selling tables at their banquet in order to get more attendance. Gerald Schreiber wants to submit a proposal to KSIR radio to host a debate between CCA and CICA on many of the issues facing livestock producers. Cody Jolly said CCA had a policy not to debate anyone. They will not debate.
- g) Officer and Director Reports:** Gerald Schreiber reported he had been having a dialog with CO US Senator Bennett about the farm bill. He is busy replacing fence. His calves are contracted. Cody Jolly reported a night and day difference between early summer and now. The hay crop was excellent. They will ship their calves in October. Dr. John Maulsby reported conditions were good in his area, the corn price is down and who knows how long that will last. Dr. John also talked about an article on vaccinations he had passed out. Tom Robb said it was getting dry there. They had enough feed and grass to get through the winter. Harry Thompson said the grass looks great. He is looking for somewhere to send his cattle, which have to be off the grazing association by October 31. The corn ground he usually uses would not be available because of the floods. Wayne Rusher reported they had had some rain. The new house was supposed to be ready by November 1. He had lots of grass for the few cows he had left. Steve Jarmon reported it was better in his area. Some of the ponds were full and it looks

much better going into winter. Lorene Bonds reported it looks good there. They have to get the cows gathered by October 15. They finished their corn harvest today. Jerry Koskie reported green wheat showing in the wheat fields. It looks much better than a year ago going into winter. There had been some heavy rain and hail that had damaged the pinto bean crop. Kimmi Lewis reported it was muddy in spots there and some ponds were full. John Reid reported on an assignment Gerald had given him concerning the CO Depredating Predator Animal changes. This act for the most part concerns Amendment 14. The changes were in terminology, and added Ferrell hogs to the language. His opinion is that it isn't something CICA should have an issue with.

h) Other:

1. President Bledsoe made mention that the bill to the CO Resource Alliance was due. Kimmi Lewis and several board members liked the service so they had knowledge of upcoming meetings. Lorene Bonds made a motion to continue the service and pay the bill. Cody Jolly seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The CICA website was discussed briefly. It seems that most of the changes had been made. The remaining issue was the email address. CICA board can update the website directly. President Bledsoe asked Wayne Rusher if he had received a bill. Wayne hadn't so Wil will look into it.
3. Meeting time and date were discussed. Lorene Bonds made a motion that CICA meetings be held on the third Monday of each month. Cody Jolly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Kimmi Lewis reported she is looking at getting some bumper stickers made that would express the disappointment of CICA on issues concerning COOL and the Check off.
5. Gerald commented on a letter from Beef Board member David Wright had published in the ICON newsletter.
6. Steve Jarmon asked about membership brochures. Board members will check their supplies and decide if new ones need to be made.

i) **Adjourn:** Cody Jolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr John Maulsby seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Reid

CICA Secretary