

**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 12:39 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call Directors& Guests:** Directors present were Mack Louden, Curt Werner, and Dr. John Maulsby. 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, Leellen Koroulis, Don Gittleson, Tom Moulden Paul Schmucker, Tom Rob and Korry Lewis. Guests present were Tom Bonds.
- 3) **Minutes of previous meeting:** Secretary Cody Jolly read the minutes of the previous meeting. Kimmi Lewis saw in two different places where Cody spelled Wil Bledsoe and Cathy Daniel were spelled wrong. Mack Louden moved to accept the minutes with the corrections Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Janell Reid reviewed the treasurer's report that she handed out. Lorene moved to accept the treasurer's report as handed out. Dr. John Maulsby seconded. Motion Carried
- 5) **Lobbyist Report:** The legislative committees had a conference call last week and were working on the details of our legislative day at the capital. Colorado Counties INC. is looking at running a bill to address soil erosion/blowing dirt and is concerned that it could dictate how we run our farms and ranches. Mack Louden didn't like that fact that Colorado State University Extension could help implement this regulation if passed.
- 6) **R-CALF Report:** County Origin of Labeling language is still being discussed and there is a 50/50 chance that we will get the language we want. Gerald Schreiber encouraged everyone to make sure they get comments into the United States

Department Of Agriculture on the importing of fresh Brazilian beef. There was also some discussion on the Tyson Farm Check program where the packer would come do an audit on your operation.

- 7) **Membership Report:** Kimmi Lewis reported that we had 1 new membership and membership renewals were coming in good. The board was encouraged to try and get new memberships and when doing so make sure to hand them one of our newsletters.

### **Old Business**

- a) **Pinon Canyon/Army activity:** Mack Loudon discussed that the Army is doing a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and should be completed within 18 months. Mack also stated when the funding ban expires the Army could buy 999 acres or spend 1 million dollars and do not have to have permission.
- b) **2014 Calendar of Activities/Ideas:** There was discussion since our membership on the western side of our state is weak we need to try and get some exposure about our organization to people on the western slope. It was brought up that in mid-March in Durango CO there is the Four States Ag Expo which would be a good place to have a booth. There was also discussion of going by sale barns in the area. It was decided to have a booth at the Four States Ag Expo.
- c) **Heritage Area/SCLA Meeting:** Kimmi Lewis updated the board that she was going to start a coalition and it would be comprised of the main coalition which would have 8 county chapters. Heritage areas are modeled after the European Model for Heritage Areas. Heritage areas in the United States are run by the National Parks Service.

- 8) **New Business**

- a) **Convention Speakers:** Dr. John Maulsby suggested Dennis Hermish with Novartis. Some other speakers suggested were someone with agenda 21 or Sheriff Mack.
- b) **Legislative Day:** Discussion took place when to have our legislative day. Janell Reid made a motion to have our legislative day on February 12, 2014 starting at 10 a.m. Cody Jolly seconded and the motion carried. Janell Reid suggested our speaker be someone with oil and gas. Janell carried that as a motion Lorene Bonds seconded. Motion Carried.
- c) **Brazilian Imports:** The Colorado Independent CattleGrowers Association official position is to oppose Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) decision to allow Fresh and Chilled Brazilian Beef due to their countries Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) status. Janell Reid moved Curt Werner seconded. Motion carried.
- d) **Officers and Directors Reports:**
- 9) **Adjourn:** Mack Loudon moved Dr. John Maulsby seconded. Motion Carried. 3:08 p.m.