

SHASTA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of May 24, 2011

Steve Moller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Directors attending were Matt Fowler, Ernie Stephenson, Pete Hufford, Butch Sartori, Ron Masingale, Paul Bertagna and alternate Bill Quinn. Also attending were Farm Advisor Larry Forero, Betty Stephenson, Harley Ramirez, Michael Ward and Evelyn Reed.

The minutes of the April 26, 2011 meeting were approved as mailed to the membership.

The Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

Cash in bank as of April 26, 2011		\$2,250.60
Deposits:	\$240.00	
Disbursements:	(\$135.00)	
Cash in bank as of May 24, 2011		<u>\$2,355.60</u>
Savings Balance as of May 24, 2011	<u>\$6,267.68</u>	

It was motioned, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Comment:

Michael Ward mentioned that the Owens Ranch, west of Red Bluff, has had at least 15 unbranded calves stolen since April 15. Cattle theft has been an ongoing problem in some areas of Tehama County. The Tehama County Cattlemen's Association, the California Cattlemen's Association, the Owens Ranch and Cottonwood rancher Lee Loverin all contributed to offer a \$12,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the cattle thieves. Anyone with information can call 520-9399 or 527-6332.

Anonymous calls can be made to 1-800-671-4327.

Committee Reports:

Paul Bertagna reported on the Shasta County Climate Action Plan public meeting. Under the Climate Action Plan, greenhouse gasses in Shasta County are to be reduced 30% by 2020 and reduced 50% by 2050. The focus will be on electric power generation and transportation emissions. There is not any anticipated change in Ag which contributes 2% of overall emissions.

Paul also reported on the Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting. The Board has accepted the EIR but has not accepted the details of the new program. It is anticipated that there will be a two year extension of the present program and Water Quality Control staff will continue to work on and develop the framework and details of a new program. It was mentioned that Paul has been elected to the Board of the Shasta-Tehama Watershed Education Coalition.

Paul mentioned that marijuana has become the new legal Ag product and growers are buying land in the Round Mountain and Igo areas for its production. Discussion followed.

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Old Business:

The Cattlemen's Pancake Breakfast at the Shasta District Fair was discussed.

The SCCA letter sent to legislators opposing Senate Bill 34 was discussed.

New Business:

The Shasta County Cattlemen's website was discussed. A committee was appointed to explore ideas for up-dating the website.

The SCCA membership drive was discussed.

The SCCA/SCCW summer BBQ and SCCA Special General Membership meeting, to be held at the Moller's Vaca Creek Ranch on June 11, 2011, were discussed.

The SCCA Family Picnic to be held at Hawes Corn Maze on September 24, 2011 was discussed.

The CCA mid-year convention was mentioned and Quality Assurance recertification was discussed.

The Department of Food and Agriculture National Animal Identification program was discussed. The program has been renamed National Animal Disease Trace Back and, at this time, will only apply to older beef cattle crossing state lines. Sheep, poultry, hogs and dairy cattle are supposedly covered by other programs. Horses are not mentioned. Brands will no longer be legal identification for interstate commerce. Public comments have not been requested.

It was mentioned that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Water Master fees may be cut from the State budget. This would dramatically increase fees to water users with DWR Water Master service. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The SCCA meetings are open to the public. We encourage anyone interested to attend. The SCCA meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. at 1851 Hartnell Avenue in Redding, Visit our website at www.shastacountycattlemen.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Reed
Secretary