

Cattlemen Set New Policies, Elect Board Members

After the 11th Annual Kansas Cattlemen's Association Convention ended, every producer member received a mail in ballot which allowed them to change or set policy and elect new members of the Board.

The Kansas Cattlemen's Association members overwhelmingly voted to set policy on many current issues including mergers in the agricultural industry, animal welfare, regulation of cattle emissions, and water rights.

The following resolutions are new policies set by the membership.

- **INVESTIGATIONS OF MERGERS:**

Whereas the KCA supports fair market competition in the livestock industry,

Be it Resolved, KCA encourages the Department of Justice to review, investigate, and enforce past and current mergers in relation to antitrust laws in place.

- **ANIMAL WELFARE AND OWNERSHIP**

Whereas a minority of extremist under the guise animal rights groups are trying to force their agenda on the current mainstream livestock industry which results in political action increasing costs of production and unreasonable expectations that have no actual benefit to animals,

Therefore Be it Resolved, KCA expects all government entities to promote animal welfare and good stewardship (such as BQA guidelines) and recognize owners' rights in order to keep undue economic burden from being incurred by animal owners.

- **CATTLE EMISSIONS**

Whereas the EPA is trying to regulate cattle emissions currently under the Clean Air Act or under any other instruments that may come in the future,

Whereas there is no approved test to accurately measure for livestock emissions,

Furthermore, there is data to show that cattle emissions are not a detriment to the environment,

Be it resolved, KCA supports immunity from emissions regulations for livestock producers.

- **WATER RIGHTS**

Whereas a minority of extremists under the guise of environmental activist(s) have as an agenda to eliminate animal agriculture within the United States by using the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2009 or some other act yet to be named to impose undue burden on cattle producers that have no actual benefit to the environment

Be it resolved, KCA requires that all government entities promote good environmental stewardship based on sound science in order to keep undue economic burden and hardship from being incurred by cattle producers.

Along with setting policy, KCA members were also charged with electing three new Board members. Elected to the KCA Board were Danny Herrmann, Dodge City; Mason Green, El Dorado; and Aaron Winter, Dodge City. The incoming Board members will serve a three year term and will begin their duties on April 19.

To read biographies on incoming Board members and to view all current KCA resolutions, go to www.kansascattlemen.com