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Resolution: EXEC 23.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, since our last Convention, valued friends and fellow members have passed on to their final rewards, and
WHEREAS, we who remain have enjoyed and benefited from their association and we are saddened by their absence,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA pledges to support the principles which these men and women who have gone before us have firmly instilled in our Association and we express sorrow in our loss.

Resolution: EXEC 23.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION

WHEREAS, the OCA is the State of Oklahoma affiliate of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and
WHEREAS, our affiliation with NCBA provides Oklahoma beef producers with the opportunity to be actively engaged in the public policy process at the national level, and
WHEREAS, our affiliation provides us with the opportunity to impact Federal regulations, regional and national issues, public and consumer attitudes and a myriad of other issues, and
WHEREAS, our affiliation provides the opportunity to impact the policies of NCBA, and
WHEREAS, as in all things and organizations there are differences of opinion and the decisive factor which determines success or failure for an organization is its ability to understand these differences, address the differences and reach a consensus that is well thought out and in concert with the goals and purposes of the organization, and
WHEREAS, NCBA has a governance process in place which provides for ample opportunities for Oklahoma cattlemen to impact the policies of our national organization giving us a voice in the activities of NCBA,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues its exclusive affiliation with NCBA, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA officers and staff are encouraged to work closely with NCBA officers and staff, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA stands firmly behind the directors and activities of the OCA and NCBA, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA staff may enter into a membership marketing agreement with NCBA to streamline the membership application process, encourage membership in OCA and NCBA and strengthen the ability of OCA and NCBA to carry out the objectives as set by the members.

Resolution: EXEC 23.03
Adopted: January 26, 2023

2022 OFFICE ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA approves all actions taken by the staff, executive committee and board of directors during the past twelve months.

Resolution: EXEC 24.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, since our last convention, valued friends and fellow members have passed to their final rewards, and
WHEREAS, we who remain have enjoyed and benefited from their association and we are saddened by their absence,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA in annual convention pledges to support the principles which these men and women who have gone before us have firmly instilled in our Association, and we express sorrow in our loss.

Resolution: EXEC 24.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

SUPPORT OF THE BEEF INDUSTRY LONG RANGE PLAN

WHEREAS, The National Cattlemen's Beef Association, working in cooperation with the OCA and other beef organization has completed its work on the Beef Industry Long Range Plan, and

WHEREAS, the plan's vision is to create an industry united around a common goal of being the world's most trusted and preferred source of beef and beef products, and

WHEREAS, the plan addresses the following six priorities: improving domestic consumer preference for beef, capitalizing on global growth opportunities, strengthening the image of beef and the beef industry, protecting and enhancing our freedom to operate, improving industry trust, openness and relationships and positioning the U.S. cow herd for growth, and

WHEREAS, the plan addresses critical success factors including the development of a resourcing plan to achieve desired outcomes of the long range plan and the adoption of a practical and effective industry-wide animal disease traceability program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA hereby endorses the Beef Industry Long Range Plan and commits itself to the mission of mobilizing producers and industry participants to prosper amid growing competition by solidifying U.S. beef's position as the world's most preferred protein.

Resolution: EXEC 24.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

2023 OFFICE ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA approves all actions taken by the staff, executive committee, and board of directors during the past twelve months.

Resolution: EXEC 25.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, since our last convention, valued friends and fellow members have passed to their final rewards, and
WHEREAS, we who remain have enjoyed and benefited from their Association and we are saddened by their absence,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA pledges to support the principles which these men and women who have gone before us have firmly instilled in our Association, and we express sorrow in our loss.

Resolution: EXEC 25.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OCA HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the goal of the OCA to enhance the headquarters to provide educational opportunities and serve as a central meeting facility for beef cattle related entities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee consider the development of additional information for the membership of the OCA including capitol campaign needs.

Resolution: EXEC 25.03
Adopted: January 23, 2025

THEFT REWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS cattle producers own and manage valuable assets including cattle; and WHEREAS the OCA has offered a reward program for many years as a member benefit,

BE IT RESOLVED the OCA hereby continues the Reward Program at a maximum level of \$10,000 with the OCF Board retaining the authority to approve and issue rewards.

Resolution: EXEC 25.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

**AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY WITHIN THE
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FORESTRY**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA go on record as supporting the retention of all agricultural regulatory authority within the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry as to any renewed legislation that may arise in the Oklahoma legislature.

Resolution: EXEC 25.05
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OK BEEF PAC

WHEREAS, the OK BEEF PAC has been identified by many OCA members as having goals and strategies consistent with those of OCA members, and

WHEREAS, many OCA members have requested that OCA provide a convenient method of advising other members of the OK BEEF PAC,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA allows OK BEEF PAC information to be included in the envelope with the OCA annual dues statement.

Resolution: EXEC 25.07
Adopted: January 23, 2025

2024 OFFICE ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, the membership of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association approves all actions taken by the staff, executive committee, and board of directors during the past twelve months.

Resolution: MEM 25.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

UNIFICATION OF OCA AND COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA continues to prioritize unifying with county cattlemen's organizations and expanding the benefits offered to those counties.

Resolution: MEM 25.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHEREAS, organization and scheduling are vital keys to successful associations relying on a volunteer network of dues-paying members,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA agrees to provide to its membership at each annual winter policy meeting, an approved calendar schedule of OCA meetings, and such other events that may be appropriate, for the upcoming year.

Resolution: BP 23.01.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) TESTING PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and U.S. beef producers have steadfastly worked to produce the highest quality product and maintain the health of the U.S. cattle herd, and

WHEREAS, producers and consumers alike have placed considerable trust in the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) testing protocol adopted by USDA,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA work with the NCBA and the USDA to maintain a science based testing protocol for BSE to be utilized for any and all future tests conducted for this disease.

Resolution: BP 23.01.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES

WHEREAS, the OCA recognize the potential risk of foreign animal diseases, and WHEREAS, the USDA is charged with the responsibility of protecting our borders, and

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts between the USDA and the State of Oklahoma are vital to achieve this protection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports efforts to increase the state's regulatory ability to gather information and work trace backs to detect, control and eradicate any suspect foreign animal diseases.

Resolution: BP 23.01.03
Adopted: January 26, 2023

EDUCATION AND JUDICIOUS USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS

WHEREAS, there is an increased concern over antibiotic resistance,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports the education of producers and veterinarians regarding the judicious use of antimicrobials.

Resolution: BP 23.01.04
Adopted: January 26, 2023

INDEMNITY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA work in concert with NCBA to urge USDA and Congress to provide full and timely funding for purposes of indemnification for tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease and other emergency diseases.

Resolution: BP 23.01.05
Adopted: January 26, 2023

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL

WHEREAS, Foot and Mouth Disease outbreaks would devastate the beef cattle industry in the U.S., the largest agricultural industry in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, the control and prevention of FMD will require a multi-faceted approach,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA places a high priority on the development and storage of improved and validated FMD vaccines, including funding for production and storage of the vaccines.

Resolution: BP 23.01.06

Adopted: January 26, 2023

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE ERADICATION AND TUBERCULOSIS

WHEREAS, there are documented cases of beef cattle contracting Tuberculosis (TB) from cervidae, and

WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and TB are very serious diseases in farmed cervidae (elk, mule deer and white tailed deer, etc)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA strongly supports USDA-ARS and University research on CWD and TB,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA requests expanded efforts to stop the spread of CWD and TB in cervidae by depopulation of free roaming and farmed cervidae in areas with involved and threatened herds,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA supports and encourages the control of transport of live deer and elk or carcasses from areas having CWD and TB,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA supports uniform and effective monitoring of interstate and intrastate movement of wild and farmed cervidae,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA recommends intensive monitoring of all captive and wild cervidae herds in CWD and TB endemic areas as well as the monitoring of wild cervidae in areas adjacent to facilities of captive cervidae, which have had a diagnosis of CWD or TB,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA, in cooperation with NCBA, requests USDA-ARS develop and maintain a current fact sheet on scientific facts about CWD and TB and that this information be widely disseminated to affected parties, i.e., all state veterinarians, USAHA, OCA, state cattle producer associations, state wildlife agencies and the Department of the Interior.

Resolution: BP 23.01.07

Adopted: January 26, 2023

RISK/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports thorough benefit and risk analysis of all proposed rules and laws.

Resolution: BP 23.01.08

Adopted: January 26, 2023

FEDERAL REINSURANCE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR CATASTROPHIC LIVESTOCK RISK INSURANCE

WHEREAS, US cattle are extremely susceptible to a host of diseases such as Foot and Mouth, BSE, foreign and emerging animal health diseases and others that could be released inadvertently or as an act of terrorism, and

WHEREAS, adequate state and federal funding of existing indemnity programs, in the event of widespread catastrophic occurrences, is uncertain and unrealistic to depend on, and

WHEREAS, there is no readily available or affordable private sector or governmental financial capacity to fund response to catastrophic events, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a comprehensive catastrophic livestock risk insurance for such catastrophic risks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA encourages the federal government to provide the same reinsurance and funding as provided to the FCIC (Federal Crop Insurance) Program.

Resolution: BP 23.01.09
Adopted: January 26, 2023

DRUG RESIDUE FREE PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the restrictions and penalties for selling livestock prior to the required withdrawal period for administered medications, spray residues, medicated feed additives, etc., are becoming more complicated and severe, and

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports a wholesome and safe product,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA recommends that the Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine of Oklahoma State University be urged to continue extension programs and district meetings to educate the producers and 4-H and FFA leaders of the problems and penalties involved, and that the OCA utilize its programs and publications to assist in this endeavor.

Resolution: BP 23.01.10
Adopted: January 26, 2023

BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Beef Quality Assurance is a national program that provides guidelines for beef cattle production, and

WHEREAS, the Beef Quality Assurance Program plays a part in raising consumer confidence through offering best management practices for beef quality and safety within every segment of the beef industry, and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Beef Council provides leadership of the Oklahoma Beef Quality Assurance education and a certification program,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA continue to support this important endeavor and continue to encourage producer participation in the Oklahoma Beef Quality Assurance program.

Resolution: BP 24.01.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

OKLAHOMA ANIMAL DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC LAB

WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the importance of the Oklahoma Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab (OADDL) to the Oklahoma cattle industry,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the legislature to adequately fund the OADDL.

Resolution: BP 24.01.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

IMPORTATION OF BRUCELLOSIS EXPOSED ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the tremendous effort and expense to obtain Brucellosis Class Free Status, and

WHEREAS, the OCA is aware that there continue to be areas of potentially exposed livestock,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA in strongly opposes any action which would introduce any known exposed brucellosis animal into Oklahoma except by the existing Oklahoma rules and regulations that govern such.

Resolution: BP 24.01.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

ANIMAL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, organizations are intentionally misinforming the general public about animal husbandry practices, and

WHEREAS, these false pronouncements are detrimental to the health and welfare of our livestock industry,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work to promote and correct those misleading statements and work with our industry leaders in continuing the positive image of our healthful product.

Resolution: BP 24.01.04
Adopted: January 18, 2024

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY TO SUPPORT THE OKLAHOMA ANIMAL INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION

WHEREAS, the state of Oklahoma maintains good animal health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the Animal Industry Services Division of the State Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry is a critical component to Oklahoma's livestock industry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to support the Oklahoma Animal Industry Services Division with adequate personnel to carry on all of their programs.

Resolution: BP 24.01.05
Adopted: January 18, 2024

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, the prudent and appropriate use of antibiotics and other modern compounds is an essential tool for beef producers to provide for the health and welfare of their animals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports actions based only on sound, peer-reviewed science and risk assessment relative to the use of antibiotics or other drugs.

Resolution: BP 24.01.06
Adopted: January 18, 2024

POLYETHER IONOPHORES

WHEREAS, the feeding of polyether ionophores (monensin, lasalocid, laidlmycin, etc) to cattle decreases the feed needed for growth, and increases feed efficiency, and

WHEREAS, polyether ionophores do not function as therapeutic or sub-therapeutic antibiotics when fed to cattle, are not used as therapeutic agents in human medicine, and are not a concern for antibiotic resistance in cattle or humans, and

WHEREAS, polyether ionophores are categorized as coccidiostats and function to reduce methane production in cattle,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA should work with all appropriate entities, organizations and elected and appointed officials to ensure that cattle producers' access and ability to use polyether ionophores is retained.

Resolution: BP 24.01.07
Adopted: January 18, 2024

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VACCINE

WHEREAS, Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the United States would be devastating to the beef cattle industry, and
WHEREAS, depopulation is no longer considered a viable option for managing a large, regional outbreak of FMD, and
WHEREAS, the principal plan for a large, regional outbreak is vaccinate-to-slaughter and vaccinate-to-live strategies,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports continued funding for FMD vaccine research, production and storage to assure adequate supplies for a large, regional outbreak.

Resolution: BP 24.01.09
Adopted: January 18, 2024

SUPPORT FOR LARGE ANIMAL PRACTITIONERS

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's livestock and meat industries have one the world's best health and safety records, but that status may be threatened in the years ahead due to a severe projected shortage of food animal veterinarians.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA work with Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, the state and federal legislative and administrative bodies and other appropriate entities to develop strategies to encourage more students to pursue careers in food animal veterinary medicine.

Resolution: BP 24.01.10
Adopted: January 18, 2024

THE AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER PREVENTION ACT

WHEREAS, the method of euthanasia employed by processing facilities that harvest horses is a humane end of life, and
WHEREAS, there is a continued need for the humane harvest of horses to prevent the inhumane treatment of horses that would suffer from neglect and abandonment, and
WHEREAS, there exists an extremely insufficient infrastructure and no funding mechanism to support the humane existence of unwanted horses, and
WHEREAS, unwanted horses are processed into products that are consumed by humans in overseas markets, and
WHEREAS, the value of unwanted horses as a food animal dictates they not be abused, lest this value be diminished, and
WHEREAS, the cattle industry depends upon an economically healthy horse industry and systems to offer a humane end of life for unwanted horses,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA opposes any horse harvesting and/or processing prevention act and any such legislation or regulation that would prohibit the harvest of horses for human consumption.

Resolution: BP 24.01.11
Adopted: January 18, 2024

BIOTECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the members of the OCA are committed to the production of beef that is safe, healthy and nutritious for the consumer, and

WHEREAS, the OCA supports a science based-regulatory system for the approval of products developed through biotechnology, and

WHEREAS, current regulations require USDA, FDA, EPA and other appropriate federal agencies to approve these products before they can be marked for human or animal consumption, and

WHEREAS, new products developed through biotechnology will benefit the environment and enhance the nutritional value and safety of food for humans and animals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges that any regulation of products developed through biotechnology be based on sound science.

Resolution: BP 25.01.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

MEXICAN TB BORDER STATE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Mexico has a national TB problem in its cow herd and the U.S. is one of Mexico's major markets for live cattle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports adequate regulations to ensure cattle imported from Mexico are TB-free.

Resolution: BP 25.01.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

QUALITY ASSURANCE

WHEREAS, there is a continued effort by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Oklahoma Beef Council and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association to ensure consumer confidence in beef quality and wholesomeness through National Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, and

WHEREAS, there is a strong Beef Quality Assurance program with certification coordinated through the Oklahoma Beef Council,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues to work with the Oklahoma Beef Council on beef quality assurance.

Resolution: BP 25.01.03
Adopted: January 23, 2025

SCREWWORM

WHEREAS, APHIS is to be commended for its cooperative efforts in successfully eradicating the screwworm fly from the United States,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA applauds APHIS' success and recommend and encourage their continued effort to eradicate the pest from Mexico, Central and South America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend that Oklahoma cattlemen be continually aware of the possibility of the re-entry of the screwworm fly and to monitor and identify any suspicious-like organism, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend adequate funding for carrying out the project and the intent of this resolution to our Congressional delegation to completely prevent the re-entry of this costly pest.

Resolution: BP 25.01.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OKLAHOMA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Oklahoma agriculture is represented by a small number of groups and individuals, and

WHEREAS, the future of agriculture is dependent upon our ability to create and maintain positive working relationships with organizations and individuals, and

WHEREAS, in the past the OCA has enjoyed a good relationship with the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages continuation of fostering the good relationship with the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association because of our common goal of producing a quality product.

Resolution: BP 25.01.05
Adopted: January 23, 2025

BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA VIRUS

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA urges the United States Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) to prioritize resources and research efforts directed to the control and possible eradication of BVDV from beef and dairy herds in the U.S. This should involve improved techniques for the disclosure of persistently infected (PI) animals within beef and dairy herds as these animals offer the greatest risk for spread of acute respiratory and reproductive infections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA seeks greater congressional, regulatory agency and private industry awareness and support to adequately fund BVDV disease research needs.

Resolution: BP 25.01.06

Adopted: January 23, 2025

PRESERVATION OF THE RIGHTS OF FARMERS AND RANCHERS

WHEREAS, OCA members provide the best possible care for their animals by utilizing sound management practices and adopting appropriate new technologies; and

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is under attack from extremists animal rights groups with agendas to eliminate animal agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma beef industry provides jobs, livelihood and most importantly, healthy food for consumers around the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports legislation that would preserve the rights of ranchers and farmers to engage in modern agriculture production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA will oppose legislation that would erode and/or eliminate the rights of farmers and ranchers.

Resolution: BP 25.01.07

Adopted: January 23, 2025

FUNDING FOR ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) has in place a disease traceability program that includes officially identifying breeding cattle that cross state lines; and

WHEREAS, USDA has established that electronic tags will be official identification.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA encourages cattle producers to begin utilizing official USDA electronic tags for identification,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA will seek:

- continuation of funding at USDA and ODAFF for official animal identification.
- new means of funding and/or cost share strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA is opposed to any unfunded ADT mandatory government regulations.

Resolution: BP 25.01.08
Adopted: January 23, 2025

ANIMAL DISEASE TRACEABILITY AND ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the threat of animal diseases, both cattle and other livestock, is very significant to the Oklahoma beef cattle industry; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will order a 'Stop Movement' for all livestock species in the event of a major animal disease outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the ability to contain and eliminate major animal disease outbreaks is based heavily upon tracing livestock movement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA continue to work with neighboring states, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF), USDA and other Oklahoma livestock organizations in a program for animal disease traceability and individual identification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the characteristics of any such program must:

- guarantee the integrity and privacy of all data, with the highest priority for individual producer data
- consider the ultimate objective of operating at the speed of commerce protect producers from liability for acts of others after the cattle have left the producer's control.

Resolution: BP 23.02.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

USDA/APHIS HOT IRON BRANDING

WHEREAS, animal rights groups advocate policies to prohibit the use of hot iron branding in livestock, and

WHEREAS, the OCA supports any effort to create a new, innovative way to permanently identify livestock, one that would be simple, effective and economical, and

WHEREAS, the hot iron brand has demonstrated its effectiveness, permanency and one that is not easily altered.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that OCA strongly supports the continued use of hot iron brands for livestock identification including official identification in any government disease regulatory program.

Resolution: BP 23.02.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING

WHEREAS, beef producers face threats of arson, vandalism and theft of cattle and equipment, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a lack of proper training for law enforcement in this extremely specialized field of theft detection reporting and prevention, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Oklahoma beef producers that the OCA support specialized training to all applicable parties including private investigators, and public agencies,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA supports specialized training to all applicable parties including private investigators and public agencies.

Resolution: BP 24.02.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

SUPPORT OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND FORESTRY THEFT INVESTIGATORS

WHEREAS, the OCA recognizes the need for more Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry theft investigators to investigate rural crime and theft in an effort to lessen rural crime, and

WHEREAS, the OCA wishes to support the ODAFF theft investigators in receiving funding from legislature to work toward this end,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA strongly supports additional funding for ODAFF theft investigators for the specific purpose of enhancing investigation of rural crime.

Resolution: BP 24.02.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY BRANDING

WHEREAS, the branding of cattle is a source of identification for the tracking of cattle, and WHEREAS, the branding of cattle can be a deterrent to cattle theft,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports efforts to assist in the voluntary branding and permanent identification of all cattle.

Resolution: BP 24.02.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

THEFT PROTECTION

WHEREAS, there are a number of federal and state agencies who have responsibilities which place them in the rural areas of the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, these agencies can and should play an integral role in providing a consistent law enforcement in rural Oklahoma,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work with appropriate state and federal agencies working in rural areas and encourages them to increase their monitoring efforts and assistance in deterring rural theft.

Resolution: BP 25.02.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

ODAFF AGRICULTURE THEFT CRIME INVESTIGATION

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry has committed to an aggressive agriculture theft crime investigation unit, and

WHEREAS, this unit has established a network of investigators across the state of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the investigators are responsible for investigating agriculture crime including cattle theft, equipment theft, vandalism, arson and a host of other agriculture crimes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA fully supports the ODAFF agriculture crime investigation unit and encourages the Oklahoma Legislature to continue to fund and increase this initiative within ODAFF.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA will continue discussions with ODAFF regarding improved investigation of agriculture crime in the state and the participation of OCA and other agricultural organizations in such efforts including an appropriate level of private funding if needed.

Resolution: BP 24.05.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF

WHEREAS, livestock producers are subject to losses caused by flooding, wildfire, blizzards and many other natural causes, and

WHEREAS, over the years livestock producers have suffered tremendous losses due to drought, floods and other natural disaster.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA takes the necessary steps to assure that livestock producers are included in every federal disaster relief program and that the criteria for disaster declarations for livestock producers be formulated based on standards applicable to regional situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports cattlemen and their local and state organization in their efforts to receive timely and effective federal disaster assistance based upon the drought monitor in these situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Farm Services Agency (FSA) Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) be continued but amended to allow greater flexibility by the state FSA committees to determine specific state eligibility criteria and implementation of the LIP, LFP and ELAP. Assistance should be available to agricultural producers who suffered losses to fires when starting of the fire was beyond the producer's control, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA aggressively pursues adequate funding, including Federal Emergency Management Act funding, for livestock producers adversely impacted by disaster conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA works with USDA and Congress to ensure that eligibility criteria for all livestock assistance and compensation programs be based on livestock and/or forage production losses and funding distributed on actual county losses.

Resolution: BP 24.05.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

RURAL CREDIT ACCESS

WHEREAS, agriculture remains a vital contributor to the U.S. economy and to the world's supply of food and fiber, and rural America remains an important contributor to our nation's culture, work ethic, and way of life, and

WHEREAS, agriculture and rural America are changing and, correspondingly, their needs for financial services and capital, new investment, and infrastructure are changing, and

WHEREAS, rural banks & credit systems have a mission to serve the financial needs of agriculture and rural America by providing capital, expert advice and competitive financial services and products, and

WHEREAS, agriculture and rural communities – including cattlemen – need greater, more dependable access to competitive, flexible, financial resources in order to compete in a changing global economy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA support policies that would provide agricultural producers, rural businesses, rural homeowners, and others in rural America with broader access to all financing.

Resolution: BP 24.05.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

TRUCK AND TRAILER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, cattle farmers and ranchers rely upon several types of truck and trailer vehicles to transport their cattle; and

WHEREAS, cattle farmers and ranchers prioritize proper handling of cattle during transportation that minimizes stress; and

WHEREAS, cattle are living animals that require greater care during transportation than non-perishable items.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports the Oklahoma farm tag program for agriculture trucks which recognizes the need for the cost of the registration to reflect the use of agriculture trucks as work vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA will work with legislatures and transportation agencies to secure common sense rules for livestock hauling.

Resolution: BP 24.05.04
Adopted: January 18, 2024

OPPOSITION TO STATE QUESTION 832

WHEREAS agriculture labor has been exempt from minimum wage state law for reasons of uniqueness in crop and animal management practices and seasons; and

WHEREAS State Question 832 has specific language to remove the exemptions for agriculture workers and employees under the age of 18.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED OCA is opposed to State Question 832 and will work to keep our members informed and educate voters to vote "NO" if the question should be on a future ballot.

Resolution: BP 23.06.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

IMPACT OF SOME PLANTS ON RANGELAND

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA requests government agencies avoid using species listed as invasive and/or noxious and that they work to eradicate invasive species on all existing easements and rights of way.

Resolution: BP 23.06.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

NOISE AND AIR QUALITY

WHEREAS, air quality, noise, dust, and odor can be potential issues in expanding non-agricultural development areas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the owners' rights of pre-existing facilities be given due and fair consideration when surrounding land is developed for use other than agricultural production,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA opposes any new regulations that pertains to agricultural odors, noise, or air that will hinder in any way the production, preparation, and harvesting of crops and the production of livestock,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA oppose any new regulations that pertain to changing the class and quality of air on pastures, grasslands, and desert ranges that inhibits current practices of beef production on these lands.

Resolution: BP 23.06.03
Adopted: January 26, 2023

INVASIVE AND/OR NOXIOUS WEEDS

WHEREAS, noxious weeds continue to be a concern on our Public and Private lands, and

WHEREAS, continual encroachment of those plants present a serious threat to our environmental, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports conservation funds to be used for noxious weed eradication efforts,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports changes to broaden the list of noxious weeds addressed by state law, including the addition of Sericea Lespedeza,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports state and federal financial incentives to encourage private landowners to control noxious weeds rather than punitive fines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports state and federal research on innovative and cost methods of controlling noxious weeds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA requests government agencies avoid using species listed as invasive and/or noxious and that they work to eradicate invasive species on all existing easements and rights of way.

Resolution: BP 23.06.04
Adopted: January 26, 2023

STATE FUNDING FOR NPDES PARTIAL DELEGATION

WHEREAS, the ODAFF is responsible for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting for agricultural enterprises,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA calls on the Oklahoma Legislature and Administration to continue providing appropriations from the general revenue fund to finance this program.

Resolution: BP 23.06.05
Adopted: January 26, 2023

OKLAHOMA PHOSPHORUS ISSUE

WHEREAS, any source of phosphorus when properly managed, will not negatively impact surface water quality in the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the development of Nutrient Management Plans for concentrated animal feeding operations should be based on current research and sound science available to nutrient management planners and CAFO operators, and

WHEREAS, Nutrient Management Plans should include considerations for both nitrogen and phosphorus when animal manure is beneficially used on farmland and rangeland,

WHEREAS, the climatic conditions, topography and soil characteristics vary significantly across the state of Oklahoma from west to east and north to south.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OCA supports the recognition of regional differences in phosphorus source and transparent characteristics for land application fields, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Phosphorus Index, developed by NRCS should be available to CAFO operators as a tool to conduct a site specific assessment for phosphorus based on source and transport characteristics. Pre-defined limits should not be established that would arbitrarily cap phosphorus application on any field, whether located within a nutrient limited watershed or not.

Resolution: BP 24.06.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

WHEREAS, the OCA encourages the proper use and maintenance by its members of Oklahoma's range, pasture and crop lands, and

WHEREAS, the association wishes to recognize those members who do outstanding jobs in this endeavor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association continue the support of awards that recognize the importance of environmental stewardship.

Resolution: BP 24.06.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, native rangeland provides the most basic forage resource upon which the beef cattle industry depends, and
WHEREAS, maintenance of rangeland in good to excellent condition, or improving rangeland in poorer condition to these higher standards, are environmentally desirable goals that will also prove to be economically beneficial to cattle producers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges members to develop, for his or her own ranch, a grazing plan that includes at least proper stocking and, when possible, a period of rest during the growing season for each pasture unit.

Resolution: BP 24.06.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

RIGHT TO SPRAY

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's beef industry is the single largest agricultural enterprise in the state of Oklahoma, and
WHEREAS, the success of Oklahoma's ranchers is dependent upon the quality of Oklahoma's pasture and range land, and
WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranchers have spent a tremendous amount of time and money to control unwanted native and non-native plant species in their pasture and range lands, resulting in more overall forage production, and
WHEREAS, the ranchers ability to adequately manage their pasture and range lands is becoming more difficult as more and more acres of cotton, grapes and other specialty crops are introduced into the state, and
WHEREAS, ranchers are responsible stewards of the land who are subject to all federal rules regarding the application of herbicide products.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA support policies that will enable pasture and range managers to utilize federally licensed herbicide products, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA endorses policies which would provide much needed liability protection for ranchers who utilize pasture and range management practices.

Resolution: BP 24.06.04
Adopted: January 18, 2024

DESIGNATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there are entities, organizations and individuals promoting adverse agendas that would seek to utilize government intervention such as laws, regulations and management plans by using historical designations to strip Oklahoma beef cattle ranchers from their property rights, and

WHEREAS, government intervention in the form of historical and other designations often distorts the values of the land and economic productivity, and

WHEREAS, many designations have requirements for management plans that are not in the best interest of the private land owners or the natural resources and are formulated without private land owner input.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports dedicating historically important resources through voluntary grassroots strategies that are free from government and non-government requirements and/or compliance plans developed with no relevant local perspective of private land ownership.

Resolution: BP 24.06.05
Adopted: January 18, 2024

FEED/HAY LIABILITY

WHEREAS utility and other entities utilize small metal and plastic flags to mark their easements and seldom if ever recover those flags; and

WHEREAS the flags can cause damage to equipment and livestock; and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Underground Damage Prevention Act does not include any language and does not outline any procedures for removing utility flags; and

WHEREAS there is no enforcement authority identified that could fine or penalize the responsible party.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA supports legislation/rules that would hold harmless a producer in the event utility flags are found in hay, haylage, and grain sold to others.

Resolution: BP 25.06.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

PARTIAL DELEGATION OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
GENERAL PERMITTING OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFO's) TO THE
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA continues to support delegation of NPDES General Permits of CAFO's to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that OCA urges the Oklahoma legislature fund this effort.

Resolution: BP 25.06.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the cattle industry has acted in good faith and come to the table many times to take a common sense approach to regulations on the cattle feeding industry, and

WHEREAS, existing regulations of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations have been scrutinized over the past several years, and

WHEREAS, additional CAFO regulations have been adopted that are clearly in excess of EPA standards on CAFO's, and

WHEREAS, organizations representing themselves as environmental groups continue to accelerate their efforts to diminish our property rights, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA does not endorse nor accede to any additional CAFO regulations that are not based on sound science and that are not economically feasible for the beef cattle industry.

Resolution: BP 25.06.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OCA REPRESENTATION ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the OCA's representation on many of the boards and commissions in our state is essential to voicing the opinions of our membership, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations are promulgated through these boards and commissions that directly affect the rights of property owners in this state,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA urges the necessity of continued OCA representation on boards and commissions that impact the lives and businesses of OCA members. Examples include: Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and Oklahoma Board of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Resolution: BP 25.06.05
Adopted: January 23, 2025

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the USDA-NRCS in maintaining and increasing technical assistance to landowners regardless of participation and/or eligibility in US Farm Bill conservation programs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports Congress in appropriating funds to the conservation programs in the Farm Bill.

Resolution: BB 23.11.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports legislative action and/or administrative orders that would enhance property owners protection against federal or state agencies encumbering property owners assets, unless the respective agency proves guilt on the part of the property owners.

Resolution: BB 23.11.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

PRIVATE WATER RIGHTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the use and enjoyment of water impounded or controlled by property owners free of government regulation.

Resolution: BB 23.11.03
Adopted: January 26, 2023

EMINENT DOMAIN

WHEREAS, cattlemen have long held that the right of an individual to own property is protected by federal and various state constitutions together with the rights of life and liberty, and

WHEREAS, private property owners are subject to eminent domain by local, state, and federal government agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States expanded the use of eminent domain in the case *Kelo v. New London*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes governments using eminent domain to facilitate the transfer of private property from one private entity to another private entity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA will monitor all proposed legislation regarding state power of eminent domain to insure that agriculture property and landowner rights are protected. The OCA will also consider and evaluate the necessity for new legislation that specifically protects agricultural property from eminent domain when the taking is merely for "economic development," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when exercising eminent domain, agencies must limit the scope of the acquisition to the actual needs of the project and excess property must be returned to the original landowner at the original price paid to said landowner.

Resolution: BB 23.11.04
Adopted: January 26, 2023

Prompt Payment

WHEREAS current Packers and Stockyards Act law requires that covered entities (packers, market agencies, and dealers), by the close of the next business day following a sale either actually deliver a check or initiate payment through a check in the mail, wire transfer, electronic funds transfer, or other expeditious method determined appropriate by the Secretary;

WHEREAS slowing mail service has created issues with checks sent in the mail being received in a timely manner;

WHEREAS providing opportunities to initiate electronic payment later than the close of the next business day may lead to payment being received quicker;

WHEREAS, sellers and buyers should continue to have a choice on how they receive or remit payment for cattle sold or purchased, as regulated by the Packers and Stockyards Act, in order to promote a healthy business environment and competition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the continued use of checks, wire transfers, Automated Clearing House (A.C.H), and other expeditious methods as approved for the Secretary, for the purchase of cattle as regulated by the Packers and Stockyards Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports efforts to offer options for electronic payment for livestock that would speed up receipt of funds compared to checks in the mail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the option to use private couriers, such as FedEx and UPS, as alternatives to the U.S. Postal Service, for the delivery of checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association supports the rights of sellers and buyers to choose their method of payment for sales or purchases from approved payment methods.

Resolution: BB 24.11.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

McGIRT v. OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*; 591 U.S. (2020) that Congress failed to disestablish the Muskogee Creek Nation in the Oklahoma Enabling Act and other Allotment Era legislation; and

WHEREAS questions have arisen as to whether the SCOTUS ruling in *McGirt* was limited to the scope of the Major Crimes Act (MCA) creating uncertainty for the State of Oklahoma's authority over any area that touches Indian affairs ranging from zoning and taxation to family law and environmental law; and

WHEREAS *McGirt* has destabilized the long-established governance of eastern Oklahoma, and has the potential to cause similar disruptions in other Indian country jurisdictions including the interruption of law enforcement and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, a century of practice prior to *McGirt* presumed that the Five Civilized Tribe's prior reservations were extinguished, and the State of Oklahoma has maintained unquestioned jurisdiction over such lands since statehood; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association members support consistent and uniform laws relative to the business of cattle raising.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports any judicial re-interpretation which overturns or limits the scope of the *McGirt* decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, the OCA supports clarification of the intent of Congress to disestablish the reservations of the Five Civilized Tribe's reservations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports any measure which will normalize the criminal and civil jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma and its political subdivisions as understood prior to the *McGirt* decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA encourages the state of Oklahoma and tribal governments to adopt uniform laws relating to livestock, including, but not limited to, cattle theft, animal disease, animal identification, stray recovery, etc. to ensure uniform application of such laws statewide.

Resolution: BB 24.11.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

PASTURE AND CROPLAND MANAGEMENT – CANNABIS

WHEREAS the number of cannabis grow facilities has exploded across the state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS cattle ranchers utilize judicious industry accepted pasture and cropland management practices to improve the range, and pasture and cropland of their personal operations; and

WHEREAS conflicts have developed between cannabis growers and neighboring landowners and/or their commercial applicators regarding the application of herbicides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA strongly supports limiting the liability exposure of landowners, tenants and commercial applicators relative to herbicide application, prescribed burns and any other industry accepted pasture and cropland management practices.

Resolution: BB 24.11.03

Adopted: January 18, 2024

GENERAL MARIJUANA POLICY

WHEREAS while OCA is opposed to the legalization of recreational marijuana and has serious concerns regarding the societal impact of broad scale marijuana use; and

WHEREAS it is important that OCA represent the Oklahoma cattle industry in policy discussions regarding the laws and rules governing marijuana in Oklahoma.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA supports the following:

- A robust seed to sale regulatory process.
- A hard cap to the number of growing permits an individual/entity may own/obtain.
- Increasing the new and renewal annual permit fees for producing marijuana comparable to or higher than neighboring states fee structures.
- Transparent laws regarding the ownership of production, processing, distribution and dispensary entities.
- Absolutely no foreign ownership of marijuana grow operations.
- Very strict penalties for violating production, processing, distribution and dispensary law/rule.
- Appropriate regulations regarding the environmental stewardship, such as but not limited to water runoff, pesticide use, waste disposal, etc., of marijuana grow operations.
- Moving the tax exemption status of producing marijuana out of the agriculture sales tax exemption code to a different or new code.
- Modifying the process of recovering abandoned land from marijuana grow facilities so the land is in productive ownership quickly, efficiently and fairly.

Resolution: BB 24.11.04

Adopted: January 18, 2024

MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS the societal impact of unregulated marijuana consumption is short term and long term very negative; and

WHEREAS there may be positive attributes to the medicinal use of compounds from marijuana.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA is opposed to any initiative(s) that would legalize marijuana for recreational use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA supports a medical marijuana program that is truly medicinal in nature and is regulated in the same manner as other drugs under the authority of appropriate state agencies.

Resolution: BB 24.11.05
Adopted: January 18, 2024

NATURAL ASSET COMPANIES

WHEREAS Natural Asset Companies (NAC) are entities purchase and own the rights to ecological values generated by specific areas of land; and

WHEREAS those rights can then be licensed similar to water and mineral rights which can impact the surface use; and

WHEREAS the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is considering the creation of publicly traded NAC's.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA opposes any government effort to utilize private sector contracts or products, including but not limited to NAC's, for the sale or lease of ecological valuable rights on federal or state owned lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA should alert members to the potential risks of entering agreements with a NAC, such as pressure to limit stocking capacity, adopt certain land management practices or other requirements that may negatively impact the landowners use of the land.

Resolution: BB 25.11.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 39 federally recognized American Indian tribes with limited tribal sovereignty over tribal members and lands; and

WHEREAS, some tribes have recently attempted to assert tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction to regulate the natural resources including the air, land, and water—for all lands and for all people; and

WHEREAS, these sovereignty and jurisdictional claims can have serious implications for OCA members, including subjecting them to tribal government and courts in which they have no vote or representation; and

WHEREAS, this type of tribal sovereignty claim could potentially be made in any part of historic Indian Territory which encompasses all of Oklahoma except for the panhandle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any tribe's efforts to extend their reservation status or sovereignty to non-tribal lands or people, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA urges our elected state and federal representatives to safeguard the civil, legal, and property rights of all Oklahomans, and to ensure that these rights are protected under state and federal law by their duly elected government and courts.

Resolution: BB 25.11.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

TRESPASS LAWS

WHEREAS, private landowners are entrusted with the stewardship of a vast majority of our state's natural resources and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports responsible hunting and fishing as good conservation practices, and

WHEREAS, for responsible outdoorsmen to enjoy wildlife and the access to wildlife in years to come, it is imperative that we maintain trespassing and landowner permission laws to protect the rights of private landowners,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports trespass laws that (1) protect the rights of private land ownership, (2) remove liabilities for landowners, and (3) provide only limited liability for those with permission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OCA support the efforts of the State Legislature and Agencies toward stronger private property rights and trespass laws, and applauds their work on management control of specific species of wildlife.

Resolution: BB 25.11.03
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OKLAHOMA DEER HUNTING SEASON

WHEREAS, the OCA strongly supports responsible hunting and wildlife recreation as an alternative revenue source to landowners, and

WHEREAS, a sustainable deer population can be an economic benefit to landowners.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, OCA fully supports opportunities for members to enter into hunting agreements that will increase their income opportunities and more effectively manage deer.

Resolution: BB 25.11.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OKLAHOMA PERSCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association with their endeavors to create and support local landowner led prescribed burn associations and to promote and protect the right of Oklahoma landowners to use prescribed fire as a safe, economical, and effective land management practice.

Resolution: BB 25.11.05
Adopted: January 23, 2025

WATER METERING

WHEREAS Oklahoma Cattlemen have historically opposed unnecessary unfunded mandates and government regulation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA opposes any mandates for state regulation to meter any kind of water well or irrigation well on private property for agricultural use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the resolution will expire at the end of the 2025 Legislative Session or any special session before the 2025 OCA Annual Convention.

Resolution: BB 23.12.02
Adopted: January 26, 2023

U.S. TRADE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, demand for beef continues to grow in the foreign market place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, trade should be determined on sound science and the OCA encourages the administration to continue working to expand market opportunities.

Resolution: BB 23.12.03
Adopted: January 26, 2023

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED BEEF

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the same safety inspection standards for imported meat as applied to United States meat,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that beef imported into the United States, not be granted a USDA quality grade.

Resolution: BB 23.12.04
Adopted: January 26, 2023

MEAT EXPORTATION FEDERATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the United States is the world's largest supplier of high quality fed beef, and

WHEREAS, export markets are very important to the stability and viability of the domestic beef market,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA strongly supports U.S. Meat Export Federation funding from Beef Promotion Operating Committee and qualified state beef councils at the present budget level or above.

Resolution: BB 23.12.05
Adopted: January 26, 2023

LONG TERM PROFITABILITY OPPORTUNITIES

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA in conjunction with NCBA continue its efforts to identify opportunities for improving profitability, price discovery, and the cattle marketing system as a whole, and that those efforts be part of an industry-led, rational and deliberative process of finding solutions to the challenges facing the beef industry that do not jeopardize free-enterprise and cattle producers' right to conduct their business as they see fit.

Resolution: BB 24.12.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

FORMULA PRICING

WHEREAS, the OCA values the right of cattle producers to choose how they market their own cattle, and
WHEREAS, the starting price for most pricing formulas are in some way being tied to the cash or negotiated prices paid for the week, and
WHEREAS, the decreasing number of residual cattle sold on a cash or negotiated grid market are concerning for price discovery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the use and reporting of packer, producer negotiated starting prices for those cattle sold on value based formulas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports efforts to accurately track and report the current "value" of the various classes of cattle from their respective after slaughter components.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA supports additional marketing platforms intended to increase the volume of negotiated sales and price discovery.

Resolution: 24.12.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

BEEF SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, there are several entities and organizations attempting to define beef sustainability and evaluate beef suppliers using metrics that were developed with limited input from the beef supply chain, and
WHEREAS, some major food service and retail customers have committed to sourcing beef that is sustainably produced, and
WHEREAS, beef sustainability programs should be voluntary, market-driven, and science-based, and
WHEREAS, the U.S. beef industry has completed a U.S. beef sustainability assessment, certified by a third party (NSF), to benchmark the beef supply chain, and provide a means to periodically assess progress in the beef value chain over time,
WHEREAS, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) successfully led the development of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, inclusive of the beef value chain and stakeholders, that addresses continued advancement in areas such as economic viability, production efficiencies, animal care and handling, environmental conservation, human resources, and community support.
WHEREAS, it is critical for cattle producers to lead the sustainability discussion so that beef sustainability programs are developed by cattlemen for cattlemen.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA shall join the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef as a member and cooperate with NCBA to lead and expand sustainability research, education and policy initiatives to protect the interests of Oklahoma cattle producers.

Resolution: BB 24.12.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

MANDATORY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS government mandated programs tend to increase costs of production that do not benefit the producers of the commodity; and

WHEREAS there are many innovative marketing opportunities for cattle and beef; and

WHEREAS OCA as an organization was founded on protecting cattle producer property rights including their rights to manage and market their cattle that best serves their family business.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA opposes mandatory marketing programs that:

- add unnecessary costs to the production of cattle and beef
- eliminate premium marketing opportunities
- remove cattle producers' freedom to manage and market their cattle and/or beef as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA would support a mandatory disease surveillance program if one was needed to protect the health and well-being of our industry.

Resolution: BB 24.12.04
Adopted: January 18, 2024

PACKING/PROCESSING EXPANSION

WHEREAS a healthy and robust cattle packing and processing segment in the beef supply chain is beneficial to all cattle producers; and

WHEREAS OCA members have identified challenges to securing beef packing and processing for their cattle for their own use as well as direct to consumer marketing and retail delivery; and

WHEREAS there are substantial challenges to building and maintaining cattle packing and processing facilities; and

WHEREAS Oklahoma's seed stock, commercial cow/calf, stocker and feeder segments of the beef supply chain are healthy and strong, yet Oklahoma lacks a significant beef packing and processing segment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA supports expansion of beef packing and processing including small, medium and large facilities and will actively engage in identifying and assisting new and expanded building endeavors. OCA would prioritize development of facilities in the Oklahoma and neighboring states areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA supports diverse domestic ownership of beef packing and processing facilities including but not limited to new investment and producer cooperative models.

Resolution: BB 24.12.05

Adopted: January 18, 2024

MARKET TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS transparency in cattle markets is defined as broad access to critical information such as price (including but not limited to base price), weight, delivery date, location and any other data that reveals the value of cattle as expressed by an open and competitive market; and

WHEREAS there are currently many live cattle transactions (such as but not limited to captive supply, forward contracts, alternative marketing agreements (AMA's), etc.) that are not reported; and

WHEREAS Mandatory Price Reporting (MPR) was created to provide valuable information in an effort to make transparency in the market place more robust; and

WHEREAS there is opportunity upcoming for MPR to be renewed with modifications and thus create more robust transparency in the cattle and beef market place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA supports the following modifications to MPR:

- Decreasing the reporting window to allow more real time price data
- Broadening the requirements for reporting of non-negotiated traded cattle in an effort to publish and make available more data such as base price, premiums, AMA's, etc..
- Mechanisms such as a contract library or other innovations that will help achieve more price transparency in the live cattle market.

Resolution: BB 24.12.06

Adopted: January 18, 2024

TRANSPARENCY IN PACKER CAPTIVE SUPPLY

WHEREAS packer captive supply is defined as cattle that are committed to a specific packer two weeks or more in advance of slaughter with the three most common captive supply methods being alternative marketing/purchasing agreements, forward contracts, and packer feeding and/or financing cattle; and

WHEREAS there is little to no price transparency on captive supply cattle yet there is a significant number of cattle marketed with this method.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED for all packing entities larger than 1,500 head per week, OCA supports the following modifications to price reporting relative to contracts and marketing agreements:

- All contracts and marketing agreements must be reported to USDA within 14 days of setting the contract/marketing agreement and include the following information to be reported should include:
 - o Number of head
 - o Base price and how it was determined
 - o Any additional price adjustment/allowances (if applicable)
 - o Premium/discount price formulas (if applicable)
 - o Expected delivery date
- All contracts and marketing agreements must be reported terminated within 7 days post delivery and include the following information:
 - o Number of head
 - o Price paid including base price, premiums/discounts and/or additional price adjustments/allowances

Resolution: BB 24.12.07
Adopted: January 18, 2024

INCREASE PRICE DISCOVERY - LIVE CATTLE NEGOTIATED TRADE MINIMUMS

WHEREAS the percentage of live cattle in negotiated cash transactions has declined over time; and

WHEREAS there is lack of transparency in base price reporting for live cattle transactions; and

WHEREAS longstanding OCA policy has reflected industry efforts to address industry challenges before seeking government involvement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA will work vigorously to strengthen price discovery in the live cattle market through industry cooperation efforts and strategies.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if government policies, including legislative and regulatory intervention are established to set negotiated trade minimums, they must target packer captive supply cattle first and foremost.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA supports any and all government intervention policies to include a sunset or renewal process so that an off ramp is available should the policy be detrimental and/or the industry develop internal processes/strategies that provide price discovery

Resolution: BB 25.12.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

VALUE BASED MARKETING

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any regulations, legislation or policies that limit methods of marketing cattle.

Resolution: BB 25.12.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

PACKER OWNERSHIP/CONTROL

WHEREAS, the beef industry has made progress in producing a more consistent product, and

WHEREAS, value based pricing procedures link the flow of information between beef packers and processors to cattle producers regarding product quality, and

WHEREAS, the packer's ability to purchase or manage their supply more than 14 days prior to delivery sustains an adequate supply of a consistent, quality product, and

WHEREAS, it is important to have numerous risk management tools available to beef producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes federal legislation which would eliminate packer ownership/control of livestock because the legislation would eliminate value based pricing, reduce risk management options and/or eliminate a significant number of buyers of cattle in the United States.

Resolution: BB 25.12.03
Adopted: January 23, 2025

BEEF CHECKOFF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, state beef councils retain control of 50 cents of every dollar to conduct and implement programs in each state that are consistent with the Federal Beef Promotion and Research Act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA strongly supports of the beef checkoff program, and its administration and structure within the 1985 Beef Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA rigorously oppose any legislative or judicial reconsideration of the beef checkoff program.

Resolution: BB 23.13.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

SUPPORT OF USDA/ARS RESEARCH FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the facilities are specialized in the research they conduct and each of these facilities is needed to reflect the needs of our climatically diverse state and

WHEREAS, there has been limited action to declare the USDA—ARS facility at Fort Reno, near El Reno, Oklahoma, as excess property thereby converting it from a research facility to tribal lands, and

WHEREAS, there have been tremendous investments in these facilities by the local, state and federal government as well as private organization and foundations; and

WHEREAS, any declaration which conveys these properties to the excess property inventory of the Department of Interior would destroy these investments and the valuable research conducted at these facilities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the OCA hereby opposes any action which would result in these or any other existing USDA—ARS research facilities becoming classed as excess property.

Resolution: BB 24.13.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

**SUPPORT OF OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND
OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) and Oklahoma Agriculture Experiment Station (OAES) plays a critical role in discovering, developing and extending research based information appropriate for Agriculture industries in Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best long-term interest of commercial production agriculture and the state economy to continue providing these services across the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA hereby expresses its support for OCES & OAES. Further, the staff is directed to work with OCES and OAES and the legislature and regents for higher education as they develop budgets and plans to address the budgetary needs of the OCES & OAES.

Resolution: BB 25.13.01

Adopted: January 23, 2025

BEEF CATTLE POSITIONS AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA strongly supports the efforts of Oklahoma State University to staff positions adequately in beef cattle research and education, and to work in good faith to allocate resources to high priority areas including beef cattle research and education in support of the Oklahoma beef cattle industry.

Resolution: BB 25.13.02

Adopted: January 23, 2025

**INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE OKLAHOMA EXPERIMENT STATION AND
THE OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA vigorously supports increasing the funding appropriated for research to the Oklahoma Experiment Station, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA vigorously supports increasing the funding appropriated for education programs to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA work with the appropriate entities to ensure proper revenue stream for those two agencies.

Resolution: BB 25.13.03

Adopted: January 23, 2025

WILLARD SPARKS BEEF CATTLE RESEARCH CENTER

WHEREAS, over two million stocker and feeder calves are received into Oklahoma cattle operations each year, and

WHEREAS, losses from death and sickness in newly received cattle cause serious economic losses to Oklahoma cattlemen, and

WHEREAS, research and education programs that reduce risks from sickness and stress are of vital importance to the Oklahoma Cattle Industry, and

WHEREAS, funds have been raised from state, federal and private sources for the development of a Beef Cattle Stress Research facility,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station and Oklahoma State University continue to staff and support research at the Willard Sparks Beef Cattle Research Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA encourages the OSU administration to continue funding for this important project.

Resolution: BB 25.13.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

ENTRY OF YOUNG PEOPLE INTO CATTLE BUSINESS

WHEREAS, young men and women have difficulty entering the beef cattle industry, and

WHEREAS, the future of the industry depends upon the opportunities available to and the efforts expended by young producers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA prioritizes strategies and opportunities to actively provide assistance and information to young men and women seeking to enter the beef cattle industry.

Resolution: BB 23.14.01
Adopted: January 26, 2023

AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, OCA members support quality education, and

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem Taxation is a primary source of education funding, and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching operations are land dependent, therefore requiring that producers make investments in Oklahoma real estate, and

WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahoma's lands are utilized for production agriculture and it is in the best financial interest of the State that these practices continue, and

WHEREAS, many producers own property in school districts in which they do not reside, and WHEREAS, these producers are not eligible to vote on tax issues that directly impact their operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports legislation which provides landowners with the opportunity to vote on property tax issues involving property they own, regardless of whether the landowner resides in the school district in which the election is taking place, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA oppose any decrease of the 60% requirement to pass property tax increases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OCA supports alternative funding sources for education.

Resolution: BB 24.14.01
Adopted: January 18, 2024

MILLAGE CAPS

WHEREAS, that even though assessed valuations are limited to no more than a 5 percent increase in any year and assessment ratios are capped at no more than 13 percent, the possibility still exists that millage rates can dramatically increase through legislative action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA strongly resists legislative removal of the millage cap and consequent loss of the constitutional cap on millages.

Resolution: BB 24.14.02
Adopted: January 18, 2024

OKLAHOMA TAX CODES

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma tax codes do not always mirror the federal tax codes, and

WHEREAS, these exceptions in many cases makes it difficult to execute and prepare tax returns.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the Oklahoma tax code following the federal methods of their tax structure.

Resolution: BB 24.14.03
Adopted: January 18, 2024

TAX RELIEF BILL

WHEREAS, there is much needed reform in a timely manner of estate tax, capital gains and income averaging.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports immediate implementation and indexing with inflation rates of the above mentioned taxes, in order to keep family farms, ranches and small businesses functioning.

Resolution: BB 24.14.04
Adopted: January 18, 2024

TRIBAL, SOVEREIGN NATION AND OTHER TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS STUDY

WHEREAS, Indian Tribes are issuing vehicle tags to tribal members, and

WHEREAS, It is unclear how much revenue is being diverted from the State of Oklahoma because of these sales, and

WHEREAS, Tribal citizens utilize Oklahoma's roads, bridges and highways.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports a full study of the cost associated with the Tribal tag sales, the Indian Sovereign Nation situation and any other tax exempt organizations and their attempt not to pay ad valorem taxes.

Resolution: BB 24.14.05
Adopted: January 18, 2024

AD VALOREM TAXATION

BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA work to aid the state with innovative ways to generate other sources of revenue for financing schools and functions of county government.

Resolution: BB 24.14.06
Adopted: January 18, 2024

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS, many in the Oklahoma legislature are discussing a system whereby real property assessments would be made by the Oklahoma Tax Commission rather than the locally elected County Assessor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA supports the local county assessor system of property tax assessment.

Resolution: BB 24.14.07
Adopted: January 18, 2024

ELIMINATING THE STATE INCOME TAX

WHEREAS, eliminating the state income tax will cause a burden shift to other revenue sources, specifically property taxes which will put a disproportionate share of the tax burden on farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the state income tax will necessitate new revenue sources to be created such as service fees; and

WHEREAS, a broad base of revenue sources, such as income, property, sales, corporate, etc is a fair way to ensure that all citizens and entities pay taxes and to avoid burdening one group more than another.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, OCA opposes elimination of the state income tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OCA opposes incremental decreases in the state income tax without sunset clauses or some type of trigger that allows for the rate to increase without a vote of the legislature.

Resolution: BB 24.14.08
Adopted: January 18, 2024

EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS it is important for OCA members to have fast and efficient access to emergency services, and

WHEREAS current emergency services are based upon county lines rather than the closest available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, OCA will work with emergency management officials to facilitate 9-1-1 calls and rural emergency services be improved to dispatch based on location sites, not county lines.

Resolution: BB 24.14.09
Adopted: January 18, 2024

PAY-PER-MILE ROAD USE TAX

WHEREAS production agriculture requires the use of motorized vehicles, specifically trucks of all sizes, to transport inputs and products; and

WHEREAS production agriculture is located across the state in all 77 counties requiring that inputs and products must often travel long distances; and

WHEREAS the use of electric powered vehicles is not a reliable or realistic option for production agriculture; and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Legislature has commissioned studies to determine the viability of a pay-per-mile road tax and is seriously considering ideas for implementation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA is opposed to a pay-per-mile road use tax to replace the current fuel tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA would not oppose a pay-per-mile road use tax on electric vehicles.

Resolution: BB 25.14.01
Adopted: January 23, 2025

DEATH TAX

WHEREAS, federal estate and gift taxes continue to be a major burden on family farms, ranches, and small businesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA:

- Supports, first and foremost, full and permanent repeal of the Death Tax, to make permanent the temporary relief provided for in the *Tax Relief Bill of 2001*.
- Opposes any proposal to increase the income tax liability or estate tax liability of farmers and ranchers.
- Opposes any proposal to repeal the stepped-up basis provisions not tied to repeal of the estate tax.
- Supports passage of estate and gift tax legislation which will eliminate or significantly reduce the burden of estate and gift taxes on family farms, ranches and small businesses.

Resolution: BB 25.14.02
Adopted: January 23, 2025

AD VALOREM TAXES - 60% SUPER MAJORITY

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem Taxes are extremely unfair, and

WHEREAS, Ad Valorem taxes do not take into account ability to pay, and

WHEREAS, individuals who do not pay Ad Valorem taxes may vote on Ad Valorem tax elections and place a tax on landowners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any efforts to reduce the current 60 percent electoral majority necessary to pass bond issues.

Resolution: BB 25.14.03
Adopted: January 23, 2025

LOWERING OF PROPERTY TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, OCA supports all efforts to lower Oklahoma's property tax structure if rural Oklahoma is to remain a viable part of our economy.

Resolution: BB 25.14.04
Adopted: January 23, 2025

PROPOSAL OF NEW OKLAHOMA TAX STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma Legislature is considering a variety of options as a solution to boost our State economy, and

WHEREAS, a gross receipts tax on sales and higher ad valorem taxes would be highly punitive to Oklahoma farmers and ranchers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the OCA opposes any adoption of an Oklahoma tax structure that would increase Oklahoma property taxes or production costs.

Resolution: BB 25.14.05
Adopted: January 23, 2025

AD VALOREM REVENUE IN LAWSUIT SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, OCA has long standing policy opposing increases in ad valorem, and

WHEREAS, recent lawsuit settlements by school districts have resulted in increases to ad valorem leaving landowners to foot the bill for issues they had no fault or standing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA opposes ad valorem revenue being used in funding settlements in lawsuits involving schools, government officials or any other entity that receives ad valorem funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA supports increasing the payback period for settlements for five to ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED OCA supports legislative action on tort reform to limit the liability on ad valorem taxes.

Resolution: BB 25.14.06
Adopted: January 23, 2025

OKLAHOMA COMMISSIONERS OF LAND OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Commissioners of Land Office (CLO) is constitutionally and statutorily responsible for the administration of over 750,000 surface acres of land in Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, much of that land is pasture and range land that is best used for and should be managed appropriately for livestock grazing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED OCA supports the following revisions:

- Livestock fences should be recognized as an important and necessary part of land management. CLO should recognize the value of the fence and seek to preserve good fences on CLO lands by working with lease holders and adjoining landowners.
- CLO should have on all lands suitable for livestock grazing, strategic plans to control and manage noxious and invasive plant and animal species.
- With lease holder and agriculture landowner input, CLO should develop a comprehensive list of noxious and invasive species.
- Plans should allow CLO to work with lease holders to recognize the value of the lease holders cost participation in specie management plans.
- Regarding CLO lease auctions, CLO should require all bidders to have a bank letter of credit or some other credit document to ensure that all bidders are genuinely participating in the auction.
- Lease terms should be modified to 10 years.