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Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Shapes Policy Landscape at Winter Meeting

OKLAHOMA CITY, January 22, 2024 — The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) convened its Winter Policy Development Meeting, a vital gathering that saw members actively shaping the future of the state's cattle industry. During the event, OCA members considered approximately 40 resolutions, each with a three-year lifespan, emphasizing the commitment to maintaining current, relevant, and achievable policies.

A highlight of the meeting was the introduction of several new policies proposed by OCA members, discussed within the Beef Production and Beef Business committees. Including, members adopting a policy opposing the implementation of a per-per-mile system to replace the fuel tax in Oklahoma. Executive Vice President Michael Kelsey explained, "Agriculture's unique transportation needs, essential for moving raw and value-added food products, make a per-per-mile system unsuitable for our industry."

In a unified stance, membership also adopted a policy opposing any government efforts to utilize private sector contracts or products, specifically Natural Asset Companies (NACs), for the sale or lease of ecologically valuable rights on federal or state-owned lands. Kelsey expressed concern about NACs attempting to acquire rights over government-owned lands, potentially impacting proper land management practices such as grazing and prescribed burns.

Lastly, the OCA members enshrined a resolution into the 2024 policy book, opposing SQ 820. This resolution proposes a new minimum wage process that grows annually based on a federal measurement.

The Winter Policy Development Meeting showcased the OCA's commitment to proactively address issues affecting the cattle industry and advocate for policies that ensure its sustainability and success.

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