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### Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Adopts Important Policies at the Annual Winter Policy Meeting

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The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) successfully concluded its 2025 Winter Policy Meeting, where OCA members gathered to discuss and adopt policies addressing critical issues impacting the cattle industry. The meeting brought together cattle producers from across the state to ensure the voice of Oklahoma's ranchers is heard on matters of state and national importance.

“Our policy meetings are essential in shaping the direction of our association's efforts,” said Michael Kelsey, Executive Vice President of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. “The policies adopted reflect the collective priorities of our members and will guide us as we work to protect and advance the interests of Oklahoma's cattle industry.”

Key topics addressed during the meeting included:

- **Commissioners of the Land Office:** Policies were adopted to address leasing practices and land management strategies overseen by the Commissioners of the Land Office.
- **Taxes:** Attendees deliberated on measures to safeguard agricultural landowners from undue tax burdens. This includes advocating for fair and appropriate tax strategies including opposing property tax increases and opposing the elimination of the state income tax which will drive up ad valorem taxes unfairly.
- **Livestock Trucking Accident Mitigation:** Members adopted policy to enhance safety measures and streamline emergency response protocols for livestock transportation incidents. This includes collaborating with state agencies to develop resources and training for first responders.
- **Water Rights and Usage:** Members discussed strategies to ensure appropriate policies for water resources for agricultural use. The OCA reaffirmed its commitment to protecting groundwater rights for landowners.

The meeting also featured updates on state legislative initiatives, federal policy developments, and opportunities for members to engage in grassroots advocacy efforts.

“Our members' active participation ensures that our policies reflect the realities of life on the ranch,” said Kelsey. “Together, we are building a stronger future for Oklahoma's cattle industry.”

*The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association is a leading advocate for the cattle industry in Oklahoma, representing cattle producers and ranchers across the state. The OCA is dedicated to promoting the well-being of the cattle industry, ensuring the protection of private property rights, and supporting legislation that benefits the agricultural community. The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry and works to protect and empower Oklahoma cattlemen today, to serve tomorrow. For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org).*