

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS



HB 421 Passes State Senate Vote

The Texas Senate passed S.B. 421 on April 4 with a vote of 28 to 3. The bill was strongly supported by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) as a major improvement to the eminent domain process for thousands of Texans who are faced each year with the prospect of losing their private property through forced condemnation.

TSCRA would like to especially thank Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, who authored the bill and passionately advocated for the support of her fellow Senators. Appreciation also goes to Sen. Joan Huffman, chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee, for her support and leadership in seeing the legislation through the committee process; and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who personally spent a tremendous amount of time working with stakeholders to advance transparency, fairness and accountability in the eminent domain process.

The bill now goes to the Texas House of Representatives to be considered. Follow the bill's progress by visiting www.TexansForPropertyRights.com and signing up for updates.

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New TSCRA Directors Named at Cattle Raisers Convention

TSCRA announced the addition of eight new members to their board of directors and 11 new honorary directors at their annual convention in Fort Worth, March 29-31. Additionally, the current slate of officers was re-elected to their respective positions and three new members were named to the Executive Committee.

Newly re-elected officers of TSCRA are Robert E. McKnight Jr., Fort Davis, president; G. Hughes Abell, Austin, first vice president; Arthur G. Uhl III, San Antonio, second vice president; and Jason Skaggs, Fort Worth, executive vice president and CEO.

New directors are April Bonds, Saginaw; Edward Bordovsky Jr., Riviera; James Clement III, Kingsville; Robert "Bobby" Dobson, San Antonio; James H. Dudley IV, Horseshoe Bay; Amanda Dyer, Fort Davis; Gage Moorhouse, Benjamin; and Lew Thompson, Pearsall.

New Executive Committee members are Dan Gattis, Georgetown; Gerald Nobles, Brady; and Gary Price, Blooming Grove.

New Honorary Directors are William M. "Buck" Arrington, Pampa; Thurman S. Clements Jr., Victoria; Markham B. Dossett, Waco; Bob Drake, Davis, Okla.; James H. Dudley, Comanche; Mike Gibson, Paducah; Jon David Mayfield, Dublin; Boots O'Neal, Guthrie; Tim Pennell, Westhoff; Chris Scharbauer, Amarillo; and Frates Seeligson Jr., San Antonio.

Catch up on the Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo

If you were unable to see us in Fort Worth for the Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo (or even if you did!), get caught up on all the pictures, posts and highlights of the weekend on our social media. Find us @TSCRA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or search #CattleRaisers2019.

Thank you to all the exhibitors, visitors, members, leaders, and speakers for making this year's event one for the record books!

Save the Date: Summer Meeting June 13-15

Join us for the Summer Meeting in Galveston June 13-15, 2019. TSCRA leaders and guests will gather at the Moody Gardens Hotel on Galveston Island for three days of business and committee meetings, education, and adventure. The TSCRA Summer Meeting is a unique opportunity to combine family and fellowship with the important work of the association.



More information will be available soon, including a schedule, registration prices, and hotel rates.



Marvin Wills
TSCRA Special Ranger

Reward Offered for Information on Stolen Cattle

TSCRA Special Ranger Marvin Wills is seeking information in connection to the recent theft of cattle from several victims in northern and western Falls County. It is believed that the cattle were taken between November 2018 and March 2019.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest or indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime.

Anyone with information that could help identify the perpetrator or perpetrators is asked to call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief tip line at (888) 830-2333 or Special Ranger Wills at (254) 223-2330.

All information is kept confidential, and tips may be provided anonymously.



Hal Dumas
TSCRA Special Ranger

Cattle Stolen in Central Texas

TSCRA Special Ranger Hal Dumas, District 21 in Central Texas, reports cattle missing from properties in Leon and Burleson counties. Stolen sometime after October 2018 in Leon County were a Charolais bull with an SC brand on the left hip, and a tan crossbred horned bull with an SC brand on the left shoulder and a 14 brand on the left

hip. Also missing from a property in Burleson County are 29 Hereford cows with a 3B brand on their left hip. These cattle were last seen in April 2018.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Special Ranger Dumas at 979-828-5832 or the Operation Cow Thief tip line at 888-830-2333.

Prepare Now for Wildfires

Wildfires can prove deadly on farms and ranches, damaging and destroying homes, barns, agriculture production facilities, crops, and livestock. Take precautions NOW to minimize the risk and spread of wildfires and know what to do if one is in your area.

One important way ranchers can make sure they are protecting lives and property before a wildfire starts is to inform your fire department about access roads, locations of structures, water sources, fence lines, geography, priorities, and preferred fire suppression tactics BEFORE a fire occurs. For information on wildfire preparation, recovery and more, visit texashelp.tamu.edu.



BQA Tip for April: Deworming

Deworming is important to maintaining cattle health and performance. The timing and frequency of treatment will vary depending on geographic location, rainfall, stocking rate, age of the animal, and persistent activity of the product used. Producers in the southern United States in areas with higher rainfall and higher stocking rates may need to deworm twice a year (late May or June and again November or December). Only one treatment may be needed in areas with 15-25 inches of rainfall and moderate stocking rates. Routine deworming might not be needed in areas with low rainfall and low stocking rates.

Are you a certified Texas Beef Quality Assurance producer? Training is free and available online and at one-day in-person workshops at texasbeefquality.com.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

- Apr. 30:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering - Canton
- May 2:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering - Henderson
- May 9:** Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon - Wichita Falls
- May 21:** TSCRA Ranching 101 - Fort Worth
- Jun 13-15:** TSCRA Summer Meeting - Galveston
- Jun. 18:** TSCRA Ranching 101 - Fort Worth

TSCRA Members – ask about discounts from the following partners!

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