

Ag Finance and Tax Committee

June 4, 2009

Wyoming Stock Growers Association

Chair: Ed Prosser

Vice Chair: Jeff Kirkbride

Recorder: Dallas Mount

Jeff Kirkbride called the meeting to order.

Jim Magagna gave an update on issues involving Ag Gas Tax Exemption and efforts to streamline the process.

A motion was made and carried to put the directive forward for another year:

Work toward clarification of the Ag Fuel Tax exemption rules.

Travis Jordan reported on changes to the Death Tax. Bills are being prepared for introduction, but it is unknown what kind of traction any bill might find.

Representative Sue Wallis from the Campbell County district gave an update on the State Revenue Committee – they will be taking a comprehensive look at tax structure.

Jim Palm with Farm Credit talked about trends in lending for the state. Overall the recession has not had detrimental effects on ag lending in Wyoming.

New Policy:

The following policy was moved to the floor.

Whereas the WSGA believes that The Constitution of the United States has not been protected and defended by the U.S. government for many years, and whereas the WSGA believes that socialism is wrong in every way, especially in the agricultural industry; be it resolved that the WSGA shall endeavor to be a part of the solution to the eradication of socialism.

- The WSGA shall support the Wyoming Legislature in efforts to join the 32 other states that have declared or are in the process of declaring their Constitutional right of sovereignty.
- The WSGA does not support the state of Wyoming taking any TARP or stimulus funds.
- The WSGA calls for an end to all direct agricultural subsidies.

- The WSGA directs its' officers to take an oath to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States. The oath shall be publicly witnessed at the officer's inception to the office.

Motion carried.

Policy Reviews:

Policy 11 (Healthcare) moved to be preserved – motion failed.

Policy 12 (taxation) – moved to be preserved – motion carried.

Committee meeting adjourned.