

Wyoming Stockgrowers/Woolgrowers Finance Tax Committee

December 8, 2009

Jim Magagna reported on issues the Revenue Committee of the Legislature is dealing with. Discussion was held on how properties are assessed, what information is made public and which remains private.

Sovereignty Resolution – Representative Illoway and Governor Freudenthal are circulating a draft resolution that reinforces the concept of state sovereignty.

A motion was made and passed as a directive to support the Memorandum of Resolution from the Governor's office on State Sovereignty.

The Ag Land Valuation guide was circulated and reviewed.

Jim will check on how irrigated land formally hayed and now grazed is handled in the valuation and report back at the summer meeting.

Pete and Travis representing Wyoming Congressional delegation reported on the estate tax issues. A recent bill locked in the 2009 Estate tax language in perpetuity. 45% top bracket 3.5 million exemptions for single filer 7 million for joint. Discussion was held on the death tax. Reunification of death and gift exemptions was discussed as a high priority.

Health Freedom Amendment to the Wyoming Constitution – Caroline Paseneau presented on behalf of the Wyoming Liberty Group.

Motion was made seconded and approved to pass a resolution to support the proposed amendment:

Whereas proposed Federal health Care Legislation threatens to infringe upon the individual right to make health care decisions, choose health care plans, and pay directly for health care services; and

Whereas such legislation would be accompanied by penalties and fines intended to mandate certain health care decisions by individuals, businesses and states; therefore

Be It Resolved that the WSGA/WWGA support the Wyoming Health Care Freedom Amendment, request the Wyoming state legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a joint resolution placing this Constitutional Amendment on the ballot and urge Wyoming voters to support the Amendment.