

Carlyle Currier Bio

Carlyle Currier was raised on his family's ranch at Molina, CO. He graduated from Plateau Valley High School, and then received a BS degree in Agriculture Economics/Farm Management from CSU in 1976. After college, he returned home to work with his parents, becoming the fourth generation of his family on the ranch. His great-grandfather purchased his first land in the area in 1891. Carlyle purchased some additional ranch land in the area, and later bought most of his parent's operation. He primarily raises commercial beef cattle, grazing them on National Forest permits during the summer while raising alfalfa and grass hay and small grains on the private ground for winter feed. He usually retains ownership of the calves and finishes them in a commercial feedlot in eastern Colorado. Carlyle and his wife, Dawn, have two children, Joel and Julia, who are both graduates of CSU, and Joel is now working as the fifth generation on the ranch.

Carlyle's parents were both very involved leaders in various church, civic, and farm organizations and showed him the importance of doing the same. Just a couple of years after college, he was serving as President of the local affiliate of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and on the local Soil Conservation District Board. A cousin who was president of the Mesa County Farm Bureau talked him into joining that board, and, after attending his first state annual meeting, realized that was the organization he really wanted to focus on. He was President of Mesa County FB for most of the 1980's, and served on several state committees, including the membership committee, the Public Lands Advisory Committee, and the Beef Cattle Advisory Committee. In the early 90's, he was asked to represent his Farm Bureau District on a special "Goals and Guidelines Committee", which was tasked with reviewing the Bylaws, membership agreements, and other documents of Colorado Farm Bureau and making recommendations for possible changes to the Board of Directors. In 1996, he was elected to the Board of Directors of Colorado Farm Bureau, and was elected Secretary of the Board in 2003, Vice President in 2010, and President in 2020. As a CFB leader, he has testified on numerous bills in Denver in CO House or Senate hearings.

In 2005, Carlyle was serving as chair of CFB's Water Committee when the state legislators passed HB05-1177, which established eight basin roundtables to work to manage water

resources within their basin, and the InterBasin Compact Committee(IBCC), which was tasked with seeking agreements between the basins for statewide water management and transbasin diversions. The CFB Water Committee could see that the agriculture industry needed to find a way to speak with a unified voice on water issues or we would be left out of this planning process. We organized a Colorado Ag Water Summit and asked all the other agriculture organizations to send delegates in an attempt to bring everyone together on water issues, and as a result of that meeting, the Colorado Ag Water Alliance(CAWA) was formed. Carlyle was appointed as one of CFB's two representatives on the CAWA board. The CAWA Board elected him as Vice Chairman in 2010, and he became Chairman four years later. Carlyle is also very involved in water issues at the local and state level. He serves as President of the Cottonwood Lakes Reservoir Company and President of the Collbran Water Conservancy District. He also has served on the Colorado Basin Roundtable since its creation in 2005, and represents the Colorado Basin on the IBCC. He also serves on the board of the Ag Water Network, an organization affiliated with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He was very involved in writing the agriculture related sections of the first Colorado Water Plan, approved in 2017. He was asked to speak about agricultural water issues at the 2016 annual meeting of the Colorado River Water Users Association in Las Vegas.

Carlyle has also served on several national committees and organizations. He has served on the AFBF Beef Cattle Advisory Committee, and served on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board(CBB) from 2003-2009. For the last eight years, he has represented CFB on the board of the US Meat Export Federation. Trade is an important issue for him, and he has twice been asked to participate in a Canadian/US Beef issues Roundtable sponsored by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Embassy. In 2017, he went on a trade mission to Cuba with the Colorado Dept. of Agriculture and the Colorado World Trade Center. He was asked to speak about agriculture trade at the annual meeting of the Ports to Plains Alliance in 2018. In 2019, he testified on trade issues before the US Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia in Washington DC.

Carlyle is also very involved in church and community activities. He has served many years as Treasurer and Board member of Molina Baptist Church. He also has served many years as a board member and Treasurer of Grand Mesa Christian Association, a summer youth camp, and in the past volunteered many weeks as a counselor or camp director. He has been involved in

several committees or task forces for his local school district and chaired the Advisory Committee for its FFA program. He has been a local and county leader in the Republican Party. He volunteered with the Plateau Valley Fire Protection District for twenty-five years, retiring as a Station Captain.