

South Dakota Brand Board
Minutes of the Meeting
January 28, 2014

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 28, 2014 at the Brand Board office in Pierre, SD. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Lyla Hutchison, and Scott Vance. Curt Mortenson was absent. Debbie Trapp, Wray Shouldis, Chad Mosteller, Jim Murphy, and Silvia Christen were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Pres. Blair asked if there were changes to the agenda. None noted. Motion by Hutchison to adopt agenda, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Pres. Blair called for nomination for Board President. Blum nominated Blair. Motion by Vance that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for Blair, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Pres. Blair called for nominations for Vice President. Hutchison nominated Mortenson. Motion by Blum that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for Mortenson, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting and November 20, 2013 Rules Hearing, seconded by Vance. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending December 31, 2013. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$524,729.59; Brand Inspection Fund \$565,979.06; Theft and Prevention Fund \$112,202.62. Total Expenditures paid in December were \$112,364.02 which did not include the monthly mileage reimbursement to inspectors due to the calendar year cutoff date. Year to date expenses are \$867,041.58. Motion by Vance to approve Financial Report as of December 31, 2013, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

DCI Investigators Report - Mosteller reported on the following: Senate Bill 22 will be voted on today by the full Senate. This bill is to authorize the issuance of citations by arresting officers for certain livestock violations; Ten road checks were conducted in 2013 with seven violations found; DCI will cover expense for rifle purchases; Meet with FBI on Tribal cases.

Chief Brand Inspector's Report: Shouldis presented information for inspections reported in November and December October, 2013: Total for the two months - Livestock Markets - 411,025 head, Locker Plants - 653 head, Locals - 152,040 head for a total of 563,718. Livestock inspection numbers for the first six months of FY2014, July-Dec, are less than what had been inspected for the same time period in the previous four fiscal years.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications - 139; New Brands - 47; Brand Transfers - 117; Brand Books Sold - 2.

Director's Report: Interim Rules Hearing on the Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit was December 17, 2013 - Rules passed. Ed Rybicki, from ERC Computing, was at the Pierre Office

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on January 21-23 for software upgrades; Legislative Committees Report has been submitted; Operating Software will need to be upgraded; Working with BIT on upgrading the website.

Reviewed the Rodeo Stock Transportation Application and Permit forms. Motion by Hutchison to approve the forms, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance to approve the two Joint Powers Agreement with Department of Agriculture in regards to services provided as a result of the October storm.

Motion by Blum, to table request for estray feed expense reimbursement until next meeting, second by Hutchison. Motion carried. Owner of one estray had been found.

Motion by Vance, to approve fuel bonus of \$.16 per mile for inspectors which includes mileage paid in 04/10/2013 – 01/08/2014, second by Blum. Motion carried. Vance thanked inspectors for their service.

Pres. Blair asked for Open Comments: Comments were taken from Silvia Christen. Pres. Blair thanked Silvia for work on the Rancher Relief Fund.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. CDT.

Hold Hearing BB #192 - Ft. Pierre Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black heifer calf, motion by Vance to escheat \$946.13 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #194 - St. Onge Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one cow, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$376.89 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #197 – Belle Fourche Livestock: Tabled item for additional brand research.

Hold Hearing BB #219 – Winner Livestock: No action needed as Shouldis had identified owner and cleared the hold.

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1& 3) personnel and legal, at 1:20 pm, second by Hutchison. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:23 p.m.

Pres. Blair declared meeting adjourned.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.