

South Dakota Brand Board
Minutes of the Meeting
November 20, 2013

The South Dakota Brand Board met on November 20, 2013 at the Brand Board office in Pierre, SD. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Curt Mortenson, Lyla Hutchison, and Scott Vance. Debbie Trapp, Chad Mosteller, Bob Fortune, and Jim Murphy were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pres. Blair asked if there were changes to the agenda. The following changes were noted: Director Trapp would present the Brand Inspection report in Chief Inspector Shouldis' absence; strike SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal from Executive Session. Motion by Mortenson to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending October 31, 2013. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$607,084.68; Brand Inspection Fund \$254,346.25; Theft and Prevention Fund \$110,122.61. Revenue for September and October, 2013- \$198,019.64. Expenses for September and October, 2013 - \$198,450.81. Motion by Mortenson to approve Financial Report as of October 31, 2013, seconded by Vance. Motion carried.

DCI Investigators Report - Mosteller reported on the following: Agents visited various salebarns following the October storm and did not find any issues; Agents fielded several calls regarding strays; There have been convictions on the following violations - Change of Ownership and Leaving the Brand Inspection Area without an inspection; Agents are working on obtaining there International Association for Identification (IAI) Certification.

Chief Brand Inspector's Report: Trapp presented information for inspections reported in September and October, 2013: Total for the two months - Livestock Markets – 83,919 head, Locker Plants – 731 head, Locals – 96,733 head for a total of 181,383 head vs. 300,833 head in September and October, 2012. Trapp reported that during the month of October and first half of November, 284 strays have been recovered.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications – 104; New Brands – 33; Brand Transfers – 84; Brand Books Sold – 7.

Director's Report: Trapp attended the Ranch Family Community Gathering in Philip on November 2, 2013; Traveled to Belle Fourche Livestock to assist brand inspectors with the computerized tally program; Inspectors are busy with the fall run and several calls have been received regarding the process for change of ownership on the donated livestock from the Heifers for South Dakota program.

Board members expressed their thanks and appreciation to brand inspectors for the long hours they have been working.

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Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. CST.

Hold Hearing BB #189 – Presho Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one longhorn cow, motion by Vance to escheat \$150.16 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: Motion by Blum to table Hold BB #194 for additional brand research, second by Mortenson. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #203 – Aberdeen Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black cow, motion by Mortenson to escheat \$985.28 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #224 – Winner Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black cow, motion by Mortenson to escheat \$625.50 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #225– Winner Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black cow, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$789.90 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Mortenson. Motion carried.

Motion by Blum to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel, at 2:05 pm, second by Hutchison. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 3:03 p.m.

Pres. Blair declared meeting adjourned.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.