

**South Dakota Brand Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**March 19, 2014**

The South Dakota Brand Board met on March 19, 2014 at the Brand Board office in Pierre, SD. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Curt Mortenson, and Scott Vance. Lyla Hutchison was absent. Debbie Trapp, Wray Shouldis, Harold Deering, Ronnie Vollmer, Jim Korkow, and Trudy Watsweet, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The agenda item, Rodeo Stock Transportation Applications, was placed before Action Items.

Motion by Mortenson to approve the Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit application for Flying V Bucking Bulls, Presho SD, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance to approve the Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit application for Korkow Rodeos, LLC, Pierre SD, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2014 Regular Meeting, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending February 28, 2014. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$483,459.89; Brand Inspection Fund \$475,326.24; Theft and Prevention Fund \$113,539.78. Motion by Mortenson to approve Financial Report as of February 28, 2014, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Chief Brand Inspector's Report: Shouldis presented information for inspections reported in January and February 2014: Total for the two months - Livestock Markets – 200,755 head, Locker Plants – 896 head, Locals – 63,575 head, for a total of 265,226 head. Total year to date inspections are 1,124,558 head which is 221,907 head less than the same reporting period in Fiscal Year 2013, July – Feb.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications – 167; New Brands – 77; Brand Transfers – 74; Brand Books Sold – 7.

Director's Report: Condolences were sent to the families of Denver Enright and Ken Halligan; The hold hearing on Hold # BB 197, which had been tabled at the January, 2014 meeting, will be held at a later date per request from one of the brand owners; Attended SD Beef Industry Council Meeting in Pierre on March 5, 2014 and the Senate Ag Committee Hearing on March 6, 2014 for consideration for Scott Vance's reappointment to the Brand Board; Senate Bill 22 was delivered to the Governor on March 11, 2014; Jim Morgan from Mitten Software will be in Pierre on March 21, 2014 to discuss the computerized inspection/tally program and will also be making stops in St. Onge and Belle Fourche Livestock to meet with the brand inspectors; Livestock Auction Market Convention is April 26, 2014.

Motion by Blum to approve the Reciprocal Agreement with Nebraska for Livestock Ownership Inspections, second by Mortenson.

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Discussed stray feed reimbursement request. Motion by Mortenson, to table request until next meeting, second by Blum. Motion carried. Chief Brand Inspector Shouldis to obtain additional information in regards to the reporting of the estrays.

Open Comment: Trudy Watsweet, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, stated she looks forward to working with Brand Board.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. CDT.

Hold Hearing BB #193 - St. Onge Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black cow, motion by Mortenson to escheat \$829.22 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Vance. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #213 - St. Onge Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one bay mare and one blue roan gelding, motion by Vance to escheat \$719.40 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Mortenson. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #217 – Charles Mix County Livestock Market: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one black heifer, motion by Mortenson to escheat \$674.94 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1& 3) personnel and legal, at 1:22 pm, second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:15 p.m.

Motion by Blum to adjourn the meeting, second by Mortenson. Motion carried.

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Wanda Blair, President

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Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on \_\_\_\_\_.