

**South Dakota Brand Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**September 18, 2013**

The South Dakota Brand Board met on September 18, 2013 at the Brand Board office in Pierre, SD. Members present were Bart Blum, Curt Mortenson, Lyla Hutchison, and Scott Vance. Wanda Blair was absent. Harold Deering, Debbie Trapp, Wray Shouldis, Chad Mosteller, Representative Troy Heinert, Courtney De La Rosa, Silvia Christen, Ron Fravel and Bethany Erickson were also present.

Vice Pres. Mortenson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Vice Pres. Mortenson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Director Trapp stated individual who requested the agenda item, Brand Request, would rather work with the office to resolve, therefore, Brand Request should be deleted. Motion by Hutchison to adopt agenda with deletion of Brand Request, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Blum to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2013 Regular Meeting and August 21, 2013 phone conference meeting, seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending August 31, 2013. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$626,878.62; Brand Inspection Fund \$234,983.48; Theft and Prevention Fund \$109,962.41. Revenue for July and August \$125,148.65. Expenses for July and August 2013, \$289,437.00 Motion by Hutchison to approve Financial Report as of August 31, 2013, seconded by Vance. Motion carried.

Rodeo Permit Rules Discussion – Board discussed revised Rodeo Permit Rules Draft. At the request of Vice Pres. Mortenson, Representative Troy Heinert explained his intent of the Rodeo Permit. Silvia Christen, asked for clarification in section 12:10:03:01 (4). After further discussion, changes to the draft were 12:10:03:01 (2) Bona fide rodeo producer delete “who derives a major portion of their income from the rodeo business either as” and 12:10:03:04 (d) delete “and no felony convictions”. Motion by Blum, to start the process for Adopting Rules, seconded by Vance. Motion carried. Vance and Blum thanked everyone for their work the on Rodeo Permit.

Vice Pres. Mortenson stated a Thank You and Appreciation to Jerry Jensen for his 46 + years as a brand inspector and to all of the brand inspectors for their service.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications – 90; New Brands – 25; Brand Transfers – 69; Brand Books Sold – 2.

Director’s Report: In recognition of Jerry Jensen’s last day as a full-time brand inspector at Burke Livestock, Wray Shouldis and Director Trapp presented Jerry with a plaque for his 46 + years as a brand inspector and served cake at the sale barn. Other inspectors in attendance were Ron Fravel, Doug Paxton, Joel Olivier, Dick Halligan, Chris Cernetisch, and Rich Grim; Brand Book Supplement # 3 arrived today from the Central Duplicating; ERC Computing is working on improving system of transferring data between Brand Board office and inspectors’ computers at St. Onge and Belle Fourche.

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Chief Brand Inspector's Report: Shouldis presented information for inspections reported in July and August, 2013: Total for the two months Livestock Markets – 69,193 head, Locker Plants – 485 head, Locals – 44,553 head for a total of 114,231 head vs. 147,077 head in July and August, 2012. Shouldis also reported that holds had been paid out on five head; five new holds on six head, and presented the recovered stray report. New full-time inspectors have been hired – Chris Cernetisch, Burke and Gregory, and Dick Halligan, Winner; Part-time, Tee Ridley in St. Onge and Belle Fourche.

DCI Investigators - Mosteller reported on the following: Ongoing training for the agents; Resources needed by the investigators and the cost sharing between the DCI and the Brand Board for those expenses; Attorney General's office proposed legislation for issuing tickets for leaving the brand inspection area without an inspection; Road Checks;

Vice Pres. Mortenson asked for Open Comments. Silvia Christen, SD Stockgrowers, thanked those involved for the progress made on the Rodeo Permit and extended an invitation to the Board to the SD Stockgrowers Convention September 27 & 28, 2013 in Rapid City. Vice Pres. Mortenson thanked Silvia for assistance in the Rodeo Permit process.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. CST.

Vice Pres. Mortenson recessed meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Hold Hearing BB #171 – Martin Livestock: Shouldis reported that Montana brand owner is claiming ownership of the one black heifer. Motion by Vance to pay Montana brand owner, Clifford Highland, \$831.77, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #195 St. Onge Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one sorrel mare, Vance moved to escheat \$348.06 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Vice Pres. Mortenson declared meeting adjourned.

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Wanda Blair, President

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Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

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