

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

The South Dakota Brand Board met on April 8, 2015. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Chad Mosteller, Stacy Revels, and Bob Mercer were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

Motion by Hutchison to adopt the agenda, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams to approve minutes of the January 28, 2015 Regular Meeting, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending March 31, 2015. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$992,877.71; Brand Inspection Fund \$577,622.58; Theft and Prevention Fund \$133,965.49. Motion by Vance to approve Financial Report as of March 31, 2015, seconded by Blum. Motion carried.

DCI Livestock Investigators – Mosteller reported on the following: July – December 2014, 14 cases and 3 convictions; 18 active cases to date; an individual from Hyde County was convicted of stealing 31 baby calves from five victims – sentenced to 7 years. Investigators have been working with the Chief Brand Inspector on violations; An overview of the brand laws were presented to the Sheriffs attending the newly elected sheriffs training.

Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for March 2015: Livestock Markets – 81,692 head; Locker Plants – 332 head, Locals – 38,022, Lifetime Horse Permits – 46 head, for a total of 120,092 head. Inspection numbers are down 10,272 head for the same time period, July – March.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications – 188; New Brands – 36; Brand Transfers – 631; Brand Books Sold – 7.

Director's Report: SB 75 and SB 76 were both signed by the Governor – Rodeo Stock Transportation permits will now expire 12 months from date of issue rather than December 31 of the year issued; Beginning July 1, 2015 local inspections will be valid for transportation for 24 hours from time of inspection; Salary increases for FY16 approved by the Legislature = 2% plus 2% for those employees not at market value; One item on agenda for Rules Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2015 is a proposed reimbursement rate change for privately owned vehicles to 42 cents/mile; Dan and I worked at the Brand Board booth set up for Tribal Relations Day at the Capitol; We attend the quarterly SD Beef Industry Council meeting; Brand Renewals processed thus far are 17,468 – May 1, 2015 is deadline for renewal; Governor's Ag Summit is scheduled for July 9-10 in Deadwood; International Livestock Identification Conference is scheduled for July 13-15 in Denver; Need to start preparing for any legislative issues for next session.

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Open Comments: Stacy Revels, Policy Advisor for Department of Agriculture, offered her assistance in preparing any agency bills for the next legislative session and presented timeline. Vance stated the Livestock Market Association's convention is May 29 - 30, 2015 in Chamberlain.

Motion by Blum to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel at 11:50 a.m., second by Hutchison. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 12:25 p.m.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. CT.

Pres. Blair adjourned the meeting.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.