

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2018

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 17, 2018. Members present were Wanda Blair, Scott Vance, Bart Blum, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Robert Haivala, Mary Williams, Scott Rechtenbaugh, Shorty Zilverberg, Kyle Holt, and Chris Petersen were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Vance to approve minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending December 31, 2017. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$610,518.83; Brand Inspection Fund \$854,855.29; Theft and Prevention Fund \$220,479.82. Motion by Blum to approve Financial Report as presented as of December 31, 2017, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Rechtenbaugh gave the DCI Livestock Investigators Report and presented the Brand Investigation Year End Report to the Board.

Zilverberg stated majority of road checks are in spring and fall.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report: December 2017 - Livestock Markets – 203,934 head; Locker Plants 314 head, Locals – 67,952 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 67 head, for a total of 272,267 head. Total inspections year to date is 1,071,803 head. Since FY 12 to current, the number of head inspected year to date in FY18 is the second largest number inspected compared to the same time frame.

Trapp gave the Director's Report – Recognized Ron Fravel's 39 plus years of service as a full time brand inspector; Testified at the Joint Appropriations Committee to provide a brief background on the Brand Board in preparation of the SB29 hearing; Meeting scheduled with Capt. Broers and Sgt. Stern to review updates to the Motor Carrier Manual regarding brand laws.

Motion by Williams to approve Open Range Beef of Gordon, NE as an Open Market, second by Blum. Motion carried.

No action taken on Holds BB #315 and BB #361. One of the previous letters sent to the shipper, Charles Brenner, had been returned. Bothwell to send certified letter to Charles Brenner.

Hold Hearing BB #316 – Philip Livestock – One gelding: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one gelding, motion by Williams to escheat \$187.56 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

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Open comments: Vance stated he had spoken to Thor Roseth, Livestock Market Association, and Silvia Christen, Stockgrowers, regarding Senate Bill 29 and they both stated the organization they represent will not oppose the bill.

Next Brand Board meeting date is February 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 1:58 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:49 p.m.

Pres Blair adjourned the meeting.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.