

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2017

The South Dakota Brand Board met on November 8, 2017. Members present were Wanda Blair, Scott Vance, Bart Blum, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Robert Haivala, Bob Mercer, Jodi Bechard, Silvia Christen, Tom Costello, Jake Costello, and Larry Eisenbraun were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

Correction to the September 20, 2017 minutes – “Blum second the motion by Hutchison to draft legislation on fees. Motion carried.” Motion by Williams to approve minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting as corrected, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending October 31, 2017. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$672,290.44; Brand Inspection Fund \$600,315.35; Theft and Prevention Fund \$248,537.57. Motion by Hutchison to approve Financial Report as presented as of October 31, 2017, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report: October 2017 - Livestock Markets – 76,280 head; Locker Plants 261 head, Locals – 55,547 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 50 head, for a total of 132,138 head. Total inspections year to date is 390,574 head. Since FY 12 to current, the number of head inspected year to date in FY18 is the third largest number inspected compared to the same time frame.

Director’s Report- Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenny Krogman who had been a brand inspector for 37 years; Shad Stromer who had been the Livestock Investigator has transferred to Medicaid Fraud; Bothwell and I meet with directors from the SD Cattlemens and SD Stockgrowers regarding proposed brand fee legislation; Bothwell and I participated in a panel discussing at the Sheriff’s Conference in Pierre.

As Kimball Livestock has meet the requirement for an open market, motion by Williams to approve Kimball Livestock’s Open Market Application, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Tom Costello met with the Board regarding sale of his bull. Costello’s bull had gotten into Matt Sandal’s pasture and then into another neighbor’s pasture. Sandal believed the bull to be his and authorized it to be presented for sale at St. Onge Livestock. As the bull did not bear Sandal’s brand, a hold was placed on the proceeds. In actuality, Costello’s and Sandal’s bulls had gotten into the wrong pastures and it was Costello’s bull that had been sold. Costello stated he believes livestock should be held until proof of ownership is provided rather than holding the proceeds.

Hold Hearing BB #253 - Philip Livestock – Three calves: Larry Eisenbraun presented information to the Board regarding ownership of the 3 calves. Motion by Blum to pay Larry Eisenbraun \$1,195.00, second by Williams. Motion carried

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Open comments: None.

Next Brand Board meeting date is December 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 1:50 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:50 p.m.

Motion by Williams to adjourn the meeting, second by Blum. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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