

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2018

The South Dakota Brand Board met on December 5, 2018. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Brand Board staff present were Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell and Bob Haivala. Brett Spencer, Shorty Zilverberg, Del Bartels, June Eagon, and Hope Masteel were also present. Adam Goff was present at the Brand Office but declined to enter the meeting room and left before the Hold Hearing.

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 October 3, 2018 meeting, second by Hutchison . Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of November 30, 2018. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$358,469.44; Brand Inspection Fund \$640,489.36; Theft and Prevention Fund \$212,441.65. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Blum. Motion carried.

DCI Supervisor Spencer gave the DCI Report - Year to Date cases = 47; Case from Moody County for the theft of 29 heifers was granted an extension; Case from Charles Mix County for theft of feedlot cattle and feed checks is pending trial date; Butte County horse theft case – sentencing for the plea agreement is scheduled for later this month. Spencer will be transferring to a position in Sturgis so Zilverberg will be assigned another supervisor.

Chief Brand Inspector Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report: November Livestock Markets – 242,437 head; Locker Plants 238 head, Locals – 77,305 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 32 head, for a total of 320,012 head. Inspection numbers are down compared to November 2017 totals of 408,962 head. Jim Holloway, full time inspector at Faith Livestock may be retiring after the first of the year – Holloway began inspection livestock in 1960; Jerry Kennedy, Nebraska Brand Inspector who inspects SD cattle at an Open Market in Nebraska, is also retiring; Surveys were sent out to Fulltime inspectors regarding hold procedures.

Director Trapp gave the Director's Report: Condolences to the Scott Hicks and Rob Fox families for the loss of a father and son respectfully; Governor's Final Budget address proposed a 2.3% salary increase for State Employees and a premium employees would pay for health insurance – this is all subject to Governor-elect Noem's budget; I visited a 16 member group visiting from Utah regarding the brand and brand inspection programs in SD – members ranged from Farm Bureau members, brand inspectors and Utah DENR; Copier could not be repaired so entered into a new copier lease. .

Hold Hearing BB #412 and Hold BB #413 – Belle Fourche Livestock – One Black Cow, One Black Calf and One Black Bull. Haivala and Bothwell explained to Goff he needed to present his case on ownership at the Hold Hearing. Goff refused to participate and stated he would have his attorney call. Haivala asked Goff to provide his attorney's name, Goff refused and left before

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the Hold Hearing. Hope Masteel and June Eagon, personal representatives for the Ida Tryon Estate, presented ownership information. Motion by Hutchison to pay Ida Tyron \$2,320.53 from Amount Held for Others in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried

Open Comment: None

Legislation: Continue to work on bill for increasing cap on brand fees and new application and expedite fees.

Motion by Williams to approve fuel bonus for current brand inspector mileage as presented, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented information on cost of software updates for brand and brand inspection programs. Operating system for brand inspection program needs to be updated, update receipting process screen and update payment types to accept credit cards online and at the office.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 3:52 p.m., second by Hutchison. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 4:11 p.m.

As no other business came before the board, President Blair adjourned the meeting.

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Wanda Blair, President

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Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

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