

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2017

The South Dakota Brand Board met on December 6, 2017. Members present were Wanda Blair, Scott Vance, Bart Blum, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Jodi Bechard, Maggie Stensaas, and Brian Gortmaker were also present. Robert Haivala was present by phone.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Hutchison to approve minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending November 30, 2017. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$658,254.18; Brand Inspection Fund \$692,633.11; Theft and Prevention Fund \$219,700.00. Motion by Hutchison to approve Financial Report as presented as of November 30, 2017, second by Blum. Motion carried.

DCI Director Gortmaker gave the DCI Livestock Investigators Report – He presented the Strayed and Stolen Log Report; Discussed the three meetings with the Sheriffs; Currently have one DCI Livestock Investigator and will review in 30 days how that has been working.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report: November 2017 - Livestock Markets – 299,317 head; Locker Plants 365 head, Locals – 107,541 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 47 head, for a total of 407,270 head. Total inspections year to date is 797,844 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. Recovered strays by brand inspectors is 177 head for FY18 thus far; Ron Fravel, full time brand inspector at Ft. Pierre Livestock, will be retiring in December.

Director's Report – Bothwell and I attended the SD Cattlemen's Association Conference in Pierre – the Association amended a resolution to support Brand Board fees sufficient to continue the program be self-sustaining; Contacted Tom Costello and thanked him for attending last month's board meeting; Received the 2nd Code of Conduct for Boards/Commissions; A locker plant in Gordon NE has requested an application for Open Market status.

Motion by Vance to table feed reimbursement request from Glenn Puckett on the estray horse until the Hold is processed, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance to approve fuel bonus #3 for the brand inspectors, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Open comments: None.

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Next Brand Board meeting date is January 17, 2018 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 2:26 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:51 p.m.

Motion by Williams to adjourn the meeting, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.