

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018

The South Dakota Brand Board met on April 19, 2018. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Scott Vance was absent. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Robert Haivala, Brett Spencer, Shorty Zilverberg, Dani Hanson, and Lorrin Naasz were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

Motion by Hutchison to adopt the agenda with executive session as the next agenda item, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 1:31 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:07 p.m.

Director Trapp called for nominations for board president. Wanda Blair was nominated. Motion by Williams nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Blair, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Pres. Blair called for nominations for board vice president. Scott Vance was nominated. Motion by Hutchison nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Vance, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison to approve minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending March 30, 2018. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$543,730.65; Brand Inspection Fund \$790,527.21; Theft and Prevention Fund \$208,895.11. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as presented as of March 30, 2018, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Spencer gave the DCI Livestock Investigator Report: Currently there is one livestock investigator; January – April = 9 new cases, 41 open cases, and 19 submitted for prosecution; States Attorney's decide if they will charge out the cases; Spencer and Zilverberg attended the Sheriff's Convention; individuals should also contact local sheriffs regarding missing livestock.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report: March 2018 - Livestock Markets – 76,625 head; Locker Plants 360 head, Locals – 34,757 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 26 head, for a total of 111,768 head. Total inspections year to date is 1,454,492 head. Since FY 12 to current, the number of head inspected year to date in FY18 is the largest number inspected compared to the same time frame – 2,459 head more than the next highest year 2013. Recovered strays by brand inspectors year to date is 258 head – up 70 head from last year. Brand inspector trainings are scheduled for May 8th and 15th. Two new part time inspectors have been hired. He attended the Western States Livestock Rural Enforcement Conference.

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Trapp gave the Director's Report – Thank you to Mitchell Livestock for their diligence in assisting law enforcement with resolving livestock theft case; Health insurance premiums increased \$863.50 per full time employee for the remainder of FY 18; Senate Bill 29 – increase in brand fees - Senate passed the bill, House Ag amended the bill, Conference Committee could not reach agreement so bill died. Senate Bill 156 was signed by the Governor to allow brand inspections, if requested, outside of the brand inspection area; Training sessions have been completed as required by Bureau of Human Resources; Dan and myself attended the Beef Council quarterly meeting on April 9th; Scheduled to present annual report to Government Operations and Audit Committee on April 24th, working on processing Grazing Permits and Trail Permits.

No conflicts of interest per SDCL 3-23 were noted for the annual disclosure by board members.

Discussed brand transfers of abandoned brands. Motion by Hutchison to direct Attorney Haivala and Director Trapp to draft rules regarding brand transfers of abandoned brands, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Discussed FY 19 Salary Policy. Motion by Williams to adopt the legislative salary policy of a 1.2 % increase, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #315 – Philip Livestock – One sorrel stud. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$233.08 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #361– St. Onge Livestock – Two bulls. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$2,975.60 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #366– Deuel County Sheriff – One black bull. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$902.87 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #367– Martin Livestock – One black bull. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$1,289.17 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #371 Philip Livestock – One Hereford heifer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$879.77 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

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Hold Hearing BB #375 Philip Livestock – One Hereford heifer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Hutchison to escheat \$1,089.27 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #378 Philip Livestock – One Hereford cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$586.42 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Open comments: Dani Hanson introduced Lorinn Nasaz from Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 3:31 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 4:34 p.m.

As no other business came before the board, motion by Williams to adjourn the meeting, second by Blum.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.