

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 28, 2015. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance and Myron Williams. Lyla Hutchison was present by phone. Harold Deering, Debbie Trapp, Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch, and Stacy Revels were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

Director Trapp asked for nominations for President. Wanda Blair was nominated by Blum. Motion by Vance that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Blair, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Pres. Blair asked for nominations for Vice President. Bart Blum was nominated by Hutchison. Motion by Williams that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Blum, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch congratulated Bart Blum on his reappointment and Myron Williams on his appointment to the Brand Board. Each appointment is for a three year term. Sec. Lentsch to introduce them at the Senate Confirmation Hearing on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1& 3) personnel and legal, at 10:51 a.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. Hutchinson left the meeting. The meeting came out of executive session at 11:21 a.m.

Lyla Hutchison rejoined the meeting by phone.

Motion by Vance to offer Chief Brand Inspector position to Daniel Bothwell at same salary as previous chief, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Hutchison to approve minutes of the September 24, 2014 Regular Meeting and November 25, 2014 Conference Call Meeting, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending December 31, 2014. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$224,614.14; Brand Inspection Fund \$592,758.87; Theft and Prevention Fund \$121,681.35. Motion by Blum to approve Financial Report as of December 31, 2014, seconded by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for December 2014: Livestock Markets - 172,797 head; Locker Plants – 266 head, Locals – 73,270, Lifetime Horse Permits – 24 head, for a total of 246,357 head. Livestock inspection numbers for the first six months of FY 2015, July-Dec, were

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77,230 head more than numbers in FY 2014 for the same time period but less than what had been inspected for the same time period in FY 2013, FY 2012, and FY 2011.

Trapp reported on the brand program: Applications – 212; New Brands – 113; Brand Transfers – 217; Brand Books Sold – 4.

Director's Report: Thank you to Dave Anderson, full time inspector, for assisting in the office a few days in the absence of a Chief Brand Inspector; Brand Renewal letters were sent out the first part of January, Renewal period is until May 1, 2015; There are 26,538 registered brands; Renewal notices have generated several phone calls regarding address changes and transfers; New webpage will be launched in February; Hunter Roberts replaces Nathan Sanderson as our new liaison with the Governor's Office.

Motion by Blum to pay \$385.00 to Fred Obermeier for feed and mileage expenses resulting from an estray bull which he transported to Hub City Livestock, second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Pres. Blair recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Hutchison did not rejoin the meeting.

Open Comments: Brand Board expressed thanks for Curt Mortenson's years of service to the Brand Board - Curt had served three terms; Legislative bills; Trailing and Shipping Permits.

Motion by Blum to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1& 3) personnel and legal, at 1:58 p.m., second by Williams. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:08 p.m.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. CT.

Pres. Blair adjourned the meeting.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.