

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2015

The South Dakota Brand Board met on October 28, 2015. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Harold Deering, Bob Haivala, Chad Mosteller, Silvia Christen, and Jim Murphy were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Hutchison to approve minutes of the September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending September 30, 2015. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,273,412.53; Brand Inspection Fund \$361,085.22; Theft and Prevention Fund \$200,047.44. Motion by Blum to approve Financial Report as of September 30, 2015 second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

DCI Livestock Investigators – Mosteller reported on the following: Charges are pending on a theft case from last spring; an individual charged with leaving the brand area without the proper paperwork is scheduled to go to a jury trial.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report as of September 30, 2015: Livestock Markets – 26,161 head; Locker Plants – 313 head, Locals – 27,137 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 117 head, for a total of 53,728 head. Total head inspected for period ending September 30, 2014 was 54,564. Recovered strays July 1, 2015 to current is 118 head. Five brand inspector training meetings have been completed.

Director's Report: Attended five brand inspector trainings, contacted Chuck LaCompte regarding the brand inspection program, he is no longer the Chief of Police for Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe but he is still interested in working on a brand inspection program, Attended the Stock Growers Convention in Rapid City, Brand books should arrive within a month, continuing to process several brand applications.

Motion by Hutchison to approve a \$.16/mile fuel bonus to current brand inspectors for mileage paid November 2014- September 2015, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #260 – Martin Livestock: As no owner came forward to prove ownership of one longhorn bull, motion by Williams to escheat \$539.94 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Sylvia Christensen thanked Scott Vance and Debbie Trapp for attending the Stockgrowers Convention in Rapid City, SD. Jim Murphy asked what the process was for checking to see if a brand inspection had been completed.

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Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Motion by Hutchison to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 2:04 p.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 2:47 p.m.

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

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.