

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 20, 2016. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison, and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Chad Mosteller, Silvia Christen, Dani Hanson, and Jim Murphy were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

Motion by Blum to approve minutes of the October 28, 2015 Regular Meeting, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending December 31, 2015. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,211,799.58; Brand Inspection Fund \$607,385.36; Theft and Prevention Fund \$212,074.18. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as of December 31, 2015, second by Blum. Motion carried.

DCI Livestock Investigators – Mosteller reported on the following: Calendar year 2015 statistics are Cases – 27, Cases Closed – 13, Cases Opened/Under Investigation – 27, Information Reports – 13, Convictions - 4, Arrests 5, Cases turned over to the State’s Attorneys – 9, Road Checks – 12, Livestock Recovered - 98 head of cattle and 1 horse; attended meeting in Pine Ridge with Bothwell, Trapp, and Hutchison regarding missing livestock; Bothwell has submitted several violations; attended meeting with FBI regarding missing cattle on tribal land.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report as of December 31, 2016: Livestock Markets – 198,478 head; Locker Plants – 293 head, Locals – 76,561 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 67 head, for a total of 275,399 head. Total head inspected for period ending December 31, 2015 was 246,357. Recovered strays July 1, 2015 to current is 259 head.

Director’s Report: Still receiving several brand applications each month; Representative Schrempp is considering proposing legislation for state wide brand inspection; Bothwell, Mosteller, Hutchison, and myself, as well as Bob Haivala, met with two Pine Ridge Tribal Council Members on December 14, 2015 in Pine Ridge regarding missing cattle and brand issues, Representative from Animal Industry and a representative from the US Attorney’s office also attended; New brand books have arrived; There has been an increase in Applications to Import Branded cattle; Received a Thank-you from Harold Deering for his retirement gift;

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Bothwell and myself traveled to Faith Livestock and Lemmon Livestock to meet with Brand Inspectors; She has jury duty January – June 2016.

No action was taken on Greg Serr's request for feed reimbursement as the cattle/horses were not sold and Greg knew the owner of the cattle.

Open Comments: Silvia Christen thanked Bothwell and Trapp for attending the Stockgrower's Legislative Mixer; Jim Murphy stated concern with state wide brand inspection as there are several roads crossing over the South Dakota Minnesota boarder and how would that be "policed" for brand inspections.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Pres. Blair declared a 5 minute recess.

Motion by Vance to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 2:31 p.m., second by Blum. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 3:06 p.m.

Pres. Blair declared the meeting adjourned.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.