

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2016

The South Dakota Brand Board met on July 27, 2016. Members present were Wanda Blair, Bart Blum, Scott Vance, Lyla Hutchison and Myron Williams. Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Robert Haivala, Bill Bielecki, Curtis Temple, Kyle Rossow, Ron Rossow, Rena M. Hymans, Gilvern Keester, Elaine Keester, Jason Anderberg, Tigh Anderberg, Stuart Johnson, John Hoven, Sam Mortenson, Casey Perman, Bob Mercer, Silvia Christen, Kyle Holt and Carla Bachand were also present.

Pres. Blair called the meeting to order.

Motion by Williams to adopt the agenda, 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 1:06 p.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 1:29 p.m.

Motion by Vance, to approve minutes of the April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, second by Blum. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information for period ending June 30, 2016. Inspection Program expenses for FY 16 \$1.01 per head. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,065,401.62; Brand Inspection Fund \$595,929.11 Theft and Prevention Fund \$206,008.31. Motion by Hutchison to approve Financial Report as of June 30, 2016 second by Williams. Motion carried.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report. Reporting period June, 2016: Livestock Markets – 45,862 head; Locker Plants 344 head, Locals – 28,349 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 106 head, for a total of 74,661 head. Year to date total inspected is 1,599,837 head. Recovered strays July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 is 313 head.

Director's Report: Dave Anderson, full time brand inspector at Lemmon Livestock, retired July 8th; a retirement party was held at Lemmon Livestock on June 29th and Chief Brand Inspector Bothwell presented Dave with a belt buckle in recognition for his 25 years of service; Troy Lorenz has been hired as a full time brand inspector in Belle Fourche; Chief Brand Inspector Bothwell, DCI Agent Zilverberg and Director Trapp attended the ILIA Conference in Fargo, ND hosted by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association; Chief Brand Inspector Bothwell and Director Trapp visited 14 horse camps in the Black Hills; the Brand Board will be hosting a booth at the Dakota Western Heritage Festival in Ft. Pierre on September 17th and 18th; Silvia Christen, Executive Director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers extended an invitation to the SD Stockgrowers 125th Convention September 22-23 in Rapid City; a map showing brands used in the 1900's in Short Grass Country was displayed and is available for purchase from the Verendrye Musuem.

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Casey Perman, Mobridge Livestock, addressed the Board regarding the large volume of shipper permits issued by Mobridge Livestock and inquired about other options that may be available rather than using shipper permits to leave the brand inspection area.

Hold Hearing BB #273 was conducted regarding the sale of 46 head of mixed heifers/steers/bulls at Philip Livestock on March 24, 2015 in the amount of \$53,064.03. Hutchison recused herself on this agenda item. Following testimony, motion by Blum to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 4:11 p.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 4:42 p.m. Motion by Williams to pay Gilvern Keester \$53,064.03 less expenses from Amount Held for Others, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented the proposed FY 18 Budget in the total amount of \$2,212,053.00. Motion by Blum to adopt FY18 Budget second by Hutchison. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Silvia Christen, SD Stockgrower's Director, invited everyone to the SD Stockgrower's 125th Convention in Rapid City, SD on September 22-23, 2016; Robert Haivala commented on livestock investigator in Pine Ridge area.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Pres. Blair adjourned the meeting.

Wanda Blair, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.