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SD ANIMAL INDUSTRY BOARD MINUTES OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

JULY 15TH 2025

8:34 a.m. Bryan Nagel called the meeting to order. Board members present were Bryan Nagel, Lynn Boadwine, Scot Eisenbraun, Joshua Kitzan, Kevin Larson and Steven Rommereim. AIB staff members present were Drs. Beth Thompson, Mendel Miller, and Tammy Anderson; Terry Johnson, and Kara Anderson. Others present were Cheyenne Tant/DANR, Bob Mercer/Keloland News, Steven Kropp/DANR Waste Management, and Seth Loffelmacher/DANR Waste Management.

President Nagel determined that a quorum was present and asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. None were presented. Steven Rommereim moved to approve the agenda. Scot Eisenbraun seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

President Nagel verified that all board members had received the minutes for the May 6, 2025, board meeting. Scot Eisenbraun moved to approve the minutes. Lynn Boadwine seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Introductions were made for the benefit of all present. Questions were posed about when a poultry representative will be assigned to the board. The Governor's Office has received nominations but has not appointed a Poultry representative yet.

Dr. Miller reviewed the 2025 Annual Report with the Board and explained the past year's activities documented in the report. Lynn Boadwine moved to approve the Annual Report. Steven Rommereim seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Dr. Miller discussed the ongoing transition to electronic Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (eCVI). Notifications have been sent to South Dakota licensed veterinarians advising that the Animal Industry Board will discontinue sending paper CVI books effective September 2025 and will only accept eCVIs as of January 1, 2026. No state sponsored eCVI options are available as there are free nationally recognized eCVI options. There is multiple fee based options as well. Veterinarians have increased their usage of eCVIs for animal movements into and out of South Dakota.

Dr. Miller provided an update on South Dakota's Electronic Identification tag (EID) allocations. Nationwide there were 5.6 million EID tags distributed by the USDA between the states. All EID tags allocated to South Dakota have been distributed and there is currently a wait list of 130,000 for the free EID tags. The USDA intends to provide another 6 million free EID tags between the

states but currently does not have the approval to begin distributing additional free tags. It is unclear at this time how many might be allocated to South Dakota if funding is ultimately provided. EID tags are still available for purchase from companies such as Allflex, Datamars and Y-Tex. There was discussion between board members on the benefits of EID tags and how they assist in simplifying record keeping and herd management.

Dr. Miller gave an update on Bovine tuberculosis (TB) in South Dakota. In May of 2025 Texas notified South Dakota that a 3 dairy complex in their state had tested positive for TB. The 3 dairy complex had tested 33,612 dairy cattle over 3 months and had 306 responders to the caudal fold test. In confirmation testing 7 animals tested positive for TB. From this 3 dairy network 21,000 animals were shipped over 5 years to 7 different states. South Dakota received shipments of about 2,600 animals from this dairy network in Texas between 2020-2023 to 4 dairies in the state. Of these animals 650 are still in the state. Due to the risk of exposure to TB the USDA recommended whole herd tests be done on the 4 affected dairies. On July 14th AIB field veterinarians conducted initial testing in the first dairy. This will be South Dakota's first experience with TB exposure in dairy cattle and as such will continue to work with states with previous outbreaks to ensure animal health. The board discussed the feasibility of whole herd testing and how most dairies would be equipped to test quickly.

10:00 am A public rules hearing was held to consider the adoption and amendment of the rules pertaining to 12:68 inclusive. The effect of the rules will update definitions to more accurately reflect current terminology and to modernize language of reference material. 12:68:03:05 is being updated to add municipal or other permitted solid waste landfills to the rule to reflect current practice. The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to make definitions more consistent with national health programs and to allow for carcass disposal in a safe and secure method. The hearing is audio recorded and on file. There were no opponents or proponents present for the hearing, or written testimony. Lynn Boadwine moved to adoption and amend the rules pertaining to 12:68 inclusive. Joshua Kitzan seconded. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed. The hearing adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Thompson provided an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). An overall decrease in transmission of the disease can be attributed to bird migrations decreasing due to the change in season. There was discussion on the possibility of vaccination for poultry flocks. A draft of a vaccination proposal has been given to the secretary of agriculture. There was discussion on potential vaccination requirements for dairy cattle if it became standard for poultry. A concern discussed was how the movement of infected dairy cattle could expose nonvaccinated flocks to HPAI. Any decisions or regulations would be made by the federal government.

Joshua Kitzan and Dr. Miller discussed rule 12:68:19:08 (Testing requirements for intrastate movement of rams). This rule specifies all rams six months old and older that are sold for immediate slaughter must be branded with a "X" painted on their back. Currently there are markets that use the "X" on the rams back to indicate age only and not to mark the animal for slaughter. It was felt that this rule did not need to be changed but instead a better system should be implemented for *B. ovis* traceability as that is what this rule is trying to address. Discussion was held to better protect producers in case a ram without *B. ovis* testing is taken out of slaughter channels and kept for breeding. In the past year only 6 cases of *B. ovis* suspect rams have been recorded. It was discussed to arrange meetings with the sheep growers, livestock markets and inspecting veterinarians to see how they would respond to this potential change.

Dr. Thompson gave a presentation on New World Screwworm (NWS). NWS was successfully eradicated from the US in 1966 using the sterile insect technique. A female fly will deposit eggs around wounds as small as a tick bite or in mucous membrane openings. NWS primarily infests livestock and wildlife but can also affect birds and occasionally impact humans. NWS is especially a concern for cattle moving from Mexico into the United States. Treatments are available but eradication is the best course of action. Currently, sterile flies are being released in strategic locations to prevent the northern spread of NWS infestations. The US and Mexico border has been closed to livestock movement.

Dr. Anderson updated the Board that the USDA Food Safety Inspection System (FSIS) audit branch finished conducting an on-site review of the South Dakota Meat Inspection Program (SDMI). The review spanned two weeks starting June 2, 2025; the purpose of the review is to determine if SDMI is "At Least Equal To" the federal system. The FSIS auditor found no issues with the program. During the on-site reviews, seven establishments were visited. The FSIS auditor identified minor findings. The SDMI also has a Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) program. With this program, plants can ship meat products across state lines. One establishment is in the process of becoming a CIS plant.

Dr. Thompson discussed the 2025 USAHA Annual meeting in Denver, CO. Lynn Boadwine moved to approve stipend and travel for board members interested in attending USAHA. Steven Rommereim seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Dr. Thompson reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement between the SDAIB and the Veterinary Medical Exam Board. Scot Eisenbraun moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement. Kevin Larson seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

President Bryan Nagel opened the floor for appointment of the State Veterinarian. Steven Rommereim moved to reappoint Dr. Beth S. Thompson as State Veterinarian. Scot Eisenbraun seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Dr. Thompson noted that the annual meeting is the time for board elections and opened the floor for nominations for President. Steven Rommereim moved to nominate Bryan Nagel as President. Bryan Nagel accepted the nomination. Scot Eisenbraun seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

President Bryan Nagel opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Joshua Kitzan moved to nominate Lynn Boadwine as Vice-President. Lynn Boadwine accepted the nomination. Steven Rommereim seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

12:07 pm Scot Eisenbraun, moved to enter executive session. Joshua Kitzan seconded. A voice vote was taken. The board approved the Boards staff veterinary salary policy. Executive session ended at 12:47 p.m.

At 12:48 PM, President Nagel adjourned the meeting.

Bryan Nagel, President
Animal Industry Board

Beth S. Thompson, JD, DVM
State Veterinarian and Executive Secretary