

# **South Dakota State Brand Board AGENDA**

**January 22, 2026 - 1:30 p.m. CT**  
**411 S Fort Street, Pierre SD**

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## **Call to Order**

## **Adopt Agenda**

## **Action Items:**

- A. Minutes: December 10, 2025
- B. Financial Report

## **Reports:**

- A. Brand Enforcement
- B. Brand Inspections
- C. Director's Report

## **Open Comment**

## **Holds**

## **Legislative Update - HB 1020 Inspection Fee**

## **Open Market – Herreid Livestock**

## **Schedule Next Board Meeting**

## **Executive Session: SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal**

## **Adjourn:**

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

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**South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2025**

The South Dakota Brand Board meet on December 10, 2025, in Rapid City, SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck, and Jake Longbrake. Member Jarrod Johnson was absent. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, Amy Hatheway, Cindy Longbrake, Tom Costello, Doris Lauing and Cheyenne Tant.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Spring to adopt agenda as amended, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Motion by Longbrake to adopt the Brand Board Meeting Minutes of the October 8, 2025 and November 21, 2025 meetings, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of November 30, 2025. Motion by Spring to approve the Financial Report as presented, second by Longbrake. Motion carried.

**Fund Balance:**

- Brand Fund \$2,887,400.21
- Inspection Fund \$288,741.02
- Theft Prevention Fund – Restricted - Ownership to be established - \$302,408.95  
Unrestricted – \$107,020.36

**Year to Date Revenue/Expenses/Transfers:**

- Brand Fund: Revenue - \$228,555, Expenses - \$167,141  
Transferred Out to Inspection Fund - \$400,000
- Inspection Fund: Revenue - \$539,608, Expenses - \$861,811  
Transferred In from Brand Fund \$400,000  
Expenses: Personnel - \$701,813  
Travel - \$72,847  
Contractual Services - \$71,242.3  
Supplies and Materials - \$15,908
- Theft Prevention Fund: Restricted – Received \$21,733; Paid Out \$26,236  
Unrestricted – Received \$25,321; Expenses \$100.

**Brand Enforcement Report:** Investigator Masters reported receiving more missing reports as is typical in the fall – If owner of missing livestock requests to be contacted, they also do a follow up call to verify if any livestock have been found; Shipper Permit violations are down due to investigator follow-ups; Investigator Olson reported on sale barn visits, road check, States Attorney charged out case he submitted; Director Trapp reported that Brand Inspection Supervisor Brindley has been assisting Motor Carrier, at the Tilford Port of Entry, with verifying correct livestock ownership inspection documents. Also discussed ongoing training requirements.

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Brand Inspection Report: Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for November 2025 as follows: Livestock Markets – 219,674 head, Locker Plants 216 head, Locals – 82,895 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 35 head, for a total of 302,820 head. Year to date inspections are 542,097 head which ranks the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest out of the past five years.

Director Trapp reported the following: Deepest condolences to Full time Brand Inspector Logan Vogt in the loss of her husband; Governor Rhoden presented his FY 27 Budget – no salary increases proposed; Bureau of Information and Technology (BIT) phone line cost will be increasing from \$41.00/line to \$47.00/line; BIT has done a great job making progress on the new webpage; Mitten Software is continuing work on resolving issue of data synchronization with the electronic inspection program; Thank you to the brand inspectors for their dedication to the program; Attended Ad Hoc Meetings and SD Cattlemen's Annual Convention; Brand Book – making modifications to column size due to numerous brand owners names listed on some brands

Open Comment: Doris Lauing asked about the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Draft Concept for structure of the Brand Board and Brand Board leasing new office space, Cheyenne Tant commented the draft was to gather industries' thoughts. Tom Costello asked about proposed legislation.

Director Trapp presented information on individual holds where ownership had not been established in at least 12 months for date of sale: BB 506 Belle Fourche Livestock – One Bull - \$1,192.19; BB 615 Belle Fourche Livestock – One Calf - \$807.43; BB 623 Ft Pierre Livestock – Two Black Steer Calves - \$2,532.92; BB 664 – Philip Livestock – One Black Cow - \$613.20; BB 670 Presho Livestock – One Horse - \$295.90; BB 672 Presho Livestock – One Horse - \$620.57; BB 681 Belle Fourche Livestock – One Cow - \$1,169.39. Motion by Spring, to transfer funds as presented, from Restricted to Unrestricted in the Theft Prevention Fund, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Pres Vance explained legislation to increase the cap on livestock ownership inspections will be an agency bill for the 2026 Legislative Session. Legislative Research Council has prepared a draft, to SDCL 40-18-16, which proposes to increase the cap from \$1.00/head to \$1.65/head.

Director Trapp presented information on SD Open Markets regarding number of head inspected and cost of providing inspection services. SDCL 40-20-28 allows for the Brand Board to charge a fee if the current revenue from inspections at the open market does not cover the cost. Motion by Spring, to charge in-state open markets a quarterly fee, if expenses exceed revenues at their in-state open market, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025, at 11:00 am CT in Pierre, SD.

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Motion by Spring to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 12:52 p.m. second by Longbrake. Motion carried. Came out at 1:55 p.m.

Discussed Salary Policy for Part-time and Local Inspectors. No action taken.

As no other business came before the board, Pres. Vance declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Vance, President

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Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on \_\_\_\_\_.

Unapproved

## South Dakota Brand Board

December 31, 2025

	Balance
<b>Brand Fund</b>	\$ 2,869,859.77
<b>Inspection Fund</b>	\$ 486,218.84
<b>Theft Prevention Fund</b>	
Ownership to be established	\$ 291,816.83
Unrestricted	\$ 119,770.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$ 3,767,665.95</u>

### \*INSPECTION FUND - Funds Transferred In

Fiscal Year 2026	\$400,000 from Brand Fund
Fiscal Year 2025	\$500,000 from Brand Fund
Fiscal Year 2025 & FY 2024	\$150,000 from Theft Prevention Fund

## Brand Fund

### Monthly Revenue and Expense FY 26

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY to Date
<b>Rev</b>	\$ 39,496	\$ 103,953	\$ 13,190	\$ 24,271	\$ 47,645	\$ 20,350	\$ 248,905
<b>Exp</b>	\$ 42,421	\$ 42,921	\$ 19,017	\$ 42,236	\$ 20,546	\$ 37,890	\$ 205,031
<b>Transfer</b>		\$ (150,000)		\$ (250,000)			\$ (400,000)
<b>Net</b>	\$ (2,925)	\$ (88,968)	\$ (5,827)	\$ (17,965)	\$ 27,099	\$ (17,540)	\$ (106,127)

### Monthly Revenue and Expense FY 25

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY to Date
<b>Rev</b>	\$ 9,232	\$ 75,974	\$ 7,497	\$ 5,664	\$ 22,808	\$ 355,388	\$ 476,563
<b>Exp</b>	\$ 41,693	\$ 44,493	\$ 20,368	\$ 47,477	\$ 52,759	\$ 31,781	\$ 238,571
<b>Transfer</b>		\$ (200,000)					\$ (200,000)
<b>Net</b>	\$ (32,461)	\$ (168,519)	\$ (12,871)	\$ (41,813)	\$ (29,951)	\$ 323,607	\$ 37,992

**Brand Inspection Fund**  
**Monthly Revenue and Expense FY 26**

	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Rev</b>	\$ 96,268	\$ 90,433	\$ 55,728	\$ 70,079	\$ 183,083	\$ 441,890	\$ 937,480
<b>Exp</b>	\$ 149,806	\$ 219,281	\$ 101,978	\$ 254,587	\$ 120,887	\$ 410,507	\$ 1,257,046
<b>Net</b>	\$ (53,539)	\$ (128,848)	\$ (46,250)	\$ (184,508)	\$ 62,196	\$ 31,383	\$ (319,566)
<b>Transfer In</b>		\$ 150,000		\$ 250,000			\$ 400,000
<b>Number Inspected</b>	78,642	41,099	44,281	75,255	302,820	315,682	857,779
<b>Expense / Head</b>	\$1.90	\$5.34	\$2.30	\$3.38	\$0.40	\$1.30	\$1.47

**Monthly Revenue and Expense FY 25**

	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>FY to Date</b>
<b>Rev</b>	\$ 91,288	\$ 77,284	\$ 89,205	\$ 62,517	\$ 478,662	\$ 242,091	\$ 1,041,047
<b>Exp</b>	\$ 158,271	\$ 233,397	\$ 92,726	\$ 181,074	\$ 344,558	\$ 105,693	\$ 1,115,719
<b>Net</b>	\$ (66,983)	\$ (156,113)	\$ (3,521)	\$ (118,557)	\$ 134,104	\$ 136,398	\$ (74,672)
<b>Transfer In</b>	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000					\$ 250,000
<b>Number Inspected</b>	82,626	49,480	82,664	121,276	312,929	230,213	879,188
<b>Expense / Head</b>	\$1.92	\$4.72	\$1.12	\$1.49	\$1.10	\$0.46	\$1.27

## Theft Prevention Fund

### Restricted - Amount Held for Others FY 26

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY to Date
Received	\$ 2,037	\$ 6,040		\$ 8,044	\$ 5,613	\$ 2,158	\$ 23,891
Paid Out			\$ 26,236				\$ 26,236
Ownership not Established				\$ 9,852		\$ 12,750	\$ 22,603
Net	\$ 2,037	\$ 6,040	\$ (26,236)	\$ (1,809)	\$ 5,613	\$ (10,592)	\$ (24,948)

### Unrestricted FY 26

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	FY to Date
Unrestricted Proceeds	\$ -			\$ 9,852		\$ 12,750	\$ 22,602
Interest Earned		\$ 15,469					\$ 15,469
Expenses	\$ 79				\$ 21		\$ 100
Operating Transfer Out							\$ -
Net	\$ (79)	\$ 15,469	\$ -	\$ 9,852	\$ (21)	\$ 12,750	\$ 37,971

**SD BRAND INSPECTION REPORT**  
**Current and Previous Fiscal Year**  
**January 1, 2025**

**FY2026**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>LIVESTOCK MARKETS</b>	<b>LOCKERS</b>	<b>LOCAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>HORSE LIFETIME PERMITS</b>	<b>TOTAL INSPECTED</b>	<b>HOLDS</b>
July - 25	55,116	507	22,928	91	78,642	2,229
August - 25	19,505	316	21,182	96	41,099	337
September - 25	28,694	170	15,252	165	44,281	1,148
October - 25	35,875	470	38,783	127	75,255	475
November - 25	219,674	216	82,895	35	302,820	389
December - 25	181,623	321	133,686	52	315,682	2,183
January - 26					-	
February - 26					-	
March - 26					-	
April - 26					-	
May - 26					-	
June - 26					-	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>540,487</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>314,726</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>857,779</b>	<b>6,761</b>

**FY2025**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>LIVESTOCK MARKETS</b>	<b>LOCKERS</b>	<b>LOCAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>HORSE LIFETIME PERMITS</b>	<b>TOTAL INSPECTED</b>	<b>HOLDS</b>
July - 24	52,374	648	29,320	284	82,626	1,301
August - 24	24,844	375	23,952	309	49,480	94
September - 24	40,497	200	41,755	212	82,664	167
October - 24	59,231	291	61,608	146	121,276	402
November - 24	227,786	311	84,744	88	312,929	750
December - 24	163,965	249	65,929	70	230,213	1,120
January - 25	91,587	659	28,385	130	120,761	399
February - 25	95,783	391	43,803	64	140,041	1,439
March - 25	94,904	783	48,613	35	144,335	494
April - 25	69,749	510	41,511	57	111,827	2,173
May - 25	51,717	424	42,784	102	95,027	2,080
June - 25	47,785	556	40,388	133	88,862	2,942
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,020,222</b>	<b>5,397</b>	<b>552,792</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,580,041</b>	<b>13,361</b>

**SD Brand Inspection Report**  
**Inspection History and Averages**  
**January 1, 2025**

**Year to Date Comparison**

	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>JULY</b>	94,457	99,088	78,546	82,626	78,642	86,672
<b>AUGUST</b>	76,117	40,359	54,971	49,480	41,099	52,405
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	97,974	73,970	66,368	82,664	44,281	73,051
<b>OCTOBER</b>	134,789	111,860	99,888	121,276	75,255	108,614
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	338,154	271,593	242,217	312,929	302,820	293,543
<b>DECEMBER</b>	317,131	242,093	295,298	230,213	315,682	280,083
<b>JANUARY</b>						-
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						-
<b>MARCH</b>						-
<b>APRIL</b>						-
<b>MAY</b>						-
<b>JUNE</b>						-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,058,622</b>	<b>838,963</b>	<b>837,288</b>	<b>879,188</b>	<b>857,779</b>	<b>894,368</b>

26.419.9 101st Legislative Session 1020



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1020

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources*

**An Act to increase the maximum amount allowable for the livestock ownership inspection fee and to declare an emergency.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

**Section 1. That § 40-18-16 be AMENDED:**

**40-18-16.** The board may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to:

- (1) Describe prohibited brand symbols for various types of livestock and identify locations on animals where a brand is permitted;
- (2) Provide for the registration, transfer, and renewal of livestock brands;
- (3) Establish a brand registration fee not to exceed fifty dollars;
- (4) Establish a brand renewal fee not to exceed ~~eighteen~~;
  - (a) Eighteen dollars per year; ~~or a brand renewal fee not to exceed ninety~~
  - (b) Ninety dollars for each five-year ownership period ~~and~~;
- (5) Establish a brand transfer fee not to exceed fifty dollars;
- ~~(5)(6)~~ Establish an ownership inspection fee not to exceed one dollar and sixty-five cents for each head of livestock;
- ~~(6)(7)~~ Establish recordable livestock brands;
- ~~(7)(8)~~ Establish law enforcement, ownership inspection, and transportation requirements within or without the ownership inspection area;
- ~~(8)(9)~~ Establish a duplicate certificate fee not to exceed twenty dollars;
- ~~(9)(10)~~ Establish a mileage fee for inspectors not to exceed the rate set pursuant to § 3-9-1;
- ~~(10)(11)~~ Establish an inspection fee for livestock located outside the ownership inspection area not to exceed one dollar and sixty-five cents for each head of livestock; and

~~(11)~~(12) Establish a brand registration application fee not to exceed fifty dollars.

**Section 2.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Underscores indicate new language.

Overstrikes indicate deleted language.