

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021

The South Dakota Brand Board met on June 9, 2021. Members present were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Dave Koupal, Lyle Spring, and David Paul. Brand Board staff present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Cody Ramsey, and Bob Haivala. Others present via remote access or in person were Bart Blum, Jerry Senn, and Brian Jaegar. The meeting was available via Zoom in keeping with the recommended social distancing for COVID 19.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of May 31, 2021. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$2,080,219.24; Brand Inspection Fund \$537,540.25; Theft and Prevention Fund \$278,950.13. Motion by Koupal to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Trapp provided the following Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 04/07/21 to 06/09/21 which Zilverberg has prepared: New Cases – 8, Active Cases – 12, Cases Closed - 10, Informational Reports – 16, Missing Livestock Reports – 2; Number of Cattle Reported Missing – 14 head.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for April 2021: Livestock Markets – 78,577 head, Locker Plants 451 head, Locals – 33,247 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 26 head, for a total of 112,301 head. FY 21 is #3 in comparison with the last seven years. Ramsey contacted the SD High School Rodeo Association and provided information on brand inspection requirements for livestock leaving the SD brand inspection area.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Condolences to Kim and Doug Paxton and their family in the loss of Doug's father-in-law; A retirement party is planned for Jim Holloway of Faith on Monday, June 21st at 5:00 pm MT – Faith Livestock has rented the VFW for the party; Brand Inspector trainings are scheduled for June and July; the Brand Board's Annual report was presented to the Government Operations and Audit Committee; Dave Anderson is scheduled to work in the office June 22 & 23; Working on notifications as Nebraska no longer has open markets for SD horses – horses will need to be brand inspected prior to leaving the SD brand inspection area to go horse sale in Nebraska.

Haivala reported that he had contacted Lance Russell, States Attorney for Oglala Lakota County, as a follow up to see if a meeting could be scheduled. Russell advised that he had contacted the Oglala Tribal Attorney General twice and had not received a call back. Russell to see if an Oglala County Commissar could also try to contact the Tribal Attorney General.

Motion by Williams to table Joseph and Laney Waln's Rodeo Stock Permit Application as they were not in attendance, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

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Hold Hearing BB #534 – Belle Fourche Livestock – One Cow. Ramsey presented information on the hold. Jerry Senn stated the proceeds from the sale of one cow were his as he had purchased the cow at Faith Livestock. After discussion, motion by Williams to table until next meeting to obtain additional information, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #324 – Faith Livestock – Three Black Cows. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$2,709.31 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #348 – Philip Livestock – One Red Heifer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,043.10 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #352 – Faith Livestock – One Black Cow. Motion by Koupal to table item until next meeting to obtain additional information, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #355– Belle Fourche Livestock – One Black Cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Koupal to escheat \$876.45 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #383- Belle Fourche Livestock – One Roping Steer. No action taken as ownership has been determined.

Hold Hearing BB #470 – Valentine Livestock – One Heifer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Koupal to escheat \$928.68 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #474 – Philip Livestock – One Mare. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$70.18 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB# 486. Hold was resolved prior to the meeting.

Hold Hearing BB#509 – Philip Livestock – One Cow and One Calf. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$911.81 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Open Comment: Bart Blum asked the Board to consider annual permits for 4-H club calves. The permit would allow 4-H club calves, after an initial inspection, to leave the brand inspection area without getting a brand inspection each time.

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Pres. Vance presented Bart Blum with a plaque and 2020 Brand Book in appreciation for Bart's years of service on the Brand Board and service to producers.

Next Regular meeting is set for July 19, 2021 in Rapid City at 10:00 am MT or 11:00 am CT.

Motion Koupal to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 3:13 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 4:50 p.m.

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

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.

NOT APPROVED