

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021

The South Dakota Brand Board met on November 18, 2021 in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, and David Paul. Dave Koupal was present via remote access. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Cody Ramsey, Shorty Zilverberg, Bob Haivala, Amy Hatheway, Royal Addison, Michael Jones, and Jake Schofield. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of October 31, 2021. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$2,038,104.10; Brand Inspection Fund \$412,687.52; Theft and Prevention Fund \$265,253.84. Motion by Koupal to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 10:12 a.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 11:35 a.m.

Zilverberg provided the following Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 09/08/21 to 11/18/21: New Cases –10, Active Cases – 18, Cases Closed - 7, Cases submitted to States Attorneys – 1, Informational Reports – 21, Missing Livestock Reports: Cattle – 149 head, Horses – 1 head, Sheep - 17 head. Found – 15 head of cattle. Koupal questioned Zilverberg about road checks.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for October 2021: Livestock Markets – 101,832 head, Locker Plants 363 head, Locals – 32,540 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 54 head, for a total of 134,789 head. FY 22 Year to Date is #1 in comparison with the last seven years.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Condolences to Kyle Rossow and his family for the loss of Kyle's father and to Cody Ramsey and family for the loss of his grandmother. Zane Snyder, Full Time Brand Inspector at Burke Livestock resigned at the end of September. Ramsey is working on hiring another full-time inspector. Thank you to Rich Grimm for covering the inspection duties at Burke and to Becky Hoffine for also assisting with the inspection duties at Burke Livestock. It has been an extremely busy fall and thank you to all the brand inspectors and staff. Tom Hughson is the new Chief Investigator for Nebraska. Notifications will be sent out to those who did not renew their brands as the rerecord period ends May 1, 2022. R. Jones, Rossow, Ramsey and Zilverberg completed a violation inspection on several hundred head in eastern SD and Rossow also completed another violation inspection on livestock shipped to Aberdeen that had left the brand inspection area without an inspection.

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Hold Hearing BB #392 – Gordon Livestock – Three Paint Geldings. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$493.23 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #401 – Belle Fourche Livestock – Two Heifers. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,246.71 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #442 – Faith Livestock – One Baldy Calf. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$686.91 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #445 – Faith Livestock – One Gelding. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey resolved the hold prior to the meeting date, therefore, no action taken.

Hold Hearing BB #448– Ft. Pierre Livestock – Five Black BWF Heifers. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,663.43 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #495 – St. Onge Livestock – One Bay Gelding. Tabled. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey to again contact Pam Oster, seller of the horse.

Hold Hearing BB #498 - St. Onge Livestock – One Baldy Cow. Tabled. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey to get Market Clearance from brand inspector at Faith.

Hold Hearing BB #505– Presho Livestock – One Black Steer. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$1,167.65 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #510– Ft. Pierre Livestock – One Black Cow. Seller provided proof of ownership therefore hold was resolved prior to the meeting and no action taken.

Hold Hearing BB #548– Mobridge Livestock – One Cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,067.64 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #549– Mobridge Livestock – One Cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$600.40 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Vance. Motion carried.

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Motion by Williams to approve 4 His Glory LLC, as an open market locker plant in Hay Springs, NE, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Koupal to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 12:55 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 1:57 p.m.

Salary Policy: Establish a committee to review current part-time/local brand inspectors salary policy. Vance and Williams to serve in addition to part-time/local brand inspectors.

Open Comment: None

Next Regular meeting is set for January 12, 2022 in Rapid City at 10:00 am MT.

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 _____.