

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022

The South Dakota Brand Board met on March 16, 2022, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, Dave Koupal and David Paul. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Cody Ramsey, Shorty Zilverberg, Bob Haivala, Amy Hatheway, Bob Mercer. The meeting was available via Zoom.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Koupal to adopt agenda as amended, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the January 12, 2022, meeting, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of February 28, 2022. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,995,322.60; Brand Inspection Fund \$643,974.89; Theft and Prevention Fund \$267,882.48. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Zilverberg provided the following Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 01/01/22 to 03/11/22: New Cases – 6, Active Cases – 21, Cases Closed - 6, Convictions – 1, Arrests – 3, Cases submitted to States Attorneys – 2, Informational Reports – 9, Missing Livestock Reports: Cattle – 45 head, Found – 1 head of cattle.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for February 2022: Livestock Markets – 101,471 head, Locker Plants 384 head, Locals – 58,434 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 64 head, for a total of 160,353 head. FY 22 Year to Date Number of Head Inspected #1 in comparison to the previous six years.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Bryan Bunker has graduated from Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Full-Time Brand Inspector position at Burke is vacant; Matt Kammerer, SD Stockgrower's Brand Committee Chair has invited us to speak at their Brand Committee meeting in New Underwood on March 23rd; Received a positive response from Motor Carrier in working jointly on road checks.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 10:31 a.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 11:37 a.m.

As no owners came forward to prove ownership, motion by Koupal to escheat the following amounts from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring: BB #314 - \$951.87, BB #350 - \$637.47, BB #395 - \$1,014.39, BB #402 - \$3,601.59, BB #422 - \$815.20, BB #435 - \$236.95, BB #447 - \$878.40, BB #454 - \$851.53, BB #483 - \$666.27, BB #487 - \$1,118.18, BB #488 - \$1,051.23, BB #490 - \$1,268.12. Motion Carried.

Open Comment: Williams asked about hide inspections at locker plants.

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Salary Policy: Director Trapp to schedule salary policy committee meeting and prepare salary policy options.

Motion by Williams to pay currently employed brand inspectors a mileage bonus of \$0.14/mile for local mileage and \$.07/mile for livestock market mileage if other than duty station, for May 2021 to January 2022 mileage, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Brand Conflicts: Williams and Spring to serve on committee to review brand conflict policy.

Next Regular meeting is set for April 20, 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 _____.