

**South Dakota Brand Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2022**

The South Dakota Brand Board met on November 18, 2022, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, David Paul, and Haven Stuck. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via Zoom were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, and Richard Shore.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Open Comments: None

Director Trapp presented information on Hold BB#583 – Ft. Pierre Livestock – One Black Cow. Motion by Williams to pay Mike Nelson \$990.43, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Investigator Shore gave the Brand Enforcement report: Open Cases – 6; Closed Cases –36 for a Total of 42 cases. Warning letters have been sent to producers who were late in obtaining shipper permits; Assisted a Livestock Market in recovering payment in the amount of \$114,000 for 92 head of livestock; Two head of livestock were recovered that had been branded by a producer's neighbor in error.

Motion by Stuck to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 12:06 p.m., second by Paul. Motion carried. Came out at 1:02 p.m.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for October 2022: Livestock Markets – 48,987 head, Locker Plants 184 head, Locals – 62,617 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 72 head, for a total of 111,860 head. Year to date inspections for FY 23, ranks the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest out of 7 years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Have received information of livestock being shipped out of the inspection area without getting inspected – violation inspections have been or are scheduled to be completed; Interviews have been completed for the brand inspection program manager position; Shawn Harris had been hired as the full-time inspector stationed at St. Onge Livestock; The State is moving to Microsoft Teams Audio for the phone system; Thank you to Dave Anderson and Matt Clair for assisting with reviewing tallies and holds; Received a phone call from a producer stating they have received good service from brand inspectors and hopes the Brand Board continues to operate as a Board and not within another state agency.

Haivala reported a brand conflict between producers was not resolved.

Motion by Spring to approve the September 21, 2022 Minutes, second by Paul. Motion carried.

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Director Trapp presented financial information as of October 31, 2022. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,903,656.87; Brand Inspection Fund \$480,671.93; Theft and Prevention Fund \$352,267.18. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Next Regular meeting is set for January 11, 2023, in Rapid City. Brand Conflict Hearing to start at 10:00 am MT.

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