

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022

The South Dakota Brand Board met on April 20, 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, Bob Haivala, and Mike Stroup. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of March 31, 2022. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,987,435.00; Brand Inspection Fund \$772,351.81; Theft and Prevention Fund \$287,978.31. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Trapp presented Zilverberg's Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 03/16/22 to 04/20/22 as Zilverberg was attending the Joint Police Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Conference: New Cases – 2, Active Cases – 11, Cases Closed - 12, Convictions – 1, Outstanding Warrants – 1, Informational Reports – 4, Missing Livestock Reports: Cattle – None reported missing or found, Horses – Missing 8 head, Sheep – Missing 40 head. On 03/23/22, an individual pled guilty to one count of Removing Stock from the SD Brand Inspection Area without a brand inspection - \$500.00 fine plus \$96.50 court costs, 30 days in jail suspended with conditions. Currently have four court cases, four violations and several counties with open investigations.

Attorney Haivala stated he would be speaking briefly at the States' Attorney conference in May. One item of discussion will be the importance of enforcing brand laws.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for March 2022: Livestock Markets – 78,540 head, Locker Plants 1,322 head, Locals – 46,620 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 59 head, for a total of 126,541 head. FY 22 Year to Date Number of Head Inspected #1 in comparison to the previous six years. Motion by Williams to accept the brand inspection report as presented, second by Spring. Motion Carried.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: We are still advertising for a Full Time Brand Inspector located in Burke; Ramsey, Williams and myself attended the Stockgrower's Brand Committee meeting on March 23rd in New Underwood, several people were in attendance. We answered a variety of questions – one person in attendance suggested Brand Registration fees be set at \$500.00; Gave a brief overview of the Brand Board to the Pierre Leadership group; Thank you to Randi Krause of Abilene TX for sending a 1943 SD Brand Book that had belonged to her grandfather who was a brand inspector for Idaho; May 1, 2022 is deadline to re record brands registrations; Motor Carrier has offered to setup joint road checks with Brand Board – 3 dates are

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scheduled in June. Motion by Spring to accept the Director's Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Mike Stroup addressed the Board regarding a brand registration. The brand was registered in his deceased father's name and was not renewed during the 2020 renewal period. Stroup stated that he had paid the renewal for several of the previous renewal years. The Board advised that May 1, 2022 is the deadline to re-record a brand registration and suggested he re-record the brand and then work on changing the registration. Stroup asked about allowing the brand to cancel and then applying for the brand under his name. Members of the board explained that he risks not getting the brand back if he decides not to re-record before the deadline.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 11:44 a.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. Came out at 12:55 p.m.

Open Comment: None.

Next Regular meeting is set for June 8, 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 _____.