

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 11, 2023, 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, Richard Shore, Bryan Hanson, Matt Kammerer, Glen King, Rick Fox, Ken Knuppe.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Open Comments: Matt Kammerer commented on inspections at a livestock market.

Director Trapp presented information on Hold BB#584 – Ft. Pierre Livestock – \$2,449.23 for three Cows. The seller did not provide proof of ownership, and in error, Ft. Pierre Livestock paid the seller the proceeds. Ft. Pierre Livestock paid the amount of the hold to the Brand Board to correct the error. Bryan Hanson, from Ft. Pierre Livestock, asked the Board to return the hold money to Ft. Pierre Livestock. As proof of ownership had not been established, motion by Spring to transfer funds to Unrestricted in Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Vance. Motion carried. Bryan Hanson then requested funds be taken from the Theft and Prevention Fund and paid to Ft. Pierre Livestock. Attorney Haivala advised there is no provision in law to allow this.

Investigator Shore gave the Brand Enforcement report: 14 new cases since the last Brand Board meeting -7 remain open and 7 have been closed. One case may result in felony charges; he has been getting several calls on an ongoing civil case.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for December 2022: Livestock Markets – 189,044 head, Locker Plants 279 head, Locals – 52,757 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 13 head, for a total of 242,093 head. Year to date inspections for FY 23 ranks the lowest in seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Condolences to Amy Hatheway and her family as her father passed away; if an opening is available, Matt Clair may be able to attend the Law Enforcement Training Academy starting in March, 2023; Logan Behnk has been hired as a Brand Inspector in the Burke area; Matt Clair and I will be working with Walt Brindley at the Horse Sale – check in is on January 26th with sales on January 27th and 28th.

Motion by Spring to approve the November 18, 2022 Minutes, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of December 31, 2022. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,867,670.08; Brand Inspection Fund \$631,158.52; Theft and Prevention Fund \$392,958.11. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Spring. Motion carried.

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Brand Conflicts – Williams and Spring will review brand conflicts and make recommendation to the board.

Motion by Stuck to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 12:22 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 12:46 p.m. Motion by Williams to cancel the DAY brand due to conflict with previously recorded brand, per SDCL 40-19-17, second by Spring. Roll Call Vote: Paul – Yes, Spring – Yes, Stuck – No, Vance – Yes, Williams – Yes. Motion carried.

The FY 23 Legislative Session was discussed.

Motion by Williams to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 1:06 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 2:08 p.m.

Next Regular meeting is set for February 15, 2023, in Rapid City at 1:00 p.m. 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 _____.