

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2023

The South Dakota Brand Board met on February 15, 2023, in Rapid City, SD. Members present in person were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, and Haven Stuck. David Paul was absent. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via Zoom were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, Richard Shore and Amy Hatheway.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Open Comments: None

Investigator Shore gave the Brand Enforcement report: 17 new cases in the last month -10 remain open and 7 have been closed. Brand Inspectors are doing a good job recovering strays – 16 Recovered Stray Reports with 36 head being recovered. Two new cases of producers leaving the ownership inspection area without inspections.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for January 2023: Livestock Markets – 88,369 head, Locker Plants 422 head, Locals – 79,460 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 37 head, for a total of 168,288 head. Year to date inspections for FY 23 ranks the lowest in seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Matt Clair has spent many hours and made several phone calls assisting producers to resolve holds. As a result, 12 holds in the amount of \$27,182 were cleared. Four applications have been received for part-time brand inspector positions; Matt Clair and I assisted Walt Brindley at the Black Hills Stock Show Horse Sale; A replacement cattle brand and a horse brand have been approved for Luke Day; Working on establishing District Supervisors and regions.

Motion by Spring to approve the January 11, 2023 Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes and the January 11, 2023 Brand Conflict Hearing Minutes, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of January 31, 2023. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,863,027.96, Brand Inspection Fund \$688,995.72; Theft and Prevention Fund \$405,395.20. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Discussed recommended brand conflict guidelines. Motion by Spring to approve conflict guideline as presented, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

The FY 23 Legislative Session was discussed.

As ownership was not established and no owners came forward to prove ownership within one year or more from sale date, motion by Williams to escheat the following from Amount Held for

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Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, BB#359 - \$1,198.52; BB#389 - \$5,432.19; BB#432 - \$392.55; BB#437 - \$879.09; BB#496 - \$586.85; BB#501 - \$1,299.16; BB#507 - \$471.16; BB#559 - \$425.21; BB#560 - \$719.19; BB#562 - \$699.32; BB#572 - \$782.97, second by Spring. Motion Carried.

Motion by Spring to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 12:07 p.m., second by Vance. Motion carried. Came out at 12:35 p.m.

Next Regular meeting is set for May 3, 2023, in Rapid City at 1:30 p.m. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.