

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2023

The South Dakota Brand Board met on July 6, 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 remotely were Debbie Trapp, Robert Haivala, Tim Quinn, Adam Masters, Amy Hatheway, Jason Ostenson.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Williams to adopt agenda with the addition of Oath of Office, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Director Trapp administered the Oath of Office to Scott Vance.

Director Trapp asked for nominations for Board President. Motion by Williams to nominate Vance for Board President, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Stuck that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Vance, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Pres. Vance asked for nominations for Vice President. Motion by Spring to nominate Williams for Board Vice President, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Williams, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Robert Haivala commented on consideration of Legacy or Historical Brand Registrations.

Motion by Spring to approve the June 7, 2023 Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of June 30, 2023. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,806,821.71, Brand Inspection Fund \$509,204.01; Theft Prevention Fund \$381,983.72 (\$190,965.04 ownership pending). Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Quinn reported on the following: Three Missing Livestock Reports; Submitted one case to a State's Attorney; Current Cases - Leaving the Brand Inspection Area with no inspection –three cases; No Change of Ownership Inspection – two cases.

Masters reported on contacting out of state producers who have Forest Service allotments regarding compliance with Grazing Permits; Current cases; Scheduling Road Checks; Visited with Montana Livestock Investigator.

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Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for June 2023: Livestock Markets –50,387 head, Locker Plants 315 head, Locals – 26,896 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 107 head, for a total of 77,705 head. FY 23 inspections are the lowest in seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director’s report: Thank you to Butte County Sheriff’s office for assisting with the Livestock Road Check west of Belle Fourche, Held a meeting with the three District Supervisors and Matt Clair; Scheduled inspector training meetings; Three software vendors have been contacted regarding an electronic program for local inspections; the National Junior Limousine Show will be in Rapid City July 7-13 and three inspectors are scheduled to do inspections on July 12th; Brand Applications received in June – 48; Application approved in June – 34; Health Insurance Cost have increased by \$1,920/employee; Attended a meeting for Law Enforcement Supervisors.

Motion by Williams to table Open Market Application for Bowman Auction Market - the application needs to be signed by owners, not an employee, and need documentation of selling 2,500 head the previous 12 months as per an Administrative Rule, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, to set the estray reimbursement rate for feed and mileage at \$4.00/day up to 10 days for feed and \$4.00/mile one way to nearest livestock market, second by Spring. Motion carried.

As ownership was not established and no owners came forward to prove ownership within one year or more from sale date, motion by Spring to escheat the following from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft Prevention Fund, BB#473 - \$938.11; BB#569 - \$904.67; BB#575 - \$820.20; BB#577 - \$553.00; BB#578 - \$660.64; BB#579 - \$635.65; BB#606 - \$1,348.83, second by Vance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Spring to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1)personnel at 3:24 p.m., second by Stuck. Motion carried. Came out at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Williams, to set Day Wage for Part-time Inspectors at \$165/day at livestock markets except Ft. Pierre Livestock which will be \$185.00/day, and Locker Plants inspectors at \$30/day, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Next Regular meeting is set for August 16, 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

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.

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