

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2023

The South Dakota Brand Board met on August 17, 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, Cleve Schmidt.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Paul to adopt agenda, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Country of Origin Labeling

Motion by Spring to approve the July 6, 2023 Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of July 31, 2023. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,776,781.15, Brand Inspection Fund \$413,728.39; Theft Prevention Fund - Ownership Pending - \$185,103.94, Total Fund Balance - \$381,792.23. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Spring Motion carried.

Investigator Quinn reported on violations he is working on.

Investigator Masters reported on working with producers, who have Forest Service grazing permits in SD, to complete the required forms; he has visited with some locker plants regarding the required ownership inspections.

Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit application was reviewed and discussed with Cleve Schmidt. Motion by Spring to approve Rodeo Stock Transportation Permit for Schmidt Rodeo Co., second by Paul. Motion carried.

Director Trapp gave the Brand Inspection Report for July 2023: Livestock Markets –52,233 head, Locker Plants 1,118 head, Locals – 24,993 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 202 head, for a total of 78,546 head.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Five brand inspector training meetings have been held with progressive discussions among the inspectors and supervisors, another training will be held September 5<sup>th</sup> in Ft. Pierre; Attended the International Livestock Identification Conference (ILIA) – gained valuable information regarding forensic brand aging, comparison of brand registration programs of Nebraska, Texas, Idaho, New Mexico; Brand board members are appointed by Governors in several states; Condolences to Jen Masters and her family as her mother passed away and also to Rio Jones as his grandmother passed away.

Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure per SDCL 3-23. Haven Stuck is part owner in law firm which represents Board of Regents. No other conflicts of interests were disclosed.

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Open Market Application from Bowman Livestock Marketing LLC – Required documentation has not been received. No action taken.

Motion by Spring to set wage for brand inspector training meetings at \$165.00 per day plus per diem, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented the proposed FY 25 Budget. Motion by Williams to approve FY 25 Budget of \$2,777,00, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Took 10 minute recess at 11:40 a.m.

Motion by Spring to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 11:52 a.m., second by Paul. Motion carried. Came out at 1:18 p.m.

Motion by Spring to approve a one-time additional duty pay of \$5,000.00 for Director Trapp, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Salary Policy for local inspectors tabled.

Next Regular meeting is set for September 13, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.