

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2024

The South Dakota Brand Board met on May 22, 2024 in Rapid City, SD. Members present were Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck and Jake Longbrake. Scott Vance joined the meeting by phone and then later by Zoom. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Robert Haivala, Raven Maltby, Tim Quinn, Matt Clair, Jim Wenning, Amy Hatheway, Cheyenne Tant, Cindy Longbrake, Raydelle Sperle, Doris Lauing, Chuck Willard, Vaughn Meyer,

Vice Pres. Williams called the meeting to order.

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

Open Comments: Raydelle Sperle, SD Stockgrowers, commented on wanting to work with the Brand Board, Shipper Permit requirements, and meeting with the Brand Board to discuss items before next legislative session; VP Williams commented on the suggestion made by Doris Lauing, at the March 27, 2024 Brand Board meeting regarding increasing brand renewal fees to generate additional revenue. VP Williams explained Brand Renewal Notices will be mailed this fall before the next legislative session, therefore, increasing brand renewal fees is not an option for the 2025 Brand Renewal period.

Brand Enforcement: Investigator Wenning reported the following - Investigators Masters, Quinn, and himself met with Director Trapp to discuss tentative dates for road checks, shipper permit violations are decreasing, 2 cases submitted to State Attorneys, Assisting Corson County Sheriff's office on theft case, working on Holds, Waiting to receive State Radio for vehicle, attended meeting in Winner with Brand Board staff and staff from Nebraska Brand Committee and conducted road check after the meeting.

Investigator Quinn reported: 2 cases submitted to States Attorneys, he also attended meeting in Winner.

Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for April 2024: Livestock Markets – 64,638 head, Locker Plants 403 head, Locals – 30,174 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 66 head, for a total of 95,281 head. Year to date inspection numbers the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest out of the past seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Condolences to Lee Hofland and his family as his father recently passed away; Condolences to Charlie Carlson as his sister passed away and to Frank Carlson as she was his aunt; Trainings are being scheduled for the State's new accounting system software - no date on the implementation of this program; Met with Director and Investigators from the Nebraska Brand Committee; Brand Inspector Training workshop was held in Winner; Randy Pritzkau, full time brand inspector in Faith, SD plans to retire within the next few months; Myself, Inspector Matt Clair, Investigator Masters, and Bob Haivala met with a locker plant owner to discuss brand inspection requirements; Search capabilities have been

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updated in the online brand book - now searches can be done by first name last name or by last name first name.

Motion by Spring to approve the Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of April 30, 2024. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,598,083.79; Brand Inspection Fund \$228,943.10; Theft Prevention Fund - Ownership to be established - \$253,794.94, Unrestricted - \$203,220.80. Director Trapp stated 15.9% of the fiscal year is remaining with 20.9% of the budget remaining. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Longbrake to amend the North Dakota Reciprocal Agreement to change the name of Lemmon Livestock to Lemmon Livestock Auction LLC, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Discussed the renewal of the Nebraska Open Market Reciprocal Agreement. No action taken as a locker plant is considering withdrawing their open locker plant status for Nebraska cattle.

Discussed changes to the Livestock Release form as follows: Add the requirement of two witnesses if not signed in the presence of a brand inspector and limit head count that can be listed on release form - cannot be used in place of a livestock ownership inspections. No action taken.

Discussed process for changing Lifetime Horse Travel Permits - request for authorization to proceed with rules hearing will be submitted to Sec. Roberts. If authorization is received, the Administrative Rules Hearing will be held on same date as Brand Board meeting. The next Brand Board meeting was set for July 10, 2024 at 11:00 am CT in Pierre.

Pres Vance joined the meeting via Zoom and began presiding over the meeting.

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#491 - Martin Livestock - one black cow - \$731.48; BB#585 - Ft. Pierre Livestock- one black steer - \$744.26; BB#587 - Burke Livestock - one black cow - \$716.74; BB#592 - Presho Livestock - one black cow - \$516.39; BB#594 - Martin Livestock - one steer - \$998.96; BB#597 - Mobridge Livestock - one black baldy cow - \$654.97; BB#613 - Philip Livestock - one gelding - \$169.89; BB#631 - Martin Livestock - one black cow - \$660.62; BB#647 -St. Onge Livestock - one black cow - \$596.59; BB#648 - Ft. Pierre Livestock - one black cow - \$582.55; BB#652 Ft. Pierre Livestock - one red cow - \$1,022.21, second by Williams. Motion Carried. Pres. Vance thanked Matt Clair for his work on researching holds.

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Discussed Brand Inspection Fund balance. Motion by Spring to authorize the use of Unrestricted Theft Prevention funds, down to a \$50,000 fund balance, to cover brand inspection fund expenses and then use funds from the Brand Fund, second by Longbrake. Motion carried.

With the passage of HB 1060, discussed the changes in how the mileage reimbursement and lodging rates will be set. The Bureau of Finance and Management will publish the travel reimbursement rates as set forth in HB 1060. Effective July 1, 2024, mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.655.

Next Brand Board meeting set for July 10, 2024 at 11:00 am CT in Pierre.

Pres. Vance declared a 5 min recess at 11:19 a.m.

Motion by Longbrake to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 11:26 a.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 1:21 p.m.

Pres. Vance informed the Board that he will be selling a brand he no longer needs.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.