

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024

The South Dakota Brand Board met on July 10, 2024 in Rapid City, SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck and Jake Longbrake. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Robert Haivala, Tim Quinn, Matt Clair, Amy Hatheway, Cheyenne Tant, Cindy Longbrake, Raydelle Sperle, Doris Lauing, Chuck Willard, Bob Mercer, Amber Haskew and Brent Belkham.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Spring to adopt agenda with addition of Brent/Jenny Belkham Rodeo Stock Permit Application, second by Longbrake. Motion carried.

Pres. Vance asked for a moment of silence in memory of Board Member Myron Williams and asked to keep the Williams Family - Mary, Marty, Monte, Misti and families – in your thoughts.

Director Trapp asked for nominations for Brand Board President. Vance was nominated. Motion by Stuck that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Vance, second by Longbrake. Motion carried.

Pres. Vance asked for nominations for Brand Board Vice President. Spring was nominated. Motion by Stuck that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Spring, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Open Comments: Amber Haskew, of AC Land and Cattle, commented on their missing/stolen livestock and suggested a flowchart, checklist, or free training videos be developed so producers know what to do if cattle are missing/stolen. She also commented on livestock missing over the past 18 years and possible legislation.

After discussion with Brent Belkham for his Rodeo Stock Permit application, motion by Longbrake to approve the permit, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve the Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of June 30, 2024. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,537,970.25; Brand Inspection Fund \$198,590.27; Theft Prevention Fund - Ownership to be established - \$247,493.17, Unrestricted – \$106,782.52. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Brand Enforcement: Investigator Masters reported no new cases submitted to States Attorneys but currently working on 2 cases to submit within the next few weeks; Has been working with producers, who have Forest Service Allotments, to complete Import Branded Cattle

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Applications; Started Road Checks - many out of state people do not realize brand inspections are required in the western half of SD; Continue to work with Sheriffs' departments to strengthen the program.

Investigator Quinn was elected as the Haakon County Sheriff and he stated he will know more, later this week regarding his end date with the Brand Board.

Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for June 2024: Livestock Markets – 45,733 head, Locker Plants 208 head, Locals – 44,989 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 169 head, for a total of 91,099 head. Year to date inspection numbers are the 6th lowest out of the past seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: Our deepest condolences to the Myron Williams Family - Thank you card was received from Mary Williams and family for the flowers sent by the Brand Board for Myron's service, Jason Ostenson has been hired as a full-time inspector in Faith as Randy Pritzkau will be retiring later this year, Jason will get additional training with the District Supervisor; Some staff will be attending the International Livestock Identification Conference next week in Billings, MT; An individual from northwestern SD would like the requirement for horse inspections removed - he has visited with a legislator to propose this change - he supports the inspection requirements for cattle; FY 24 Brand Stats - Applications received - 689, Applications approved - 597, Transfers - 643.

Reviewed Nebraska Brand Committee Reciprocal Agreement - As requested, Mid Dakota Meats, Winner SD was removed as an Open Locker Plant for Nebraska cattle. Motion by Spring to approve the Nebraska Reciprocal Agreement, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Discussed changes to the Livestock Release form - No action taken.

Director Trapp presented the Fiscal 2024 Year-end expenses. Amount budgeted in FY24 was \$2,881,784 and expenditures were \$2,638,466.

Pres Vance left the meeting due to another commitment and Vice Pres. Spring 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 Stuck to escheat the following from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft Prevention Fund: BB#516 - Winner Livestock - black steer calf - \$783.85; BB#582 - Belle Fourche Livestock- one cow - \$567.89; BB#593 - Ft. Pierre Livestock - one black cow - \$712.75; BB#612 - Belle Fourche Livestock - two calves - \$1571.62; BB#635 - St. Onge Livestock - two cows - \$1774.61; BB#639 - St. Onge Livestock - one cow - \$423.89; BB#659 - St. Onge Livestock - one cow - \$602.38; BB#675 - Ft. Pierre Livestock - one bull - \$1,212.56; BB#684 - Sisseton Livestock - one black bull- \$1163.46; BB#685 - Mobridge Livestock - spring calves no brand - \$934.95; BB#686 Mobridge Livestock

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- one black cow no brand - \$393.36; BB#711 - Mobridge Livestock - grey gelding - \$31.41, second by Longbrake. Motion Carried.

Salary Policy on Lifetime Permits - tabled until next meeting.

Director Trapp explained some Administrative Rules will need updated to reflect current statute numbers.

Next Brand Board meeting is set for August 14, 2024 as a tele-conference. Administrative Rules Hearing and Brand Board meeting is tentatively set for September 25, 2024 at 11:00 am CT in Pierre.

Motion by Spring to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 3:08 p.m., second by Longbrake. Motion carried. Came out at 4:02 p.m.

As no other business came before the board, Vice Pres. Spring declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.