

# South Dakota Brand Board

## Meeting Minutes

### July 9, 2025

The South Dakota Brand Board meet on July 9, 2025, in Rapid City, SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck. Members Jake Longbrake and Jarrod Johnson attended the meeting remotely. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Matt Clair, Adam Masters, Raydelle Sperle, Doris Lauing, Matthew Bogue, Isaac Cadet, Owen Olson, Cheyenne Tant, Farmers Union Representative. Bob Haivala joined the meeting later.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Director Trapp asked for nominations for Brand Board President. Scott Vance was nominated Motion by Johnson that nomination cease and cast unanimous ballot for Vance, second by Spring. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Longbrake to adopt the Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of June 30, 2025. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$3,228,843.08. Brand Inspection Fund \$247,167.57. Theft Prevention Fund - Ownership to be established - \$316,764.87; Unrestricted – \$81,799.30. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Brand Enforcement: Investigator Masters reported on the following: Met with Brand Inspection Supervisors – had good discussion on what information should be included on violation reports; Reviewed use of Affidavit for Ownership forms; Scheduled a Sheriff's training meeting for July 16<sup>th</sup> and will schedule two additional trainings - one in the southern hills area and one in the east side of inspection area. Investigator Olson reported currently has two pending cases and Investigator Cadet reported he currently has one pending case.

Brand Inspection Report: Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for June 2025 as follows: Livestock Markets – 47,785 head, Locker Plants 556 head, Locals – 40,388 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 133 head, for a total of 88,862 head. Year to date inspection numbers rank the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest out of the past seven years. Supervisor Clair reported 2 brand inspectors have been hired in the Faith area and one in the Winner area – they will begin training at the markets.

Pres Vance stated condolences to Marty Williams' family and to Mary Williams, Monte, Misti.

Open Comment: Doris Lauing asked about report of missing unbranded calf and stated that Haven Stuck was selected to receive "Riding for the Brand" award from the Stockgrowers;

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Raydele Sperle invited everyone to Stockgrower's Convention next Monday – Wednesday, thanked Matt Clair for his work on resolving holds and asked about road check schedule.

Supervisor Clair reviewed the Holds which ownership has not been established in over 12 months from date of sale. Motion by Spring to transfer funds from Restricted to Unrestricted in the Theft Prevention Fund for holds BB 462 – Two Calves, Belle Fourche Livestock, \$778.34; BB 497 – Two Steers, St. Onge Livestock, \$989.57; BB 523 – One Older Black Cow, Winner Livestock, \$962.20; BB 517 - One Black Cow, Mobridge Livestock, \$459.72; BB 550 – One Mare, Philip Livestock, \$259.88; BB 603 - One Cow, Martin Livestock, \$551.06; BB 658 - One Cow, St. Onge Livestock, \$621.15; BB 707 – One Black Cow, Mobridge Livestock, \$896.63, second by Vance. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented the FY 25 Year End Semi Final Total Expenditures as follows: Salaries - \$1,701,134; Benefits - \$401,358; Travel - \$252,359; Contractual Services \$217,328; Supplies & Materials \$64,608; Capital Outlay – \$14,016; Other/Transfers (Brand Fund to Inspection Fund) \$ 550,059. Total \$3,200,861.

SD Bureau of Information and Technology FY 26 rates were discussed.

Pres Vance declared a recess at 12:16 p.m. Pres Vance declared the meeting back in session at 12:30 p.m.

Discussed items for 2026 Legislation. Motion by Spring to submit for further consideration Increase Brand Inspection fee maximum, service fee for local inspections, annual ownership permit for bull breeders – one time inspection and then bulls can be transported outside inspection area at later date, additional fee for ownership inspections at special sales, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Next Brand Board meeting is set for August 14, 2025, at 11:00 am MT in Rapid City, SD.

Motion by Stuck to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 12:52 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 1:54 p.m.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.