

South Dakota Brand Board

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026

The South Dakota Brand Board met on January 22, 2026 in Pierre, SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck, and Jake Longbrake. Member Jarrod Johnson was absent. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, Amy Hatheway, Owen Olson, Doris Lauing, and Raydelle Sperle.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Pres. Vance stated agenda items Holds and Open Market be removed from agenda as Brand Inspection District Supervisor Clair could not attend the meeting. Motion by Spring to adopt agenda as amended, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Motion by Longbrake to approve the Brand Board Meeting Minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2025, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of December 31, 2025. Motion by Longbrake to approve the Financial Report as presented, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Fund Balance:

- Brand Fund \$2,869,859.77
- Inspection Fund \$486,218.84
- Theft Prevention Fund – Restricted - Ownership to be established - \$291,816.83
Unrestricted – \$119,770.51

Year to Date Revenue/Expenses/Transfers:

- Brand Fund: Revenue - \$248,905 Expenses - \$205,031
Transferred Out to Inspection Fund - \$400,000
- Inspection Fund: Revenue - \$937,480, Expenses - \$1,257,046
Transferred In from Brand Fund \$400,000
- Theft Prevention Fund: Restricted – Received \$23,891; Paid Out \$26,236
Unrestricted – Received \$38,071; Expenses \$100

Brand Enforcement Report: Investigator Olson reported three shipper permit violations; he contacted Motor Carrier to inquire about joint road checks. Director Trapp reported Investigator Masters had submitted a case to a State's Attorney, for an individual shipping livestock from the Ownership Inspection Area without an inspection.

Brand Inspection Report: Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for December 2025 as follows: Livestock Markets – 181,623 head, Locker Plants 321 head, Locals – 133,686 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 52 head, for a total of 315,682 head. Year to date inspections are 857,779 head, which ranks the 3rd lowest out of the past five years.

Director Trapp reported the following: Thank you cards were received from the following;

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Logan Vogt, full-time inspector, for the flowers sent by Brand Board for her husband's funeral; Rocky Lane Tibbs – retired full-time brand inspector, thanked the Board for his time working as a brand inspector, Shaw Ranch for assistance in registering a character brand that had been previously registered to a family member; Interviewing for full-time brand inspector position; many compliments have been received on the new website developed by Bureau of Information and Technology; testing new electronic inspection program in the office– developer is working on some revisions.

Open Comment: Stuck mentioned billing he had received, Raydelle Sperle, board member for Beef Council, explained it was for Beef Checkoff.

Pres Vance explained House Bill 1020 - to increase the cap on livestock ownership inspections from \$1.00/head to \$1.65/head. An Administrative Rules hearing would be required to establish the per head fee amount if the bill passes. HB 1020 passed the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and will move to the House floor.

Next Brand Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 11:00 am MT in Rapid City, SD.

Bob Haivala left the meeting at 2:26 pm.

Motion by Stuck to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel at 2:27 p.m. second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 3:11 p.m.

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

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.