

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2020

The South Dakota Brand Board met on September 30, 2020. Members present were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Bart Blum, and Lyle Spring. Dave Koupal was absent. Brand Board staff present were Debbie Trapp, Dan Bothwell, Shorty Zilverberg, Byron Bunker. Bob Haivala, legal counsel for the Board, was present via Zoom. Others present were Dani Hanson via Zoom. The meeting was available via Zoom in keeping with the recommended social distancing for COVID 19.

Pres.Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Blum to adopt the agenda, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams to approve minutes of the June 17, 2020 and August 20, 2020 meetings, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of August 31, 2020. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$2,165,642.52; Brand Inspection Fund \$415,528.89; Theft and Prevention Fund \$573,919.23. Motion by Blum to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Zilverberg reported on the following: Worked with Motor Carrier on three road checks located on the east side of the Missouri River – no brand or brand inspection violations were discovered: Has additional road checks scheduled; Contacted livestock investigators from bordering states to schedule joint road checks.

Bothwell presented the Brand Inspection Report for July/August 2020: Livestock Markets – 83,525 head, Locker Plants 812 head, Locals – 43,395 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 219 head, for a total of 127,951 head. Year to date numbers are down – FY 21 is #5 in comparison with the last seven years. Bothwell has visited some of the full time inspectors at livestock markets and discussed FY 20 brand inspection program operating costs. He will schedule the remaining visits in the near future.

Director Trapp gave the Director's Report: Purchased two road signs to be used for road checks – "Livestock Check Ahead" and "Livestock Carriers Exit"; Shorty is working on a informational notice to feedlots, within the brand inspection area, that grazing permits are needed for cattle with out of state brands and change of ownership inspections are also needed when livestock are sold. V & S Ranch Hold – continuing to work on resolving proof of ownership - balance approximately \$49,000: Timeline for the merger of Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Working on new format for the Missing Livestock report and the form used by the Sheriffs' offices to report missing livestock; request for bids on publishing the 2020 Brand Book have been posted; Adjusting work schedules due to some staff members needing to be home as they have children that have either been exposed to COVID 19 or school has went to online learning for a certain period; Zilverberg and Bothwell will be attending the Sheriffs Conference in Pierre as they are required to have training hours to maintain their law enforcement certification.

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Hold Hearing BB #480 Faith Livestock – One Black Cow. Bothwell reported that Brand Inspector Holloway had contacted possible owners and they did not claim the cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Blum to escheat \$189.23 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Open Comment: Brand Inspector Bryan Bunker asked about the status of the Brand Board hiring additional investigators. He was advised the Board must keep the budget in mind as they consider options.

Next meeting set for December 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. CT.

Motion by Williams to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 3:48 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. The meeting came out of executive session at 4:36 p.m.

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

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.