

South Dakota Brand Board

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

The South Dakota Brand Board met on September 8, 2021 in Rapid City, SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Dave Koupal, Lyle Spring, and David Paul. Brand Board staff and others present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Cody Ramsey, Shorty Zilverberg, Bob Haivala and Amy Hatheway. 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 Williams to adopt agenda, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting and the August 16, 2021 meeting, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of August 31, 2021. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$2,080,313.99; Brand Inspection Fund \$454,911.76; Theft and Prevention Fund \$268,883.34. Motion by Williams to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Zilverberg provided the following Brand Enforcement/Investigator statistics for 07/21/21 to 09/07/21: New Cases – 7, Active Cases – 14, Cases Closed - 4, Cases submitted to States Attorneys – 2, Informational Reports – 7, Missing Livestock Report: Cattle – 27 head, Horses – 1 head, Sheep - 79 head. Found – 2 head of cattle. He also reported the following: Bob Blom plead guilty to money laundering and wire fraud – he will be sentenced Nov. 1, 2021; Assisting Sheriffs in several counties; Seeing more cases of producers putting their livestock in the trust of others without a written agreement and the livestock are not branded.

Ramsey presented the Brand Inspection Report for August 2021: Livestock Markets – 40,956 head, Locker Plants 234 head, Locals – 34,775 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 152 head, for a total of 76,117 head. FY 22 is #2 in comparison with the last seven years.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Bryan Bunker will attend Law Enforcement Training beginning November 29, 2021 for 13 weeks; Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey and myself will conduct a training for Motor Carrier on September 15 in Sturgis.

Hold Hearing BB #525 – Martin Livestock – One Black Bull. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,478.78 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Koupal. Motion Carried.

Hold Hearing BB #542 – Herreid Livestock – One Red White Face Bull. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$1,705.78 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

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Hold Hearing BB #543 – Martin Livestock – Three Horses. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$2,238.89 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Koupal. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #561 – Kimball Livestock – One Black Steer. Brand Inspection Chief Ramsey presented information on the hold. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Williams to escheat \$714.15 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Hold Hearing BB #564– St. Onge Livestock – One Black Cow. As no owner came forward to prove ownership, motion by Spring to escheat \$1,109.77 from Amount Held for Others to Unrestricted in the Theft and Prevention Fund, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Director Trapp asked Brand Board members for Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures per SDCL 3-23-1. None noted.

Discussed various topics that may be considered for legislation in 2022 such as the increased number of livestock being sold which has not been rebranded by the current owner; inspecting livestock on conveyance if space is adequate to conduct inspection.

Open Comment: None

Next Regular meeting is set for November 18, 2021 in Rapid City at 10:00 am MT.

Motion by Williams to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 11:48 a.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 12:27 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 _____.