

South Dakota Brand Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2024

The South Dakota Brand Board met on October 3, 2024, in Pierre SD. Members present were Scott Vance, Lyle Spring, Haven Stuck and Jake Longbrake. Brand Board staff and others present were Debbie Trapp, Robert Haivala, Matt Clair, Amy Hatheway, Owen Olson, Cheyenne Tant, Cindy Longbrake, Doris Lauing, Chuck Spring, Amber Haskew, Olivia Waggoner, Matt Bogue.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Longbrake, to adopt the Regular Brand Board Meeting Minutes for the July 10, 2024, and for the August 13, 2024, meetings, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented financial information as of September 30, 2024. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$1,324,197.95; Brand Inspection Fund \$230,993.18; Theft Prevention Fund - Ownership to be established - \$261,049.60, Unrestricted – \$73,286.90. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Stuck. Motion carried.

Director Trapp presented the Brand Enforcement Report prepared by Investigator Masters who was unable to attend: Road Checks – 13 separate road checks have been performed since June resulting in 62 stops – Several warnings and citations issued; It has been very beneficial that Investigator Isaac Cadet is also a brand inspector as he has completed several onsite inspections during the road checks; In September, visited the following livestock markets: Aberdeen, Yankton, Menno, Mitchell and Open Markets in SD, One case submitted to a States Attorney and several pending.

Director Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for September 2024: Livestock Markets – 40,497 head, Locker Plants 200 head, Locals – 41,755 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 212 head, for a total of 82,664 head; Year to Date Lifetime Horse Permits are 805 as compared to the Total for Fiscal 2024 at 1,168 Lifetime Permits. Year to date inspection numbers are the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest out of the past seven years.

Director Trapp gave the Director's report: As of Oct. 1, 2024, mileage rate increased to \$0.67/mile; Several brand inspector trainings have been held; Continuing to work on electronic inspection forms; Preparing Brand Renewal Letters to be mailed out this fall.

Open Comments: Amber Haskew, of AC Land and Cattle, asked questions regarding reporting of Missing/Stolen Livestock, Investigators authority and travel budget; Matt Clair stated Travis Kelsch had found some of his missing livestock.

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Discussed possible legislation for the upcoming session. No action taken.

Salary Policy on Lifetime Permits was discussed. No action taken. Approval from Interim Rule Review Committee is needed before the change to the lifetime travel permit fee can be implemented.

Next Brand Board meeting is set for November 14, 2024, at 11:00 am MT in Rapid City, SD.

Motion by Longbrake to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 2:36 p.m., second by Stuck. Motion carried. Came out at 3:26 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 \_\_\_\_\_.