

Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016 AmericInn, Ft. Pierre

President Bill Kluck called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present: Bill Kluck, Gary Deering, Vaughn Meyer, Marvin Jessen, David Niemi, Marvin Jobgen, Scott Edoff, T.W. Schalesky, Mike Maher, Mark DeVries, Chris Harvey, Larry Nelson, Kenny Fox, Bob Fortune

Excused: Randy Volmer, Chance Davis, Dan Holloway, Mark Tubbs, Matt Kammerer, David Fuoss, Brett Stirling, Wayne Nelson, Bob Mack, Rick Fox

Absent: Chuck O'Connor, Sandy Buffington, Brad Bunker, Bob Johnson

Secretary/Treasurer's Reports:

Marvin Jessen made a motion, seconded by Vaughn Meyer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Marvin Jobgen made a motion, seconded by Gary Deering, to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Vaughn Meyer made a motion, seconded by Marvin Jessen, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

SD Public Broadcasting will be hosting a 4 part series of a farm to table cooking show.

Stockgrowers has been asked to sponsor this program. Gary Deering made a motion, seconded by Larry Nelson, to table the discussion to a future meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag and Natural Resources** – David Niemi reported on the work that he has been doing specific to eminent domain legislation. Legislation will likely be forthcoming during session.
- **Animal Health** – Bill Kluck reported on research he's been doing specific to the content and labeling of ground beef products, the source of their ingredients and the repeal of the grassfed label.
- **Animal ID** – Kenny Fox discussed some issues around the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and Wal-mart's support of the groups mission.
- **Brand and Theft** – No report
- **Taxation/Education/Legislation** – Deferred to Lobbyist Update. Bill Kluck presented the letter he had drafted to the Governor and distributing to the legislators on the economic impact of the falling cattle prices. Consensus supported sending the letter and a subsequent press release.
- **Federal Lands Committee** – the creation of the Spearfish Canyon state park is being monitored as Stockgrowers has policy that requires no-net-gain of government owned acres. The SD Public Lands Council and U.S. Forest Service are working on a land trade that would facilitate the creation of this park.
The SD Public Lands Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 1 at the Stockgrowers Office. Gary Deering made a motion, seconded by Bob Fortune, that Silvia is instructed to

research if Stockgrowers can become an official affiliate of the Public Lands Council. Motion carried.

- **Marketing Committee** – CBB appointees for South Dakota = Tammy Basel and Eric Sumption. Both were nominated by SD Stockgrowers and will attend the CBB meetings in San Diego at the end of January.
Silvia is working on state-level legislation for COOL.
- **Private Property Rights Committee** – continuing to track the Hammond case in Oregon. Stockgrowers sent a letter to Senator Rounds thanking him for his support of limiting conservation easements.
- **International Trade Committee** – Silvia gave a brief update on Trans-Pacific Partnership and the concerns we've voiced. R-CALF is doing great work on this and we've relied on them for our information.
- **Wildlife Management Committee** – Mark DeVries shared information about the State's deer management plan which is in the beginning stages of being re-written. Mark has also been attending the Wild Turkey and Goose Management Plan Meetings. He welcomes questions or input from members.
- **Lobbyist Report** – Jeremiah Murphy gave an overview of bills that have been introduced as of the meeting.
 - **Legislation to allow video auction markets in SD** – the board would like more information on the details but supports tabling this legislation in order to do more research and talk with the Auction markets association
 - **Eminent domain** – Several bills that would require permits to be in place before ED could be used and an ongoing conversation about comprehensive reform of Eminent Domain. Stockgrowers supports.
 - **Trespass legislation** – legislation to deal with leaving fences down or gates cut, and our previous proposal for hunter trespass. We're talking with legislators but not sure how this will proceed.
 - **Property Taxes** – HB1007 to study production formula, highest and best use formula, and update soil tables – Stockgrowers will support. SB 3 to readjust Small Ag definitions – Stockgrowers will remain neutral. SB 4 to classify grasslands as such if they've been in grass for at least 30years – Stockgrowers will support.
 - **Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab** – Dr. Oedekoven presented information to the board regarding HB1080 to appropriate \$1.575 million towards the blue prints and planning of a new Animal Disease Research and Diagnostics Lab in Brookings. The current lab is in danger of losing accreditation and the space and equipment are outdated for handling modern risks and testing. The proposal includes a \$600,000 contribution from the Livestock Disease Emergency fund which are a collection of fees paid by producers and salebarns. The contribution from LDE would show a commitment from livestock producers across the state to help build this important lab. Stockgrowers did not want to oppose the legislation but did not take formal action to support the measure. More information was requested.
 - **Setbacks on shooting guns** – Cammack has a proposal to increase or amend the current setbacks for shooting that apply to residences. Stockgrowers supports safety but would like to see this proposal to ensure it doesn't infringe on private property rights. More information was requested.
 - Jeremiah shared several other proposals that are all still in the thought process and negotiations. Silvia and Jeremiah will work on these and update the board as more information becomes available. The board will have weekly conference calls to allow for updates and action as needed. Stockgrowers will also participate in the weekly Ag Unity meetings each Tuesday during session.

OLD BUSINESS

- 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund – the advisory board has recommended and taken steps to move this fund to the SD Community Foundation as a permanent endowment to continue benefiting 4-H. The SDCF will invest the \$914,687.95 fund and make distributions in a similar manner as previously under the guidance of the LITF Advisory board which will continue to be made up of SD Stockgrowers, SD 4-H Foundation and three at large board members. Vaughn Meyer made a motion, seconded by Kenny Fox, to ratify the agreement between LITF and the SD Community Foundation as presented to the Board. Motion carried.
- The Kubota raffle is proceeding nicely with more than 100 sold at the time of the meeting. The machine will be displayed at the Black Hills Stockshow and ticket sales will continue until the Convention. Board members are encouraged to help promote the raffle.
- The Stockgrowers office is still for rent. There have been a few possible renters through the building but so far there's no lease.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of New members: Motion by Bob Fortune, seconded by Marvin Jobgen, to approve the new members as printed in the Fall 2015 magazine. Motion carried
- 125th Annual Convention
 - Dates: September 22, 23, 24, 2016
 - Location: Ramkota, Rapid City
 - Ideas and Steering Committee: Gary Deering volunteered to chair a convention committee. Ideas included historical information gathering, press and media events, release of the movie made by Stockgrowers. Members are invited to participate in the convention committee and share ideas for a successful convention
 - Members and Board members are asked to submit names for the workhorse award to be presented at the convention
- Black Hills Stockshow 2016 – January 29 to February 6
 - Board members are asked to make a commitment to help at the booth for at least one day during the week.
 - Silvia will update members on any Congressional visits by Rounds, Thune or Noem
 - Stockgrowers is sponsoring Friday, Feb 5 KBHB Social.
- Quarterly Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – Location TBD

Seeing no further business, President Kluck declared the meeting to be adjourned.