

**Board Meeting – Minutes
June 21, 2016 – 11am Mtn
Steakhouse, Philip, SD**

President Bill Kluck called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

In Attendance: Bill Kluck, Gary Deering, Vaughn Meyer, Randy Volmer, David Neimi, Chance Davis, Dan Holloway, Marvin, Jobgen, Scott Edoff, Mark Tubbs, Wayne Nelson, Shane Kolb, Larry Nelson, Rick Fox, Kenny Fox, and Bob Fortune

Absent: Marvin Jessen, TW Schalesky, Matt Kammerer, Sandy Buffington, Mark DeVries, Christian Harvey, David Fuoss, Brett Stirling, Brad Bunker, Bob Johnson

Excused: Mike Maher, Chuck O’Conner, Bob Mack

AGENDA – Randy Volmer made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of an executive session and discussion of the BossCowman park. Seconded by Bob Fortune. Motion carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Motion by Gary Deering, seconded by Marvin Jobgen, to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Finance Committee Chair Bob Fortune presented the financial statements and the proposed budget for FY2017.

Bob Fortune made a motion, seconded by Dan Holloway, to approve the budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Silvia presented the details of proposals gathered from two firms in Rapid City able to complete an audit of the association books. The proposals ranged from \$6,000 to \$8,000 for a full audit. Both firms recommended against the cost of a full audit as Stockgrowers currently has an accounting firm overseeing all bookkeeping. Cost of a procedures review was priced between \$1,200 and \$3,000.

Executive Session – Motion by Bob Fortune, Seconded by Randy Volmer to enter Executive Session to discuss financial reports and staff.

President Bill Kluck called the meeting back to order.

A motion was made by Mark Tubbs, seconded by Vaughn Meyer, that after reviewing the financial statements, the board did not feel that an audit was necessary, and that Silvia is to send monthly financial statements to the finance committee members, and have a monthly conference call with the President, Vice-President and immediate Past President to review all bills and deposits. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **Ag and Natural Resources** – the SD Stockgrowers Association has been asked to support an amicus brief to intervene in support of private property owners in the

northeast portion of South Dakota. In the Case of Duerre Vs SD GFP, the courts have placed an injunction against the agency's access to water above private land. Motion by Bob Fortune, seconded by Chance Davis, that SD Stockgrowers Association will join the amicus letter in support of private landowners. Motion carried.

- **Animal Health** – Committee Chair Kenny Fox discussed his concerns about the enforcement and relaxed treatment of recent Trich outbreaks across the state. A motion by Kenny Fox, seconded by Rick Fox, to instruct Silvia to send a letter and press release requesting strict enforcement of Trich rules by AIB and appeal to producers to follow the rules more closely. Motion carried.
- **Animal ID** – Chair Bill Kluck shared his concerns that the “sustainability” movement is going to land us back in the conversation about electronic animal ID.
- **Brand and Theft** – the South Dakota Government Audit and Operations committee reviewed the Brand Board's financial statements. There didn't seem to be any specific concerns. However, the brand board did show they had inspected nearly 1.5 million head of livestock, well ahead of their estimates.
- **Education/Taxation/Legislation** – Chairman Chance Davis asked Silvia to give a report on current legislative topics which included the summer study on property taxes, funding for the animal disease diagnostic research lab in Brookings, Hunter trespass legislation, and possible discussion on livestock video auctions. The Board asked Silvia to track rural school funding and impacts of the new formula during this coming legislative session.
- **Federal Lands** – Legislation to hold agencies accountable for prescribed burns that cause damage on federal lands was discussed. Chairman Mark Tubbs also shared information regarding the State's program to help cost share for prairie dog control. The deadline is August 15 and the Dept of Ag can be reached at 605-773-5913.
- **Marketing Committee** – Chairman Vaughn Meyer reported on the Checkoff suit that is pending with the department of ag and the justice department. Vaughn is also working on an article regarding the return on investment from the checkoff. He hopes to have this published by mid-July.
 - Mark Tubbs made a motion, seconded by Larry Nelson to nominate Bob Fortune and David Reis for the Cattlemen's Beef Board in conjunction with the SD Farmers Union. Motion carried.
 - Gary Deering made a motion, seconded by Bob Fortune, to name Randy Volmer to a term of three years on the SD Beef Industry Council. Motion carried.
- **Membership Committee** – Gary Deering asked the board to help him reach a goal of 50 new members by the convention. This puts us to over 1,000 members total and would help grow the organization. Everyone is asked to help with this.
- **Property Rights** – Chairman Craig Shaver was not in attendance. Silvia reported on some research and discussions regarding conservation easements. Ideas include legislation to extend tax breaks to easements that are shorter term than perpetual, since there is currently no incentive to sign up for shorter terms. Secondly, tax breaks should apply to new landowners of property that has an easement. This was discussion only.

- **Trade** – TPP is not likely to move before the election but legislators continue to discuss it. The board encouraged members to make calls to Senators Thune and Rounds's offices in the coming weeks.
- **Wildlife Management Committee** – Chairman Mark DeVries reported that SD GFP adopted the turkey management plan and is dealing with the goose plan next. They are also working to update the deer management plan. David Niemi and several other members have been involved in this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Office Space – the upstairs offices of the SD Stockgrowers building in Rapid City have been rented out to Winter Law offices. They moved in on May 1 and will pay \$1,500 per month rent, and signed a two year lease.

Request for funding by SD Public Broadcasting for a South Dakota food program that could feature beef. The Board asked the SDPB representative to attend the convention to discuss this further with board members.

Membership to the Public Lands Council – the board had requested Silvia research this possibility. No new information was known at the time. No action was taken.

Convention Planning – September 22 and 23

Theme: Old Hats and New Boots

Sponsorships are available for events and Tradeshow

Thursday, September 22

Evening at Main Street Square

Meetings during the day

SD CW meetings all day

Friday, September 23

Annual meeting in the afternoon

Banquet and awards in the evening

Live music/photography/auction in the evening

History –

Display from Western Heritage Center

Showing of Film “4 Seasons West”

Pictures and Displays

NEW BUSINESS

Mark DeVries made a motion, seconded by Shane Kolb, to approve the new members as printed in the magazine. Motion carried.

Committee Reorganizing Discussion – Currently, our committees have been stagnant and not as active as we'd like to see them. Board members discussed attempting to host conference calls for our committees and invite the entire membership to participate as a way to revitalize and reinvigorate our committee membership. Silvia will work with individual committee chairs to set up committee calls.

Lemmon, SD will be dedicating a new city park and statue in honor of Ed Lemmon. The committee has asked if SD Stockgrowers would be willing to support the park in honor of Ed Lemmon “Bosscowman” who was also a founder of SD Stockgrowers Association. Motion by Chance Davis, seconded by Bob Fortune, to purchase two bricks. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting – Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Ramkota in Rapid City