

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City  
December 16, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

President Gary Deering called the meeting to order and asked for a motion regarding board member vacancies.

Kenny Fox made a motion, seconded by Shane Kolb, to appoint Casey Bachand to fill the position of Director for District 11. Motion carried.

### **ROLL CALL**

In Attendance: President Gary Deering, Vice-President Scott Edoff, Regional Vice Presidents Mike Maher, Mark DeVries, David Niemi, Chance Davis, Shawn Freeland, Randy VOlmer, Bill Paulton, T.W. Schalesky, Chance Anderson, Les Shaw, Matt Kammerer, Casey Bachand, Chris Harvey, Ty Littau, Eric Sumption, Zeb Husted, John Karlen, Kenny Fox, Shane Kolb, Bob Fortune, Bill Kluck, Mark Krogman, Sandy Buffington, Dave Fuoss,

Excused: Mark Tubbs, Larry Nelson

Absent: Bob Mack

**AGENDA** – President Deering asked for any changes to the agenda. Seeing none, the agenda will stand as presented.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Chance Davis made a motion, seconded by Chance Anderson, to approve the minutes of the September 23 Quarterly and the October 23 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

### **FINCIAL REPORTS**

Motion by Mike Maher, seconded by Ty Littau, to approve the financial reports as presented, including the mileage reimbursement for Silvia Christen. Motion carried.

- Motion by Bob Fortune, seconded by Dave Fuoss, to authorize Gary and Silvia to spend up to \$15,000 to purchase a side-by-side machine for a raffle before Stockshow. Motion carried.
- Silvia gave an update on fundraiser mailings which will be sent 4 times this year on various issues we’re working on including Legislative, farm bill, and other topics as determined.
- Mike Maher made a motion, seconded by Kenny Fox, for Silvia to look into registering a brand for SD Stockgrowers as a possible fundraising opportunity. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chuck O’Connor’s family made a donation to the association at the time of his passing. Silvia has researched options to use this as a memorial. Ty Littau made a motion, seconded by Les

Shaw, to use the money to re-furbish and upgrade the display case of historical items hanging in the Stockgrowers office. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A Motion by Ty Littau, seconded by Zeb Husted, to approve the new members as listed in the magazine. Motion carried.
- **Consideration of committee members** – Approved committee members attached
  - A motion by Deering, seconded by Davis, to combine the Resolutions Committee and the Legislation resolutions. And to move the Education and taxation resolutions into the Ag and Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Littau, seconded by Freeland, to approve members of the Brand and Theft Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Shaw, seconded by Anderson, to approve members of the Animal ID Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Maher, seconded by DeVries, to approve the members of the Federal Lands Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Littau, seconded by Volmer, to approve members of the International Trade Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Schalesky, seconded by Anderson, to approve members of the Wildlife Management committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Volmer, seconded by Paulton, to approve members of the Ag and Natural Resources Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Fortune, seconded by Kolb, to approve members of the Marketing Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Maher, seconded by Davis, to approve members of the Private Property Rights Committee. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Deering, seconded by Kammerer, to seat all committee chairs and vice-chairs as members of the Legislation and Resolutions Committee. Motion carried.
- **Black Hills Stockshow** - January 26 to February 4. Board members are asked to volunteer one day of their time to help with the booth. The PLC meeting will be on the first Monday of the Stockshow and a meeting on ELD trucking regulations will be announced.
- **Planning for Legislative Session** –
  - Member communications – conference calls will be held weekly. Consensus of Wednesday morning – Gary and Silvia will confirm with Jeremiah
  - Tuesday, January 16 will be the date for our legislative meetings and mixer in Pierre. Members will be invited and encouraged to attend. Guest speakers will be announced.
- Motion by Maher, seconded by Fox, to dispense with committee reports given the committee discussions held the day before. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held about health care policy and options for rural areas and agriculture families. No action was taken.
- Motion by Littau, seconded by Maher, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.