

**Wednesday, January 23, 2018
Board of Directors – Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Roll Call:

Present: Gary Deering, Scott Edoff, Mike Maher, Mark DeVries, David Niemi, Chance Davis, Shawn Freeland, Randy Volmer, Mark Tubbs, T.W. Schalesky, Chance Anderson, Matt Kammerer, Les Shaw, David Fuoss, Ty Littau, Eric Sumption, John Karlen, Kenny Fox, Bill Kluck, Casey Bachand

Absent: Bob Mack, Bill Paulton, Mark Krogman, Sandy Buffington, Chris Harvey, Zeb Husted, Larry Nelson, Shane Kolb, Bob Fortune

President Gary Deering called the meeting to order and asked for any objections to waiving the required notice of meeting. Mike Maher made a motion, Kenny Fox second, to waive the 10 day notice. Motion carried.

The topic of the meeting was introduced to discuss the Stockgrowers position on the legislative proposal to repeal the SD Certified Beef Program.

A motion was made by Gary Deering, seconded by Mike Maher, to allow Jeremiah and Silvia to use the conversation during the meeting to guide his statements as the bill may change in committee. The conversation included concerns that the current program hasn't been used, the current program could use improvements and updates to become relevant, deleting it doesn't protect trademarks, and seems shortsighted before we have answers to some of these questions. The motion was discussed. Deering called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Seeing no further business, Deering declared the meeting adjourned.