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**Saturday, June 30, 2018**  
**New Underwood Community Center**  
**Main Street New Underwood SD**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call -**

**Present:** *President -President Gary Deering, Vice-President Scott Edoff, Mike Maher, Mark DeVries, Directors David Niemi, Chance Davis, Shawn Freeland, Randy Volmer, Mark Tubbs, T.W. Schalesky, Chance Anderson, Matt Kammerer, Les Shaw, Mark Krogman, Sandy Buffington, Casey, Bachand, Eric Sumption, John, Karlen, Larry Nelson, Kenny Fox, Shane Kolb, Bob Fortune*

**Excused:** *Bill Paulton, Christian Harvey, David Fuoss, Ty Littau, Zeb Husted, Bill Kluck,*

**Absent:** *Bob Mack,*

**Agenda** – Motion by Mark Tubbs, seconded by Mike Maher to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**By Laws Committee Report -**

Goal is to have all updates/changes submitted by Convention, sent to attorney for final editing, and submitted to Board for the December Meeting. Request all members attend this meeting.

**Executive Director Search-**

Committee reviewed 5 applications and want to interview 4 applications. Tentative date for interviews for July 14, 2018. We will continue to accept applications at this time.

**Secretary's Report** – Discussed Membership. No New Motions

**Treasurer's Report -**

- Silvia Christen presented the financial statements for the FY2018 - May 2017 to April 2018. Motion to approve by Mark Tubbs, seconded by Chance Anderson to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried.
- Silvia Christen presented the proposed budget for FY2019 – May 2018 to April 2019. Motion to approve by Mark Tubbs, seconded by Chance Anderson to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried.
- RBC account has \$18,000 in the money market, as available cash flow. Finance committee will meet with Jim Clement to discuss re-investment options.
- New Signature cards will be signed by Gary Deering, Scott Edoff, Bill Kluck, and Bob Fortune.
- Discussed quotes on replacing sidewalks, still in process. Once quotes are received they will be submitted for approval.

- Sign Expenses – was discussed to have fundraiser or look into grants to help with costs. Would need someone to take on responsibility of researching what is available and what terms would need to be met.

**Lobbyist Report – Jeremiah Murphy**

- SDSU – Deep Soil Study, there is a meeting July 10, 2018 in Pierre to discuss some of the results of the study.
  - Jeremiah is confident that the studies will reflect more accurately how the land is used and will be in Stockgrowers favor for taxation purposes.
  - Members should stay knowledgeable on the data results.
- Brand Board Fee Increase – Suggested that Stockgrowers select numbers and take an assertive plan on the 5 year plan to avoid other increases such as on Brand Inspections, when they run short on funds.
  - Working directly with the Brand Board to come up with realistic numbers.

**Convention -**

Hire Tif Robertston to plan and coordinate the 2018 Convention due to absence of Executive Director. Motion by Kenny Fox and seconded by Les Shaw. Motion carried.

**Region 2 Director:**

Per by-laws, missing 3 consecutive meetings is grounds for dismissal of position on the board. Bob Mack has been removed, and the position is currently vacant.

**Beef Council Appointments -**

Bob Fortune made motion to nominate Gary Deering for another term. Seconded by Kenny Fox. Motion carried.

**Trappers Association –**

They propose have a sign with both SD Stockgrowers name and theirs near Kadoka. Cost of sign is \$2,200.00, and they would like us to split the cost. After Discussion it was decided that SD Stockgrowers does not want Stockgrowers name on the sign.

**IM 26 – Prescription Drug Bill –**

Request to submit bill information to the Board.

- Bill is to cap prescription drug prices to military rates.
  - Downfalls include: Military states they won't release contracted prices, and military does not use all the same drugs that civilians would use (such as pediatrics)
- Discussed offering them a booth spot at Convention, at normal rates, then they can discuss IM – 26 to individuals rather than to Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Taxation - David Niemi
  - Thunes office had a bill passed for rainfall monitoring
  - Pipeline – asking for land access for more monitoring. Yes, they can if it is part of their contracted easement. If it is not part of the easement it should be paid as \$2,000 per mile.
- Animal Health – Chairman Julie Trask
  - Nothing new
- Animal ID - Chairman Kenny Fox
  - Working with Cattle Working Group with electronic ID tags. No proposals completed yet.

- Lisa – will continue forward meeting minutes. Next Meeting July 10, 2018 Pierre.
- Brand & Theft – Chairman Bill Hutchinson
  - Nothing new
- Federal Lands – Chairman Frank Bloom
  - Silvia worked hard with groups that had 30% cut in grazing that were not in drought areas to bring the grazing allotment back to 100%
  - Revisiting Sage Grouse issues
- Marketing – Chairman Vaughn Meyer
  - Gypsa Rules – OCM filed a lawsuit
  - Cool- R-Calf filed a lawsuit
    - Judge ruled that harm has been down to ranchers, but the statute of limitations had run out.
  - Check Off – reform on Farm Bills being worked
    - Voluntary fees proposal was dropped
  - Vaughn would like a committee meeting prior to convention, please send thoughts and ideas to the committee.
- Property Rights – Bill Kluck
  - Nothing new
- Trade – Chair Ty Littau
  - Nothing new
- Wildlife Management - Chairman Mark Devries
  - Proposal to reduce the amount of snares – committee was able to kill proposal
  - Animal Control Meeting August 9, 2018

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## Calendar of Events

- Animal Industry Board July 10
- Governors Ag Conference Rapid City July 11 and 12
- R-CALF Convention, Rapid City – August 24 and 25
- SDSU Beef Bowl September 15
- 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Rapid City – September 27, 28, 29

**Be thinking of speakers for our annual convention.**