STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7:00 a.m. Conference Call

Members Present: Kathie Riley, Vice President; Daniel McCarty, Secretary-Treasurer; Erik Mohrlang, Board Member.

Members Absent: David Mendenhall, President; Kory Kessinger, Board Member.

<u>Staff Present</u>: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board; Deb Vernon, Colorado Brand Board.

<u>Guests Present</u>: Todd Inglee, Colorado Beef Council; Nita Howard, Colorado Beef Council; Charles Kooyman, Attorney General's Office.

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Daniel McCarty. Mr. McCarty requested approval of the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Kathie Riley moved to approve the minutes. Erik Mohrlang seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Estray: On February 22, 2019, brand inspector Deb Vernon investigated an abandoned bay stallion, branded cross strung connected cross on his left hip, left hind coronet. The horse was sold at La Junta Livestock Commission on March 13, 2019. Krystal (Lee) Kenney of Kimberly, Idaho claims ownership of the horse and has written the Brand Board a letter describing the basis for her claim and providing a purchase sheet from Cudd Quarter Horses LLC of Woodward, Oklahoma which she asserts establishes her ownership of the horse. Based on the evidence presented, Kathie Riley moved to table consideration of Ms. Kenney's request that the held funds be released to her pending Mr. Whitney's obtaining additional information, at which time the request will again be placed before the Board. Erik Mohrlang seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Whitney will request further information from Ms. Kenney and report back to the Board.

<u>Financial Statements</u>: The financials were presented to the Board. It was noted that inspection head counts were up for the month of December. The cash balance remains healthy and is being watched to be sure we are on sound financial footing going into the next assessment period, which begins January 2022. Expenses are up this year in part because some of the expenses that were paid last year through Ag Management Funds were not paid this year.

Brand Commissioner's Report: As of January 31, 2020 there were fourteen employees between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and five employees between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance increased by 495.75 hours from the December 2019 balance. There was one employee whose comp time balance was over 240.00 hours. The employee was paid for the 4.25 hour overage. Brand Inspectors Josh Sinks, Josh Nicklas, Dennis Williams and Brad Ocker located thirteen calves at Loma Livestock that were missing out of Wyoming. Commissioner Kate Greenberg, Les Owen, Conservation Services, the State Veterinarian's Office, and Mr. Whitney are part of a working group that is active in the discussion of the

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introduction of wolves in Colorado. Board Members David Mendenhall and Kory Kessinger were confirmed to second 4-year terms on the Board by the Senate Ag Committee. The Brand Division was allocated \$10,000.00 from Ag Management

Funds to be spent on Division needs during the balance of FY 20.

Personnel/Administrative Report: Josh Nicklas was promoted to Supervisor for the West Central Inspection Area. We will

announce the vacant brand inspector position in the Delta District to all current brand inspectors first to see if any would like

to transfer. If no one transfers, we will announce the position for a new hire. We are conducting interviews for the

Administrative Assistant position in the Broomfield office that will be vacant when Nancy Bachman retires at the end of

March 2020. Ginny Corkery will take over the administration of the alternative livestock program and the no brand dairy and

feedlot calf tag programs.

Certified Feedlot Report: There were five certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the December

2019 Board meeting. Audit number one was off one head, audit number two was off 150 head, audit number three was off

sixty-one head and audit number five was off thirty-seven head. Audit number four balanced to zero.

Alternative Livestock Report: Eight alternative livestock certificates were written in the month of December 2019 for fifty-

three head of elk.

DISTRIBUTION OF INSPECTION DATA AND LITERATURE TO BOARD MEMBERS:

(a) Volume of Estrays Handled Monthly

(b) New Brands, Transfers, and Delinquent Assessments Paid

ESTRAY FUND

In January 2020 \$3,816.02 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$3,739.44 was for proceeds of sale on twelve head of cattle,

horses and/or sheep. \$76.58 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. One certificates of deposit matured during

the month of January 2020. The new interest rate is not known at this time.

Next Meeting: Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the next meeting will be held by conference call on Tuesday,

March 17, 2020 commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Upon motion made by Erik Mohrlang and seconded by Kathie Riley the meeting adjourned.

Approved. Not Signed.

President

Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

JANUARY 2020 DEPOSITS

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
SHORT, TERRY	3 BLK BULLS OLH LH, 1 LONGHORN HFR FRLH	ADVERTISED	LEFT AT CALHAN AUCTION CALHAN, CO	\$1,127.79
SHORT, TERRY	1 BLK BULL _M _ LR Δ	ADVERTISED	TRUDY SICOTT CALHAN, CO	\$757.13
SHORT, TERRY	1 BLK BULL NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	TONYA HIER ELBERT, CO	\$127.84
DAVIS, DIRK	1 BROWN CORRIENTE BULL NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	RICHARD ANDERSON WALSENBURG, CO	\$161.18
FELLHAUER, GARY	1WHITE/GRAY GELD NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	ELOY BUSTOS PUEBLO, CO	\$250.00
SMITH, CHARLIE	2 BLACK COW M+ LTH	SALE BARN	JOSE HERNANDEZ BYERS, CO	\$944.41
CANTERBURY, LOGAN	1 RED BULL NOB	ADVERTISED	JOHN RUSHER WESTCLIFFE, CO	\$471.20
GRIFFITH, CASEY	1 RED COW LH	ADVERTISED	RICH ELLSWORTH AND DEE NORELL	RETURNED TO OWNER
SCHVANEVELDT, SHANE	1 BLK/WHT STR S LR	ADVERTISED	GARY WIEDEMAN GREELEY, CO	\$86.69