

STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION**Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 a.m.****Conference Call**

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

Members Absent: Kory Kessinger, Board Member.

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board; Mandi Cottrell, Colorado Brand Board.

Guests Present: Jenifer Gurr, Chief Administrative Officer; Kellee Mitchell, Colorado Livestock Association; Todd Inglee, Colorado Beef Council; Nita Howard, Colorado Beef Council; Charles Kooyman, Attorney General's Office.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President David Mendenhall. Mr. Mendenhall requested approval of the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Kathie Riley moved to approve the minutes. Erik Mohrlang seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Statements: The financials were presented to the Board. It was noted that inspection head counts were up for the month of January. 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 the Ag Management Fund were not paid from that fund this year. Board Member Dan McCarty reported that livestock market head counts are expected to decrease drastically in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. He stated that one livestock market that normally sells approximately 13,000 head per sale reported that their most recent sale sold 1,300 head.

Brand Commissioner's Report: As of February 28, 2020 there were twelve employees between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and four employees between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 271.75 hours from the January 2020 balance. Brand Division Technology Coordinator Deb Vernon and IT Director Rich Medina have discussed a tablet replacement plan. They recommend that we replace approximately one-fourth to one-fifth of the tablets and printers per year. This would amount to replacing between twelve and fifteen tablets and printers per year. Brand Inspection is a mandatory function and critical part of the livestock industry in Colorado and at the moment, Brand Inspectors will continue to work business as usual through the Coronavirus outbreak. Colorado Cattlemen's Association President Terry Fankhauser has contacted Commissioner Greenburg and would like clarification on the mandate by Governor Polis that there are no gatherings of more than fifty people and how this will affect public livestock markets. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Livestock Marketing Association made several recommendations to livestock markets that would limit the number of people present at livestock markets at one time, including having consigners drop off their livestock and leave

rather than sit through the sale, and limiting the people present at public sales to necessary staff and buyers only. The Board will be kept up to date on the issue and asked to participate in any discussions that may take place. Kathie Riley's position on the Board is scheduled to end in May 2020 due to term limits. Applications are being accepted for a new representative from the equine industry. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak many meetings that have been planned are being rescheduled, switched to computer/telephone meetings or cancelled completely.

Personnel/Administrative Report: Cara Wells retired on February 28, 2020. Mandi Cottrell has been hired to replace Nancy Bachman when she retires at the end of March 2020. Part-time Brand Inspector Jim Ellison from the Northwest inspection area was selected by Supervisor Josh Nicklas to fill the vacancy in the West Central inspection area that will be created when Dennis Williams retires at the end of March 2020. Supervisor Mike Walck will not fill the part-time vacancy in the Northwest inspection area at this time. Brand Inspector Chris Mace from the Longmont District resigned on March 16, 2020 to join the Mead, CO police department. So far no current inspector has expressed interest in transferring into the district. If no one does, we will advertise the opening and fill it as soon as possible. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, it is likely that performance evaluations will be delayed. The Brand Division office staff will work from home as much as possible as the work dictates during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Certified Feedlot Report: There were three certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the January 2020 Board meeting. Audit number one was off twelve head and audit number three was off one head. Audit number two balanced to zero.

Alternative Livestock Report: Nine alternative livestock certificates were written in the month of January 2020 for fifty-seven 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 February 2020 \$18,693.29 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$18,640.96 was for proceeds of sale on seventy-five head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$52.33 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Two certificates of deposit matured during the month of February 2020. The new interest rate one of the certificates of deposit is 1.05%, the other is not known at this time.

Kellee Mitchell from the Colorado Livestock Association reported that their annual meeting has been rescheduled for June 30, 2020 through July 1, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland, CO.

Nita Howard, Colorado Beef Council, reported that the Beef Council staff will work from home with staggered hours during the Coronavirus outbreak. The Beef Council can be contacted by phone or email.

Next Meeting: Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the next meeting will be held by conference call on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Upon motion made by Dan McCarty and seconded by Erik Mohrlang the meeting adjourned.

Approved. Not Signed.

President

Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED
FEBRUARY 2020 DEPOSITS

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
FELHAUER, GARY	1 BLACK COW  LS	ADVERTISED	TERRY WELLS BOONE, CO	\$521.78
EASTHOUSE, JIM	7 HOL CROSS BULLS NO BRAND, 1 HOL COW NO BRAND	SALE BARN	ENRIQUE FAUDOU- DIAZ BRIGHTON, CO	\$1,605.08
EASTHOUSE, JIM	1 RED ROAN MARE  LH 1 BAY AND WHT MARE NO BRAND	SALE BARN	KALLY MANY LUCKY 8 RANCH OAK CREEK, CO	\$767.59
EASTHOUSE, JIM	7 HOL STRS, 49 HOL HFRS, 3 HOL BULLS NO BRAND	SALE BARN	RAUL ORTEGA- HERRERA PIERCE OR GREELEY, CO	\$14,876.17
EASTHOUSE, JIM	1 BLK GELD  LH	SALE BARN	LAMONT STANFORD PENROSE, CO	\$194.47
BURK, KENNY	1 BLK CROSS BRED HORNED HEF NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	WADE BROOKS FOUNTAIN, CO	\$47.61
STONE, COLBY	1 SORREL MARE NO BRAND, 1 SORREL/WHITE PAINT MARE NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	TIM LANGSTON AND GREG COOK CANON CITY, CO	(\$61.05)
MORTENSEN, DYLAN	1 BLACK BULL  LR	ADVERTISED	RUBERT GALLEGOS SAN LUIS, CO	\$591.43