STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION
Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7:00 a.m.
Renaissance Hotel – Denver, Colorado

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

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Deb Vernon, Brand Inspector Supervisor and Technology Development Coordinator; Bird Lover, Colorado Brand Board.

Guests Present: Bill Hammerich, Colorado Livestock Association; Nita Howard, Colorado Beef Council; Charles Kooyman, Attorney General's Office; and Janie VanWinkle, Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board President David Mendenhall requesting approval of the December 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Dan McCarty moved approval of the minutes. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Statements: The financials were presented to the Board. Mr. Whitney noted that month-to-month inspection headcounts decreased by 7,272 head, and year-to-date head count totals are 69,566 behind those for the same period last year. The headcount figures were as of November 30, 2019. It remains to be seen whether the shortfall is made up or reduced in December and January as a result of producers coming to market later this year than last. The Division's cash balance remains healthy. The Board discussed a few individual line items. Other than the headcounts, the financial statements contained nothing particularly noteworthy.

Brand Commissioner's Report: As of November 30, 2019 there were 15 employees between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and two employee between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. Overall, the comp time balance increased by 1,391.02 hours over the October 2019 balance. Mr. Whitney reported that the Division has ordered five new digital tablets to replace existing tablets that cannot be repaired. Mr. Vernon is currently working with OIT to establish a replacement schedule for tablets, portable printers and related equipment over the next several years. In addition, the Division has ordered two new laptop computers to replace computers in the Broomfield office. We have ordered six Dodge 1500 4X4 trucks for delivery by the end of June 2020. The Division orders six trucks every year to refresh the fleet. Oddly, the 4X4 trucks were cheaper than two-wheel drive models. Mr. Whitney reported that the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee confirmed the appointments of Mr. Kessinger and Mr. Mendenhall to second 4-year terms on the Brand Board. He updated the Board on inspectors' work at the National Western Stock Show. Mr. McCarty noted that security for livestock ingress and egress to the National Western grounds was spotty at best and virtually non-existent at worst. Mr. Whitney briefed the Board on a recent decision by a Wyoming magistrate judge that calls into question a Wyoming statute governing warrantless road stop searches. Colorado has a similar law, and Colorado brand inspectors often invoke it to stop livestock haulers. We will keep an eye on the situation.

Adoption of Bylaws: Following discussion, Ms. Riley moved adoption of draft Bylaws earlier circulated to the Board for review and consideration. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Personnel/Administrative Report: Mr. Whitney advised the Board of several impending retirements, including Cara Wells (February 28, 2020), and Nancy Bachman and Dennis Williams (March 31, 2020). Bird Lover will assume Cara's position, and after some juggling of duties among the remaining staff (Brenda Pierce, Diane Fultz, Ginny Corkery) we will hire a replacement for Nancy. And we will immediately begin a search for Dennis' replacement. Mr. Whitney reported that Marc Hollenbaugh, the Limon District brand inspector, is out on non-work related medical leave.

Certified Feedlot Report: There were seventeen certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the November 2019 Board meeting. Audits four, five, six, eight, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and seventeen balanced to zero. Audit one was off three head; audit two was off twelve head; audit three was off ten head; audit seven was off twenty-nine head; audit nine was off one hundred forty-one head; and audit sixteen was off one head.

Alternative Livestock Report: Thirteen alternative livestock certificates covering eighty-five head of domestic elk were written in the month of November 2019.

New Business: None.

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 December 2019 $3,615.38 was deposited into the Estray Fund. $3,516.93 was for proceeds on the sale of eight head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. $98.45 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Three certificates of deposit matured during the month of December 2019. As of the date of the Board meeting we do not know what the new interest rates will be.

Next Meeting: Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the next meeting will be held by telephone on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Upon motion made, seconded and adopted, the meeting adjourned.

Approved. Not Signed.

President

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Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

DECEMBER 2019 DEPOSITS

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
SEAT, TERRY	1 BLK STR CLF >⊥< LH	ADVERTISED	GARY QUEEN BURLINGTON, CO	RETURNED TO OWNER ($20.00)
BURK, KENNY	1 BLK HFR T/J RR	ADVERTISED	EUMELIO HERNANDEZ FOUNTAIN, CO	$302.40
MOORE, CHAD	1 BRINDLE HFR NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	BEATRICE MORENO BAYFIELD, CO	$574.05
PHILLIPS, JESSE	1 BROWN APP MARE NO BRAND, 1 SORREL GELD NOB, 1 BAY MARE NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	WALTER ALLEN BERTHOUD, CO	RETURNED TO OWNER
BURRIS, STEVE	1 BLACK BULL ϱ LH	ADVERTISED	WADE COLLINS SAGUACHE, CO	RETURNED TO OWNER
EASTHOUSE, JIM	1 GREY GELD NO BRAND	SALE BARN	VERONICA, CORBIAN, ERIN MARQUEZ ELIZABETH, CO	$873.49
EASTHOUSE, JIM	1 BLACK BULL CALF NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	STEVE FERREE LIVERMORE, CO	$580.47
GRIFFITH, CASEY	1 CHAR CROSS HFRT CLF NO BRAND, 1 CHAROLAIS CROSS STEER CLF NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	LENNY KLINGLESMITH ,EEKER, CO	RETURNED TO OWNER
THARP, JOE	1 RED HFR CLF NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	BRENT JOHNSON NUNN, CO	$242.35
BURK, KENNY	1 BLUE ROAN HFR NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	ROD KERCHAL PEYTON, CO	$543.02
BURK, KENNY	1 SOR GELD NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	NATHAN RIVIERA CALHAN, CO	$101.53
KUHN, ZACH	1 JERSEY STEER NO BRAND	ADVERTISED	CLINT ANDERSON OLNEY SPRINGS, CO	$546.74