

STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

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

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Cara Wells, Colorado Brand Board; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board; Deb Vernon, Technology Development Coordinator.

Guests Present: Don Brown, Commissioner of Agriculture; Chris Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Kellee Mitchell, Colorado Livestock Association; Nita Howard, Colorado Beef Council; Billy Seiber, Attorney General's Office.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathie Riley requesting approval of the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes as amended to reflect certified feedlot audit discussion. Kory Kessinger entered a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. David Mendenhall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On December 23, 2015 Brand Inspector Mike Herrick investigated one estray black steer branded left ^K/₇ hip. The animal was advertised and sold as an estray as per Colorado Revised Statute. Alicia Bruce of 1624 Pinion Ave. Canon City, CO 81212, is claiming ownership of the animal and requesting release of the funds. Ms. Bruce has sent this office a copy of brand inspection B901157 dated November 4, 2014 showing Vince Koch as seller and Alicia Bruce as purchaser of one blk broc belted steer branded ^{NL}/₇ left hip and a bill of sale dated November 4, 2014 signed by C. Vincent Koch. After expenses there is \$402.86 remaining in the estray fund. Based on the evidence presented Kory Kessinger made a motion to release the funds, 402.86, less \$20.00 per head (\$382.86), per Colorado Revised Statute to Alicia Bruce of 1624 Pinion Ave. Canon City, CO 81212. Marla Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financials were presented to the Board.

Chris Whitney reported that as of March 2016 there were fourteen employees with between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and three employees with between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 321.87 hours from the February 2016 balance. Kory Kessinger and David Mendenhall have received Senate confirmation of their positions on the Board. Commissioner Whitney and Brand Inspector Mike Herrick met with the new Bureau of Land Management Mustang program director to discuss brand inspection requirements and the adoption program for the mustangs. The Board was updated on the Department of Agriculture's responses to the State Auditor's office recommendations for the Division of Brand Inspection. The all hands meetings will be April 25, 2016 and May 3, 2016. These meetings are a good opportunity for brand inspectors to gather to meet each other, share information and get updates from the Division and Department. In an effort to provide additional value to the horse industry, Brands will begin reading and recording microchips in horses in late 2016 or early 2017. Brands/brand inspectors will not do the microchipping. Rather, microchipping will be voluntary and will be the responsibility of individual horse owners. But, for those who do microchip their horses, brand inspectors will read the chip during regular horse inspections and record the chip number on the brand inspection certificate. Microchip reading

will not take the place of brand inspection. Rather, it will help provide further evidence of chain of ownership. Brand inspectors will be provided with chip readers this summer, and we will work out an information campaign working with the State Veterinarian's Office and through them, local veterinarians.

Public Livestock Market Licenses are valid from May 1 through April 30 of the following year. The current licenses are up for renewal for the 2016-2017 year. As of April 15, 2016 this office has received all but two of the renewal applications. Commissioner Chris Whitney requested permission to approve the remaining two regular applications once they are received as long as the paperwork is in order and there are no changes to their current license. Marla Rock entered a motion to approve livestock market renewals as presented and allow Commissioner Whitney to license the remaining two. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION

Pat McGinnis has been hired to fill the vacant full-time position in the Wray District. The full-time position in the Kremmling District has been announced. Applications were accepted through April 14, 2016. Supervisor Mike Walck will review the applications and conduct interviews. Mike Walck plans to have a person hired by May 2, 2016. Art Flynn will retire June 30, 2016. Mike Herrick, Canon City District, is out due to a medical procedure until June 2016. Chris Whitney sent the Board an email concerning the Divisions current hiring, assessment, training, and certification practices. The Brand Inspection Division must follow State of Colorado Personnel rules and regulations concerning all employment/employee matters.

Board policy is that all new brands issued to employees must receive Board approval before the brand is recorded. Dylan Mortensen has applied for  as a cattle/horse brand. After reviewing the new brand application and research Dan McCarty made a motion to approve Dylan Mortensen to record  as a new cattle/horse brand. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were six certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the March 2016 Board meeting. Audits numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6 balanced to zero. Audit 1 is off one head which the auditor explains is from the November 30, 2015 audit and audit 4 is off 10 head which the auditor explains that the feedlot wrote the animals off their books. The Board will be reviewing the Certified Feedlot rule this year and determining if any changes need to be made. If so, the Board will address potential changes through the statutory rule making process. On March 29, 2016 there was a meeting with certified feedlot program auditors Dan Buhr, Eldon Crowder, Jim Easthouse, Terry Florian, and Jay Groom and Brand Commissioner Chris Whitney, and administrative staff Cara Wells and Brenda Pierce to discuss the program and revise the audit form if needed. The certified feedlot program began in 1998 as a result of discussions concerning the necessity and worth of inspections for the confinement cattle industry in Colorado. A sample of the new audit form is attached.

Deb Vernon introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Vernon updated the Board on the status of the e-certificate program and informed them that we are planning to issue five tablets to the field on April 25, 2016. The plan is to issue 20 more on July 1, 2016, 20 on January 1, 2017, and the balance on July 1, 2017. The printers are thermal printers.

Eleven Alternative Livestock certificates were written in the month of February 2016 for 93 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

Kathie Riley will be teaching the Ag Law class at Colorado State University. The class will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Ms. Riley is asking the Board to consider changing the meeting day. This will be considered further at a future meeting.

ESTRAY FUND:

In March 2016 \$5,015.25 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$4,998.16 was for proceeds of sale on ten head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$17.09 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Six certificates of deposit matured during the month of March. The new interest rates are not known at this time.

Motion by Marla Rock that the next meeting be held on May 18, 2016 commencing at 7:00 o'clock a.m. by conference call
Seconded by David Mendenhall. Motion carried.

Motion by Kory Kessinger that this meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dan McCarty. Motion carried.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

March 2016 Deposits

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
Crowder, Eldon	1 bay mare no brand, 1 black geld no brand	Sale Barn	Rob Wills Longmont, CO	\$832.88
Williams, Dennis	1 sorrel stud colt no brand	Advertised	Dennis Williams Trinidad, CO	\$91.56
Dennis, Holly	1 sorrel geld no brand	Advertised	Pat Simons Hudson, CO	\$337.43
Shetley, Randy	1 black yearling steer ^a / _m lr	Advertised	Weimer Ranches Nucla, CO	\$1,097.73
Buhr, Dan	1 bay mare no brand	Advertised	Vic Shrader Manzanola, CO	\$202.37
Short, Terry	1 red spotted heifer no brand, 1 red steer no brand	Advertised	Sue Mikes Deer Trail, CO	\$1,224.00
Stone, Colby	1 sorrel mare no brand	Advertised	Laura Whitaker Johnstown, CO	Returned to Owner (\$24.90)
Moore, Chad	1 palomino mare no brand	Advertised	Shannon Connell Hesperus, CO	Returned to Owner (\$54.30)
Moody, Dan	1 black hfr ⁵ / ₈ lh	Advertised	Joe Freund Elizabeth, CO	\$775.14
Short, Terry	1 bwf hfr no brand	Advertised	Kevin Bredeson Kiowa, CO	\$655.70