

STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Cara Wells, Colorado Brand Board; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board; Chad Moore, Brand Inspector Supervisor.

Guests Present: Chris Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; Billy Seiber, Attorney General's Office; Kellee Mitchell, Colorado Livestock Association; Kevin Hefley, Livestock Owner, Walsh, Colorado.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathie Riley.

Kevin Hefley of Walsh, CO, made a presentation before the Board concerning events that occurred between 2010 and 2015 regarding ownership of one horse and the role he believes the Brand Division played in the ownership dispute involving the horse.

Board President Kathie Riley requested approval of the December 16, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Kory Kessinger entered a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Marla Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On November 3, 2015 Brand Inspector Paul Brandt held the proceeds of sale, \$1,176.50, on one black yearling heifer branded  lh advertised and sold as an estray according to Colorado Revised Statute. At this time Tina Martin of Box 1113 Imperial, NE 69033 is claiming the proceeds of sale. Attached to the file is a photo copy of Nebraska brand certificate number 14148 dated June 15, 2015 showing Tina Martin as the owner of 23 heifers branded  lh. The  brand is recorded to Ms. Martin in Nebraska. After expenses there is \$1,048.03 remaining in the estray fund. Due to the evidence presented Dan McCarty made a motion to release the funds, \$1,048.03, less \$20.00 per head, per Colorado Revised Statute to Tina Martin of Box 1113 Imperial, NE 69033. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On November 12, 2015 Brand Inspector Matt Linman held the proceeds of sale, \$868.00, on one red cow, no brand, advertised and sold as an estray per Colorado Revised Statute. The animal was first reported as an estray November 12, 2015. This office has received a letter from Tonya Paxtun of 27703 Co Rd HH Wray, CO 80758 claiming the proceeds of sale (letter attached). After expenses there is \$706.01 remaining in the estray fund. Due to the evidence presented Marla Rock made a motion to release the funds, \$706.01, less \$20.00 per head, per Colorado Revised Statute to Tonya Paxtun of 27703 Co Rd HH Wray, CO 80758. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On July 30, 2015 Brand Inspector Steve Seely held the proceeds of sale, \$870.33, for valid proof of ownership on one black bull branded  left hip and a blotch on the right hip consigned to Delta Sales Yard by Peter Reardon of 23191 6875

Road Montrose, CO 81403. Attached to the file is a bill of sale from Delta Sales Yard dated March 27, 2015 showing Peter Reardon purchased a black bull branded **VH** left hip. Due to the evidence presented Kory Kessinger made a motion to release the funds, \$870.33, less \$20.00 per head, per Colorado Revised Statute to Peter Reardon of 23191 6875 Road Montrose, CO 81403. Marla Rock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financials were presented to the Board. Chris Whitney updated the Board on revenue and expenditure estimates through December 2016. Based on estimates the Brand Division will have sufficient funds to cover expenditures through December 31, 2016. A new assessment period begins January 1, 2017.

Chris Whitney reported that as of December 2015 there were fourteen employees with between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and four employees with between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 617.37 hours from the November 2015 balance. Mr. Whitney made presentations to the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Board and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Brand and Theft Committee concerning the Division's cash position and the missing and stolen reporting process. The Alternative Livestock Rule was published in formal format January 10, 2016 and will take effect January 31, 2016. Chris Whitney reported that the Division has applied for a \$6,500.00 grant from the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) to assist with purchasing equipment for the e-certificate program. We expect to find out in March whether we will receive any fund. The Brand Division will also apply for funds from the Ag Management Fund to assist with purchasing equipment and other supplies for the e-certificate program. There are 320 head reported missing or stolen on the Missing and Stolen Livestock Report from investors in the Richard Sears investment group. Doug Barnes, Barnes Horse Sale and Harley Troyer, Front Range Draft Horse and Equipment Auction have requested future sale dates. The Board approved the requests since there are no other sales scheduled on the requested dates and personnel are available to work the sales on the requested dates.

Dylan Mortensen has been hired to fill the permanent part-time position in the Alamosa District. Buck Huston from the Walden District is retiring January 31, 2016. No current employees requested a transfer to the Walden District. The job announcement for a new permanent part-time employee in the Walden District has been posted. Bill Schlegel from the Eagle District is resigning effective February 19, 2016. The Division will follow procedure and ask current employees if they would like to transfer to the permanent part-time position before posting the announcement for a new employee if no current employee requests a transfer. The Technician IV position, part-time brand inspector part-time technology position, is expected to be filled by Deb Vernon from the La Junta District. Deb Vernon will be a part-time inspector for the Pueblo District. Dan Buhr, La Junta District Supervisor, will decide whether he needs to fill the vacant position with a full- or part-time employee before an announcement is made asking first for transfers, and then a new employee, if no current employees are interested in transferring to the vacancy.

There were eight certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the December 2015 Board meeting. Audits 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 balanced to zero. Audits 2 and 7 were off one head. The auditors explained the differences on the audit worksheets.

Twenty-one Alternative Livestock certificates were written in the month of November 2015 for 143 head of elk. The whole herd inventory on the Motherwell Ranch, LLC herd will be complete by the end of February 2016 deadline as set forth in a stipulation entered into by Motherwell Ranch, LLC and the Brand Board.

DISTRIBUTION OF INSPECTION DATA AND LITERATURE TO BOARD MEMBERS:

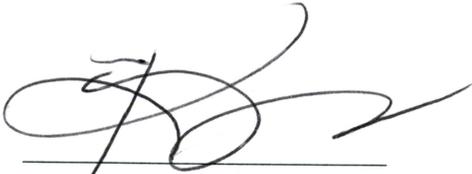
- (a) Volume of Estrays Handled Monthly
- (b) New Brands, Transfers, and Delinquent Assessments Paid

ESTRAY FUND:

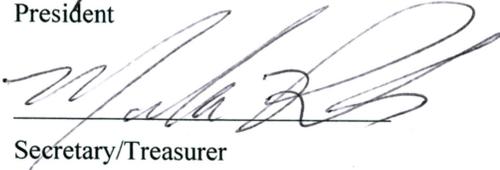
In December 2015 \$4,466.83 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$4,445.11 was for proceeds of sale on seven head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$21.72 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Five certificates of deposit matured during the month of December.

Motion by Dan McCarty that the next meeting be held on February 17, 2016 commencing at 7:00 o'clock a.m. by conference call. Seconded by David Mendenhall. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan McCarty that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Marla Rock. Motion carried.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

December 2015 Deposits

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
Shetley, Randy	1 char cow no brand, 1 char bull calf no brand	Advertised	Delta Sales Yard Delta, CO	\$1363.25
Linman, Matt	1 red cow no brand	Advertised	Kenny Rose Wray, CO	\$749.41
Brandt, Paul	1 balck yearling heifer  lh	Advertised	Dan Meier Crook, CO	\$1,048.03
Dennis, Holly	1 red cow no brand, 1 balck cow no brand, 1 black heifer calf no brand, 1 black bull calf no brand	Advertised	Lisa Eldringhoff Byers, CO	Returned to Owner
Stone, Colby	1 sorrel mare  lh	Advertised	Jean Marks LaSalle, CO	(\$265.20) animal euthanized
Williams, Dennis	1 yellow cow WH rh, UC lh, JV lh, 1 yellow heifer calf no brand	Advertised	Barr Warren LaVeta, CO	\$1,362.92