
**Friday December 13, 2025
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
SDSGA Office
Rapid City, SD**

10:10 am MST President Costello Call meeting to order

Prayer given by Chuck Willard & Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tom Costello, TW Schaleskey, Ray O'Day, Bill Paulton, Brian Fox, David Uhrig, Charles Maude, Austin Risty, Gene Fortune, Alva Wiley, Bill Kluck, Scott Edoff, Vaughn Meyer, Chuck Willard

Members Excused: George Kenzy (Present by phone for part of meeting), Raydelle Sperle, JT Rickenbach, Jeff Hunt, Ryan Vig, Mark Krogman, Chris Hutchinson, Bryan Hanson, Gary Auch

Motion by Gene Fortune Approve Agenda, 2nd by Alva Wiley. Motion carried unanimously

Chuck Willard moved to table previous Minutes Regular Board of Directors September 12, 2025 and Telephonic Board of Director December 3, 2025 (sent by email) to next meeting. Bill Kluck 2nd. Motion carried unanimously

Upon the excused absence of Secretary Treasurer, Executive Director Doris Lauing presented the financial report in detail. Brian Fox moved to approve report, 2nd by Bill Paulton. Motion carried unanimously

Old Business

Discussion of Resignation Jeremiah Murphy and hiring new Lobbyist. Since the telephonic meeting, a contract was presented to attorney Elliot Bloom for review. Contract was signed by all parties. First payment was made today. Katie Sieverding was in attendance and present for the legislative discussion

Announce that the By Laws revisions will be done at Spring Meeting with Elliot to finalize to be ready to send to Annual Membership Meeting for enforcement

New Business

President Costello spearheaded an expired Members Survey. ED Director Lauing reported the results and the success of renewals. Surveys were made available for viewing.

President Costello gave a report of the Brand Board Ad-Hoc Meetings and the legislation expected. Chuck Willard moved to agree to the Legislation of the increase of the \$1.65 cap for Brand Inspection as the only legislation regarding the Brand Board bills. TW Schaleskey 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Board held Discussion of 2026 Legislation regarding Property Tax, eminent domain, fake meat, private land/state & federal land woody encroachment.

Our annual Legislative Day at the capital is set for January 14. Photos 11:30/Introduction in Legislator/Senate 2:00. An informal Board Meeting at approximately 3:00 to discuss Legislation. The mixer begins at 5:30 with a short program at 6:30

Black Hills Stock Show is set for January 30-February 7 and Directors are encouraged to volunteers to help at booth

CBB Board Member David Uhrig Marketing Chair gave a report of the Beef check off dollars, the new advertising program as well as the recipients of the funding.

Scott Edoff moved to Adjourn. 2nd by Von Meyer. Unanimous

Lunch was enjoyed by all followed by the Holiday Open House and discussion with Legislators.