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Wednesday June 3, 2026
Minutes Board of Directors Meeting
SDSGA Office
Rapid City, SD

1:00 pm MST President Costello called meeting to order

Chuck Willard led group in Prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Directors present: Tom Costello, George Kenzy, TW Schalesky, Ray O'Day, Bill Paulton, Raydelle Sperle, Charles Maude, JT Rickenbach, Austin Risty, Jeff Hunt, Ryan Vig, Chris Hutchinson, Alva Wiley, Bill Kluck, Scott Edoff, Vaughn Meyer, Chuck Willard

Directors Excused: David Uhrig, Brian Fox Gene Fortune, Mark Krogman, Bryan Hanson
Directors Absent-Gary Auch
Guests present: Randy Volmer

George Kenzy moved to approve Agenda with additions, Charles Maude 2nd. Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Previous Minutes April 29, 2026 (Emailed). Vaughn Meyer moved to approve minutes, 2nd by JT Rickenbach. Motion carried, 1 opposed.

Finance chair Chuck Willard gave 2026/2027 Budget that was approved by Finance Committee May 18, 2026 (Emailed). JT Rickenbach moved to approve budget, 2nd by George Kenzy. Motion carried unanimously. (attached)

Old Business
By-Laws final review and passage for by-law change (The below was discussed a first-time at previous meeting and now needs final approval to move to change. Additional By-Law Changes by the Board has been approved and ready to move to Annual Membership Meeting). The By-Law changes will be noted in a letter to the membership 30 days prior the meeting. The By-Law changes and Resolutions will be published in the Summer Magazine and on the website for review prior to the convention.

1. To amend the first paragraph of the By-Laws to add SDSGA to (hereinafter referred to as this Corporation" or the "Association", or "SDSGA"), Motion by TW Schalesky, 2nd Vaughn Meyer. Motion carried unanimously
2. Article 5, Section 1 –JT Rickenbach moved to add language 'remains a member in good standing and abides by the rules and regulations of the corporation.' Charles Maude 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Article 5, Section 2, Affiliate- Following discussion, the change will be made 'The membership may vote for the Affiliation that holds similar policy as SDSGA at the Annual Meeting & the Board will confirm the memberships directives with 2./3 majority vote at the Board Meeting immediately following the Membership Meeting. Scott Edoff moved the correction, 2nd by Bill Kluck. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Article 5, Section 2, Title- JT Rickenbach moved to change title to Associate Membership & Affiliations, TW Schalseky 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Article 8, Nominating Committee- George Kenzy moved to accept the language previously written with the addition 'nominations of a member in good standing will be accepted from the floor'. Chuck Willard 2nd. Motion carried unanimously
6. Article 8- Ryan Vig moved to remove the word 'qualified'. Austin Risty 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Article 8- Alva Wiley moved to change 'from annual convention to annual convention' to 'from annual meeting to annual meeting'. Charles Maude 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Article 10- Chuck Willard moved to change 'from annual convention to annual convention' to 'from annual meeting to annual meeting'. JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered executive session 1:41/The Board exited executive session 1:59

George Kenzy moved to give Executive Director a Bonus following her annual review. Alva Wiley 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The names of the new members were read. Chuck Willard moved to approve new members. Ryan Vig 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Edoff moved to nominate JT Rickenbach for SD Beef Industry Council Appointment. Bill Paulton 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Previously the Property Rights committee, the Marketing & Trade committee met and drafted Resolutions for Discussion and approval to present for final approval at the Membership Meeting July 22:

Property Rights/19. Data Centers- Motion for Do Pass Recommendation by Bill Paulton, 2nd by JT Rickenbach. Motion carried unanimously. (attached)

Property Rights/18. Wind & Solar Farms (2026) Amended- Motion for Do Pass Recommendation by Chuck Willard, 2nd by Ryan Vig. Motion carried unanimously. (attached)

Property Rights/3. Foreign Ownership of Land & Agribusiness' amended (2026)-Chuck Willard moved for Do Pass Recommendation, JT Rickenbach 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. (attached)

Trade/Products using Cell-Cultured Technology- Motion for Do Pass Recommendation by Charles Maude, 2nd by George Kenzy. Motion carried unanimously. (attached)

The Affiliate membership was renewed to R-CALF USA and paid at the beginning of 2026. No action will need to be taken at the annual membership meeting. Membership active until March 2027.

JT Rickenbach, Lobbyist Committee Chair gave a report on the Lobbyist Committee. The current Lobbyists contract expired in December. Later this fall, candidates for Lobbyist may apply and be interviewed for a decision in November. No action needed.

Raydelle Sperle, Brand Committee Chair gave updates on the reports from the Brand Board and response from Dept of Ag & Natural Resources Secretary Hunter Roberts. Executive Director gave the group that this would be presented during the Annual Convention July 22.

Announcement and Congratulations to Charles Maude for his appointment to the CBB Board. He will undergo orientation in July.

Updates of the Annual Convention & Meeting July 20-22

Reminder and encouragement to attend the R-CALF Convention/Affiliate Meeting Tuesday June 16th /Convention June 17-18 at the Monument/Civic Center in Rapid City. Scott Edoff commented on the nice article on the SDSGA in the recent R-CALF magazine.

Discussion of participation in the America's 250 Birthday Celebration in Rapid City Parade July 2. Directors will work with members to obtain wagons and horses/riders. Follow updates.

Moved by Scott Edoff to adjourn at 3:25. Chuck Willard 2nd. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted, Doris Lauing, Executive Director