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MEMORANDUM

TO: Idaho Livestock Industry Stakeholders
FROM: Idaho Brand Board
SUBJECT: Idaho Brand Board "Schedule of Fees Review"

On April 3, 2025, the Idaho State Brand Board (Board) met to conduct the Board's 1st quarter general business meeting. During that meeting, the Board took up agenda item 12., Action Item – Brand Board "Schedule of Fees Review".

This was a necessary action item due to the 2025 legislative passage of Senate Bill #1016 (S1016), which automatically institutes change to certain service fees charged by the Board starting July 1, 2025. These fees include: the Brand Recording Fee (from \$50.00 to \$75.00); Transfer of Brand Fee (from \$50.00 to \$75.00); Livestock Dealer Renewal Fee (from \$100.00 to \$300.00); Livestock Dealer Representative Fee (from \$35.00 to \$100.00); Minimum Auction Fee (from \$50.00 to \$100.00); Duplicate Brand Card Fee (from \$1.50 to \$5.00); and hourly time charged for investigative services (from \$18.00/hr. to \$36.00/hr.).

S1016 also enacts two (2) new brand service fees including a Brand Research Fee of \$36.00 per hour, and a Duplicate Brand Inspection Fee of \$10.00 per duplicate. These fees were instituted to offset costs incurred for the specified services provided.

Additionally, S1016 removes the Board's current "Schedule of Fees" from IDAPA Rule 11.02.01.34.1; which become null and void on and after July 1, 2025, and institutes an alternative annual review of certain service fees charged by the Board on and after July 1, 2025. These fees include the Cattle Brand Inspection (per head) Fee, Brand Renewal Fee, Minimum Brand Inspection Fee and Annual (Seasonal) Brand Inspection Fee.

Due to the forementioned, the Board was tasked with evaluating the current financial status of the agency, determining the fees essential to cover necessary costs of administering and enforcing the laws of Idaho for brand inspection of livestock, and setting the new "Schedule of Fees" to be charged on and after July 1, 2025.

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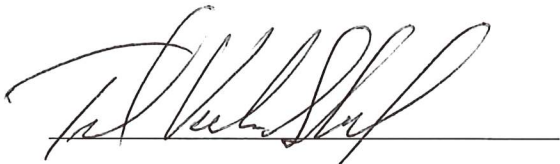
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This was not an easy task for the Board. There was much deliberation among the Board regarding the current financial status of the agency. There was conversation regarding known budgetary increases for FY26, including Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) and employee benefit costs, as well as discussion regarding the Boards sustained financial loss since FY23, and diminished cash balance. This all raised the question of whether the agency can monetarily withstand FY26 without further adjusting the Board's schedule of fees.

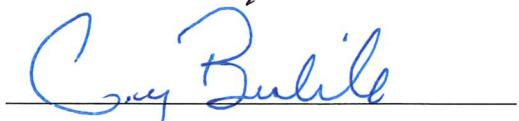
In decision, the Board voted to approve the following changes to specified service fees effective July 1, 2025; Cattle Brand Inspection fee from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per head, Brand Renewal fee from \$100 to \$200, Minimum Brand Inspection fee from \$20 to \$30, and Annual Brand Inspection fee from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per head.

As mentioned, this was not an easy choice for the Board, but essential to cover the costs of administering and maintaining a functional, operative Brand Inspection Program.

Please see Idaho State Brand Board, "FY26 Schedule of Fees" for an inclusive list of service fees to be charged as of July 1, 2025



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