

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
April 28, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on April 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

John D. Fowler, Richard D. Harnois, Robert E. Kolbe, Laurie Langland, Jon Lauck, Peggy Sanders, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Tom D. Tobin, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present

Jeffery A. Hazard

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Jim Haug, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Nancy T. Koupal, Jay Smith, Mike Lewis, Lisa Bondy, Kimberly Smith, Chris B. Nelson, Liz Almlie, Jennifer Brosz and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present

Deb Schiefelbein, Betsey DeLoache, Don Zeller, Dave Braun, Doug Runge, Steve Lee, A.J. Franken and Ryan Brunner of Pierre. Kevin Kuchenbecker, Deadwood.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society and guests.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of December 11, 2015 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of December 11, 2015 was made by Robert Kolbe and seconded by John Fowler. The motion was approved.

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 1:05 p.m.

National Register Nomination

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented one nomination for review.

Presented by Liz Almlie:

- 1) Bluff Historic District, Vermillion, Clay County.

The Bluff Historic District meets National Register Criterion C and is significant at the local level in the area of architecture between 1868 and 1957. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by David Wolff to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Bluff Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved. The Trustees recommended the nomination to include an explanation of the choice of 1931 for a date of significance, a fuller justification for noncontributing status, and various editing corrections.

Ted Spencer shared a letter he received from an attorney representing the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota that owns the property at 224 Court Street in Vermillion, South Dakota who objected to the inclusion of their property within the historic district. (Attachment #1).

The state review board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Old Business

Sully County Land: Discussion took place regarding the Sully County land. School and Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner introduced A.J. Franken with the Governor's Office. He mentioned that the Governor's Office approves all land sales and leases. A copy of House Bill No. 1014 was distributed to the trustees. (Attachment #2). Jim Haug from the Archaeological Research Center showed a PowerPoint indicating where his staff found two archaeological sites on the property. A MOTION WAS MADE by Peggy Sanders and seconded by Brad Tennant that the property be appraised, that input from a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) be included, that an archaeology covenant be included, and that a second opinion from the Attorney General be sought. The motion was approved.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #3). Vogt had no additions to his report.

Jim Haug, State Archaeologist, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Haug answered questions regarding the archaeological records online database.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #5). Somsen mentioned that Marcia Wickett filled the Program Assistant position vacated by Chris Harmon in Springfield and that leaves the Officer Supervisor position open.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #6). Spencer reported that Crazy Horse Memorial is being explored as a National Historic Landmark. He also mentioned that only eight SHPOs out of 52 applicants were awarded grants from a private foundation, and South Dakota received a \$40,000 grant.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #7). Smith reported that his office received a \$5,000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation for exhibits.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #8). Koupal summarized the Press's recent accomplishments and gave an overview of upcoming projects.

Michael Lewis, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted his report. (Attachment #9). John Teupel, Chairman of the Foundation, reported that the Foundation is in the process of making staff changes. He introduced Lisa Bondy who has been hired as the Administrative Director and they are currently interviewing applicants for a Development Director. President Michael Lewis will eventually work part-time for board development, administrative support, and assist with fundraising. Teupel reported that the Foundation is working on a fee structure relationship with the Society. Chairman Teupel expressed his honor to work with the Society and Program Directors. Lewis reported that a portion of the Pioneer Girl funds have been moved from a checking account into a conservative investment account, and that he is working closely with Nancy Koupal and staff to monitor the investments.

Old Business Continued

Deadwood Grant Application Scoring Review: Ted Spencer distributed the scoring sheet currently used for the Deadwood Grant Application Scoring Review. (Attachment #10). Spencer addressed the board's concerns and comments.

Newspaper Digitization: Chelle Somsen provided a handout on the Archives Newspaper Digitization Project Update. (Attachment #11). Somsen and Kimberly Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the digitization project update and answered questions. Discussion took place regarding the priority of choosing the newspapers that are considered for the digitization project.

New Business

Six projects were recommended to the board for approval for Deadwood Fund grants. (Attachment #12). A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Jon Lauck, to approve the recommended grants to the Keystone Museum, Keystone (\$18,000); Mobridge Auditorium, Mobridge (\$3,800); Aby Feed and Seed, Rapid City (\$15,000); Homestake Powder House, Lead (\$2,138); Murtha House, Elk Point (\$3,752); and the Trinity Episcopal Church, Groton (\$9,000). The motion was approved.

Jennifer Brosz gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding a special request for emergency funding of \$5,500 for roof repair to the Oahe Chapel, a property owned by the South Dakota State Historical Society. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Richard Harnois, to approve the special request for emergency funding of \$5,500 for roof repair to the Oahe Chapel. The motion was approved.

Old Business Continued

Director Vogt gave an update on the Department of Education transition. He reported that the Society is adjusting to the working environment within the Department of Education.

New Business Continued

Chelle Somsen reported that there is an opening on the State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) for one trustee. Jon Lauck volunteered to fill that position.

Jim Haug presented a Record of Deaccessions request. (Attachment #13). A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Jon Lauck, to approve Deaccession number 122 as presented. The motion was approved. This record is in reference to a Caucasian Reburial per the Administrative Rules of SD 24:52:09:03.

Fort Pierre Chouteau proposal: (Attachment #14). Ted Spencer introduced Don Zeller, Deb Schiefelbein, and Betsey DeLoache. Spencer gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the State Historic Preservation Office and Pierre/Fort Pierre Historic Preservation Commission's joint proposal to the trustees regarding improvements to the Fort Pierre Chouteau Site. Discussion took place regarding the proposal. A MOTION WAS MADE by Francis Whitebird and seconded by Richard Harnois to accept the Fort Pierre Chouteau Site Proposal as presented. The motion was approved.

Other Business

Jay Smith reported on the South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference scheduled April 29-30 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre. The title of the conference is "Everyone Eats: South Dakota's Food Heritage." There are 143 people registered for the conference and 12 vendors.

Director Vogt reported that Governor Daugaard reappointed John D. Fowler and Jeffery A. Hazard to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Historical Society members re-elected Robert E. Kolbe and Laurie Langland to serve on the Board of Trustees for another three-year term. Vogt mentioned that three individuals and two organizations are being recognized by the State Historical Society for their efforts in preserving state history. The award winners include Shebby Lee of Rapid City, Amber Nash of Waubay, Chuck Vollan of Brookings, the Mount Rushmore Society of Rapid City and the Verendrye Museum's "Bring It Home" Committee of Fort Pierre.

Recommendations for Certificates of Recognition were presented. (Attachment #15). A MOTION WAS MADE by Jon Lauck and seconded by Robert Kolbe, to award certificates of recognition to the individuals and organizations presented. The motion was approved.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8, in Deadwood, hosted by the City of Deadwood. The City of Deadwood will include tour projects and activities on Thursday, July 7.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:05 p.m.

I, Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the business conducted at the April 28, 2016 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Caroline C. Uecker
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Recording Secretary

Jay D. Vogt
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