SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 6th, 2017

10 a.m. (CDT)

Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building, 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. CDT.

Board Members Present:

Chairwoman June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Vice Chairman Jay Vogt – State Historical Society

Brian Gustafson – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Cole Irwin- Dept. of Tourism

Steve Emery- Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Secretary: David Reiss- Dept. of Tribal Relations-recording

Others Present: None

Chairwoman Hansen opened with a welcome to new Board members Gustafson and Irwin. Reiss conducted a roll call of members, all members attending and quorum was present.

By general consent, Chairwoman Hansen struck item 10 from the agenda as the USBGN has not requested a state annual report.

The minutes from the 4.11.2016 Board meeting were read for approval. Vogt indicated a correction on page 2 to the draft minutes. Vogt moved for approval of meeting minutes for 4.11.2016 meeting as corrected, Emery seconded. All members voted aye, meeting minutes approved as corrected.

Chair Hansen provided historical background, reasoning, and operational overview of the Board for new members.

Squaw Humper Dam update: Vogt indicated he has not received return correspondence from the Oglala Sioux Tribe THPO on Squaw Humper Dam and ultimately the feature exists on private deeded property. Hansen indicated the name has not yet been changed; Emery will email OST tribal president directly to bring resolution.

Chair Hansen provided an update from the US Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) on proposed names:

1. Campbell County feature Searl Creek- Hansen indicated the USBGN adopted name Searl Creek for the water feature in Campbell County on May 5, 2016.
2. Proposed Name Change of Harney Peak- Hansen discussed briefly the USBGN’s decision to change the name of Harney Peak to Black Elk Peak on August 11, 2016 following a SDBGN decision to not change the name.
3. Proposed name change of town of Marty- Hansen briefly discussed the request to change the name of the town of Marty, noting the SDBGN does not have decision making authority for requests to name cities, counties, or townships. The USBGN has dropped its study of the request to rename the town of Marty.

Report from 2016 COGNA Conference: Vice Chair Vogt provided review of his attendance to the 2016 COGNA conference noting it was first time SD was represented at the conference. USBGN is very supportive of the SDBGN public involvement process, most states are more cumbersome and bureaucratic in how they study and decide name changes. The conference focuses on geographic features considered in the home state hosting the conference and also hold a meeting of the USBGN.

Chair Hansen discussed selecting a SDBGN representative to attend the COGNA Conference on May 8-12 2017 in Richmond VA.

Emery moved to send Board Secretary Reiss to COGNA, Vogt seconded. All members voted aye, motion carries.

COGNA Conference registration must be submitted by April 17th.

Discussion of Procedural Changes:

a. Delete SDBGN website-Hansen would like Ann Devany to move any posted files to Boards & Commission portal. General Board consent was made to work to close SDBGN website.

b. Updates to Public Involvement Process Document- Hansen explained changes made to SDBGN public involvement process as drafted by her per procedural directives made by 2016 SD Legislature.

Hansen would like the old SDBGN website closed out by July 1st; minor edits to the SDBGN Public Involvement Process were suggested and approved by general consent.

Vogt moved to approve the Public Involvement Process as amended, Emery seconds. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Public Comment- No public comment provided.

Other Business- No other business, the next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

Emery moved to adjourn, Gustafson seconded. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned 10:44 a.m.

Recorded by David Reiss.