

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 11, 2016

1:30 p.m. (CDT)

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

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:30PM CDT.

Board Members Present:

Chairwoman June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Vice Chairman Jay Vogt – State Historical Society

Bill Markley – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Eileen Bertsch- Dept. of Tourism

Steve Emery- Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Secretary:

David Reiss- Dept. of Tribal Relations-recording

Others Present:

James Nord, Associated Press

Bob Mercer

Lee Zion, Capital Journal

The minutes from the 6.29.2015 Board meeting were read for approval. Vogt moved approval of the minutes as read. It was seconded and the motion passed.

There was no update on contacts regarding Squaw Humper Dam. Vogt is working with the Oglala Sioux Tribe THPO, indicated the name has not yet been changed and tribe is attempting to work with the landowner.

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

- a) Searl Creek- Hansen discussed USBGN foregoing state of North Dakota concurrence after lack of input to federal process, county in ND has crafted letter not taking action. USBGN will ask ND county commissioners to provide an affirmative letter for naming to move forward.
- b) Proposed Name Change of Harney Peak- Hansen provided update from USBGN, no action by the USBGN has taken place but action could occur as early as this week's USBGN meeting.

Chair Hansen provided discussion on the Council of Geographic Names Authority (COGNA). Hansen inquired if any Board member would like to attend the COGNA national conference, Vogt indicated his willingness to attend. Emery moved for Vogt to

attend COGNA conference, Bertsch seconded. All members voted aye, motion carried. Vogt will attend COGNA conference May 3-7, 2016 on behalf of the SDBGN.

Chair Hansen reviewed the annual report for the SDBGN to the US Board on Geographic Names. No Board members requested changes; Hansen indicated she will send the report as written.

Chair Hansen discussed procedural changes to the SDBGN:

- a) Updates to Website- Hansen indicated intent to transition all Board web posting to the SD Boards & Commissions website and transitioning out of use of the Board's proprietary website. Members held discussion about maintaining functionality between the websites to continue public access to all Board information and materials from prior meetings and business. Hansen noted the Board's website will continue to operate for some time until the USBGN finalizes action on currently pending proposals. Information posted to the SDBGN website will be transferred to the SD Boards & Commissions website according to SD records retention requirements.
- b) Updates to Public Involvement Process- Hansen indicated she is drafting steps to accord for necessary changes to the Board's Public Involvement Process, her work is ongoing. Vogt inquired about changes to the Board's process considering changes to the Board's legal directive in SDCL 1-17C by the 2016 Legislature, Hansen provided discussion indicating all name change suggestions must be directed by the SD Legislature for the Board to take action. Hansen explained updates to Board paperwork, forms and publications will be forthcoming following adjustments to the public involvement process.

Public Comments to the Board: Hansen asked for public comments to the Board, no comments were offered.

Other business: Hansen commended Joe Nadnicek (retired) for his longtime work to the SDBGN. Hansen also commended Bertsch's service to the Board and thanked her for her time serving as a state employee and on the SDBGN. Hansen indicated all Board materials will begin to be posted prior to meetings to allow review of materials by the Board prior to holding meetings.

Schedule of next Board meeting: Chair Hansen explained the next Board meeting will take place at the call of the Chair when action is necessary on pending features. Location of the next meeting is to be announced prior to the meeting.

Chair Hansen asked for a motion to adjourn. Bertsch moved to adjourn, Emery seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Recorded by David Reiss.