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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
September 15, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on September 15, 2017 at 8:45 a.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, Jeffery A. Hazard, Robert E. Kolbe, Laurie Langland, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present

Jon Lauck, Peggy Sanders and Tom D. Tobin.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Jeanne Ode, Jay Smith, Jim Haug-by phone, Kate Nelson, Katelyn Weber, Mike Lewis, Judy Uecker, Amy Kucera, Katy Schmidt, Peter Kleinpass and Caroline C. Uecker.

Others Present

John Teupel, Spearfish; Bob Mercer, Pierre; Kevin Kuchenbecker, Mayor Charles Turbiville, Mike Johnson and Lyman Toews of Deadwood.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society and guests. Jeanne Ode introduced new Research and Publishing staff: Amy Kucera, Associate Editor and Judy Uecker, Accounting Assistant. Jay Smith introduced Katy Schmidt, Museum Curator of Collections.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the board of trustees meeting of July 14, 2017 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of July 14, 2017 was made by Richard Harnois and seconded by Laurie Langland. The motion was approved.

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 9:50 a.m.

National Register Nomination

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented one nomination for review.

Presented by Katelyn Weber:

- 1) Mortimer Cabin Amendment, Bruce vicinity, Brookings County.

The National Park Service (NPS) contacted the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Mortimer Cabin nomination. NPS supports the nomination, but requested that SHPO expand the boundary to include the wooded area around the tip of the peninsula. The original boundary included only the area around the cabin. SHPO amended the boundary per this request. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by Robert Kolbe to

approve the boundary increase of the Mortimer Cabin nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

The state review board adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Director Vogt had no additions to his report. He mentioned that he just found out that the “pay for performance” portion on the Accountability and Competency Evaluation System (ACES) is not being funded next fiscal year. The ACES process will still be completed.

Jim Haug, State Archaeologist, submitted his report. (Attachment #2). Haug participated by phone. He had no additions to his report.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #3). Somsen reported that her office has three events planned for Archives month to be celebrated in October. She mentioned that this is the 10 year anniversary of the photo digitization program.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Spencer was unavailable. There was nothing new to add to his report.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Smith reported that the museum’s temporary exhibit “A Life’s Work: Paul Goble Illustrations of American Indian Stories” will close on September 24. The exhibit is on loan from the South Dakota Art Museum. The museum’s temporary exhibit “From the Collection: Quilts” will close on October 1. Two dance sticks that the museum has on loan from the North Dakota Heritage Center and the National Museum of the American Indian will be returned in late October. The official closing day for the effigy case will be October 22. Discussion took place regarding the Society Sioux Horse Effigy dance stick regarding confirmation by experts of the sculptor.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Koupal was unavailable. Jeanne Ode reported that the only change to Koupal’s report was that Don Montileaux’s book *Muskrat and Skunk* will not be delivered in time for the South Dakota Festival of Books in September. It is now scheduled for early October.

Michael Lewis, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted his report. (Attachment #7). Lewis reported that the recent Badger Clark celebration co-sponsored with Custer State Park was a success.

Old Business

Sully County land update: Discussion took place clarifying the Society’s control of the earnings from the sale of the Sully County land when sold. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by John Fowler to approve the selling of the Sully County land donated to the South Dakota State Historical Society. The motion was approved.

McDowell vs. Sapienza update: Jay D. Vogt reported that the Attorney General’s Office has filed the *Amicus Curiae* brief with the Supreme Court which will hear oral arguments in favor of the plaintiffs and in support of Historic Preservation in holding up the case. The meeting will take place in Vermillion on October 3.

Fort Pierre Chouteau improvements update: Jay D. Vogt reported that the majority of the money has been raised to begin improvement work at the Fort Pierre Chouteau National Historic Landmark. A ground breaking ceremony was held on August 21 at the sight for the new tower construction. Vogt, Mayor Harding of Pierre and Mayor Hanson of Fort Pierre participated in the ceremony.

New Business

Copies of the proposed 2018 Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Budget were mailed to board members beforehand. Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker introduced Mayor Charles Turbiville, Mike Johnson, and Lyman Toews who were with him in support of the \$6,901,440 budget proposal. Kuchenbecker gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2018 budget and shared handouts that explained the budget items. After the presentation, Kuchenbecker and the other Deadwood representatives answered questions from the Board of Trustees. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Francis Whitebird to approve the 2018 Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget as presented. The motion was approved.

Other Business

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2017 in Pierre.

Recommendations for Certificates of Recognition were presented. (Attachment #8). A MOTION WAS MADE by Laurie Langland and seconded by Richard Harnois, to award certificates of recognition to the individuals and organization presented. The motion was approved.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 12:30 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 September 15, 2017 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Jay D. Vogt, Director
South Dakota State Historical Society

Caroline C. Uecker
Recording Secretary