

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 22, 2021
3:00 p.m. (CST)
Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building
700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD
Inter-Call Dial-in Number: 1-866-410-8397
Conference Code: 4326592706#

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. (CST)

Board Members Present:

Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation
Vice Chair Ben Jones – State Historical Society
David Flute, Secretary, Dept. of Tribal Relations
Cole Irwin – Dept. of Tourism
Sean Kruger -- Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

None

Others Present:

None

#1 – Roll Call

Board Secretary Schneider called the roll. There were five members present.

#2 – October 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 2, 2020 Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Irwin moved approval of the minutes. Flute seconded. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Informational Item – Welcome Sean Kruger to the Board (Represents Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources)

Chair Hansen welcomed Sean Kruger, representing the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to the Board.

#4 – Informational Item: USBGN Approval of Arikara Creek in Hughes County (Attachment #2)

Chair Hansen informed the Board that the USBGN approved the name Arikara Creek for the feature in Hughes County.

#5 -- Informational Item: Request Rescinded to Name Hill on South Dakota Mines Campus (Pennington County)

Board Chair Hansen informed the Board that the individual who submitted a request to name a hill on the campus of the South Dakota School of Mines has rescinded the request. The School of Mines has future plans to propose a name for that feature.

#6 – 2021 Legislative Wrap-Up on SDBGN Legislation to Change Reference to USBGN Manual from 1997 to 2016 Approved

Board Chair Hansen informed the Board that SB 12 was approved by the legislature and signed into law by the governor on February, 8th, 2021.

#7 – Any Requests from Board for any Legislative Action for 2022 Session

There were no requests from the board from legislative action in the 2022 session.

#8 – Informational Item: Notification from the US Forest Service about New Offensive Name Declared and New Committee to Identify Offensive Names (Attachment #3)

Board Chair Hansen informed the Board that the Secretary of the Interior has identified the term “squaw” as offensive. Chair Hansen noted that the Board has already renamed any geographic features, within the purview of the Board, with this name. Additionally, the Secretary of the Interior is forming a committee to establish other names which are offensive to Native Americans. Chair Hansen noted that the SDBGN can only work on names which the SD Legislature has deemed offensive or insulting.

#9 – Informational Item: No pending geographic features at this time

Chair Hansen informed the Board that there are no pending geographic features at this time.

#10 – Public Comment on other agenda or non-agenda items

No public comment provided.

#11 – Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Board.

#12 – Schedule Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held in December of 2022, unless other business is brought before the Board.

#13 -- Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary

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