

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre SD  
Conference Call – 10:00 a.m. Central Time  
Friday, July 13, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on July 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. via conference call. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

John D. Fowler, 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

Richard D. Harnois and Jeffery A. Hazard.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Terri Bruce, Katie Lamie, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Nancy T. Koupal, Jay Smith, Sofia Mattesini, Catherine Forsch, and Caroline C. Uecker.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and guests. He recognized Terri Bruce, Interim State Archaeologist and Director of the Office of Archaeology.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of April 26, 2018 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of April 26, 2018 was made by David Wolff and seconded by Jon Lauck. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with ten ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Kolbe, Langland, Lauck, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird, and Wolff.

Tennant asked if there was any public comment now. There was none.

There was no State Review Board.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Vogt mentioned that there will be no increases in the 2020 budget. He reported that Education Secretary Don Kirkegaard has resigned and taken a position in Wisconsin. Vogt mentioned that he will not be available for the next board meeting scheduled September 7, 2018 in Pierre due to personal reasons.

Terri Bruce, Interim State Archaeologist submitted his report. (Attachment #2). Bruce answered questions regarding the mammoth site that Michael Fosha is working at near Kadoka and if there has been an increase in oil and gas permits. Bruce will report back to the board regarding specifics on these two topics.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #3). Somsen reported that she had no additions to her report.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Spencer reported that he had no additions to his report. He introduced Historic Preservation Specialist Sofia Mattesini, who started in May.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Smith had no additions to his report.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Koupal reported that Jon Lauck had circulated the cover for *Plains Political Tradition*, volume 3, to generate interest. She mentioned that her office has three candidates to interview for two positions in Research and Publishing. The board discussed the recent American Library Association (ALA) decision to remove Laura Ingalls Wilder's name from its children's book award and wishes to determine if the board should make a statement on the topic. Koupal will do some research concerning the procedures of the ALA in accepting such statements and report back at the September meeting.

Catherine Forsch, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. (Attachment #7). Forsch reported that the Foundation received an Outside of Deadwood grant of \$15,000 approved by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission to help support efforts of the South Dakota State Historical Society for digitizing early Dakota Territory maps. The Foundation is beginning to work on fundraising of \$12,000 to refurbish the neon Carl's Bait Shop sign that has been donated to the South Dakota State Historical Society. The Western Collectibles Auction has been confirmed for September 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Fort Pierre. A mailing that went out in June to non-members, as a joint project with the Foundation and Society, has resulted in 32 new members and eight reactivated members as of July 12.

#### Old Business

Sully County land update: Director Jay D. Vogt reported that School and Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner will schedule the auction of the land in September, with the possible sale date pushed back due to the land surveyors not being able to make it out there due to the rain. Commissioner Brunner will schedule "open houses" to show the property. Nine people have indicated an interest in the property, and they will be contacted by the Office of School and Public Lands as part of the required advertising.

McDowell vs. Sapienza update: Vogt reported that according to news reports, Josh and Sarah Sapienza demolished their house in the McKennan Park Historic District in compliance with the court order, after their revised plan was not approved by the Sioux Falls Board of Historic Preservation. Their lawyer has notified the city that they intend to hold the Sioux Falls Board responsible.

Jon Lauck exited the meeting now.

#### New Business

Katie Lamie presented a Record of Deaccessions request. (Attachment #8). A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert Kolbe and seconded by Peggy Sanders, to approve the deaccession numbers as presented. They include: 147, 148, 149, and 150. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with nine ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff. These deaccessions are collections that are under control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

and plans are to repatriate the collections to representatives of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota in 2018.

Other Business

There were no recommendations for Certificates of Recognition.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2018 in Pierre.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:05 a.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 July 13, 2018 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

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Jay D. Vogt, Director  
South Dakota State Historical Society

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Caroline C. Uecker  
Recording Secretary