

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
September 6, 2019

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 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Sean J. Flynn, John D. Fowler, Richard D. Harnois, Tom Hurlbert, Laurie Langland, Jon Lauck, Peggy Sanders, Brad Tennant, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present

Rolene R. Schliesman and Tom D. Tobin.

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Nancy T. Koupal, Jay Smith, Renee Boen, Ted Spencer, Sofia Mattesini, Kate Nelson, Caroline C. Uecker and Catherine Forsch-by telephone.

Others Present

Bonny Anfinson, Dale Berg, Beverly Posey and Mayor David R. Ruth Jr. of Deadwood.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence took place out of respect for Jeffery A. Hazard, who passed away August 30, 2019. Hazard served nine years on the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society and guests.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the board of trustees meeting of July 12, 2019 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of July 12, 2019 was made by Sean Flynn and seconded by Jon Lauck. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

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

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 9:05 a.m.

National Register Nominations

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented Three nominations for review.

Presented by Kate Nelson:

- 1) Midland Depot, Midland, Haakon County.

The Midland Depot of Midland is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Transportation and Exploration/Settlement and C for Architecture. Its level of

significance is statewide. The depot meets Criterion Consideration B for moved properties. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by John Fowler to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Midland Depot of Midland to the National Register of Historic Places, with the amendments/recommendations. The motion was approved.

Presented by Sofia Mattesini:

2) Jefferson School, Huron, Beadle County.

The Jefferson School meets Criterion A registration requirements under the multiple property listing Schools in South Dakota (NRIS# 64500587) in the context of Education and Criterion C for its Architectural significance. Additionally, the Jefferson School also meets Criterion Consideration A as it is currently owned by the Huron Church of the Open Bible, and it's being currently used for religious purposes. Properties owned by religious institutions are usually not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; however, the school is significant under the historic themes of Education and Architecture. A MOTION WAS MADE by Peggy Sanders and seconded by Jon Lauck to recommend the approval of the Jefferson School to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

3) Doland Commercial Historic District, Doland, Spink County.

The Doland Commercial Historic District is eligible under Criterion A for historic significance in the area of Commerce. The district demonstrates the economic development and permanent settlement of Doland and how it became the commercial hub of the surrounding agricultural area. A MOTION WAS MADE by Jon Lauck and seconded by Sean Flynn to recommend the approval of the Doland Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. The motion was approved.

The state review board adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #1). Vogt reported that the Society's major budget request to fund the Electronics Records Program and to fund the major capital asset purchases of scanning equipment are going forward to the Governor's Office. Vogt mentioned that the Department of Tourism has asked that they get the Tourism Promotion Tax monies that currently go to the Museum and Archaeology Offices and that the Society replace those monies with State General Funds. Vogt opposes this and will work on educating all parties involved.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. (Attachment #2). Boen reported that her office is hosting the South Dakota State Archaeological Society's Annual Meeting September 13-14, 2019. Boen answered questions regarding Wind Farm projects and the Cascade report.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted her report. (Attachment #3). Somsen outlined the Archives Month activities that will be celebrated in October. She gave an update on the Digitization Newspaper Project and mentioned that the Archives Special Projects Program located at the Women's Prison is switching over to more electronic aspects of work and doing away from microfilming.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #4). Spencer answered questions on the Oscar Howe Murals Contract and reported that the contractor has begun her research.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Smith reported that the estimated date to complete the new security system for the building is November 1, 2019. He reported that Museum Outreach Coordinator Aidan Brady has accepted a position in Wyoming. His position is a contract position and will be filled later.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #6). Koupal reported that her trip to Mansfield, Missouri scheduled September 7-12, 2019 to research and compare texts of Pioneer Girl and other manuscripts at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Catherine Forsch, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. (Attachment #7). Forsch reported her office received a \$9,000 grant for the Press book, *The Voice of Liberty*, which is projected for release in 2020.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ted Spencer, Director of Historic Preservation, provided a copy of his analysis of the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Calendar Year 2020 Budget. The proposed budget shows a budget total of \$6,900,000 for 2020. Spencer's recommendations primarily focus on whether the budgetary line items follow the cited Administrative Rule and are within the scope and intent of preservation activities intended by the legislature.

Copies of the proposed Calendar Year 2020 Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Budget were mailed to board members beforehand. Deadwood Historic Preservation Program Coordinator Bonny Anfinson introduced Mayor David Ruth Jr., Beverly Posey, and Dale Berg, who were with her in support of the \$6,900,000 budget proposal. Deadwood Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker was unable to attend. Anfinson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2020 budget and shared handouts that explained the budget items. During the presentation, Anfinson and the other Deadwood representatives answered questions from the Board of Trustees. The Trustees expressed their concern that they want the total line item "Outside of Deadwood Grants" looked at more closely, as well as other comments and concerns addressed. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Tom Hurlbert to approve the 2020 Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget as presented. The motion was approved. Nay vote: Tennant.

Other Business

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2019 in Pierre.

There were no recommendations for Certificates of Recognition.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 12:45 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 6, 2019 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