

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Jay Vogt Education Room, Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
December 13, 2024**

Call to Order:

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Tom Hulbert in the Jay Vogt Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board members present in the Jay Vogt Education Room:

Tom Hulbert, Bill Pearson, and Michelle Dennis

Board members present via TEAMS Conference Call:

John Fowler, Lura Roti, Brian Sandvig, Robert Kolbe, David Grettler, and David Patterson

Board members absent:

Jon Lauck, Francis Whitebird

State Historical Society Staff Present:

Benjamin Jones, Braeden Kluver, Garry Guan, Liz Almlie, Katie Wasley, Katie Goss, Duncan Trau, David Grabitske, Amanda Van Balen- SD Historical Society Foundation

State Historical Society Staff Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Catherine Forsch, Dedra Birzer, Cassie Vogt, Kevin Larsen

Others Present in the Jay Vogt Education Room:

Tim Schreiner, Bob Mercer, Sharon Martinesko, Leo Diede, Blake Joseph, Kevin Kuchenbecker

Others Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

SDPB, AJ Franken, Vicki Dar, Bonny Anfinson, Michael Runge, Leah Blue-Jones, Amy Greba, Jessica McKeown, Tervor Santochi

Welcome and Announcements:

President Tom Hurlbert led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a welcome to the members of the board, staff of the Historical Society and guests.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Pearson to adopt the agenda, Sandvig seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes:

The September 13, 2024, minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were mailed and posted digitally for board members before the meeting. **Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes with grammatical correction, Pearson seconded motion.** The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: (SDCL 1-25-1):

None.

State and Review Board:

The board began the duties of the State Review Board to evaluate the National Register Nominations and State Historic Preservation Office's 2025 Work Plan presented by the State Historic Preservation Office staff.

National Register Nominations, presented by Liz Almlie:

- University of South Dakota Historic Core District, Vermillion, Clay County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Education, and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. After discussion including input from USD General Council and the Clay County Historical Society, **a motion was made to approve the nomination application by Kolbe and was seconded by Patterson.** The motion carried unanimously with Dennis recusing.

State Historic Preservation Office 2025 Work Plan, presented by Garry Guan:

- Jones introduced Garry Guan as the new State Historic Preservation Officer. Guan presented on the FFY 2025 Annual Work Plan with a budget of \$896,513. The budget includes general operations, subgrants, Geographical Information System computerized mapping, contract projects, estimated budget figures and newly proposed projects. The office solicited public comment for the work plan. After discussion, **a motion was made to approve the State Historic Preservation Office's 2025 Work Plan by Pearson, seconded by Dennis.** The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Deadwood Fund Grant Applications, presented by Liz Almlie and Katie Wasley:

- A presentation was given with recommendation of approving four out of the ten Deadwood Fund Grant Applications. After discussion, **a motion to approve the recommendations was made by Dennis, seconded by Pearson.** The motion was carried unanimously with Hurlbert and Roti recusing. The Approved grants include the Dakota Theater, Yankton (\$22,000), 123 N. Main, Mitchell (\$15,000), A.H. Brown Library, Mobridge (\$15,000), and Rapid City Carnegie Library, Rapid City (\$15,000).

State Property Tax Moratorium Applications, presented by Duncan Trau:

- A summary was provided for each of the fourteen applications. After discussion, **a motion was made to approve the recommendations for the 2024 State Property Tax Moratorium Applications by Kolbe, seconded by Grettler.** The motion carried unanimously with Hurlbert recusing. The following twelve applications were approved: A.W. Ewert Mansion, Parmley Pankow House, The Fairmont Creamery, Frank A. Brown House, W.C. Hollister Residence Rapid City Carnegie Library, KDSJ Building, Julius Kuh House, Adams Block Brother Building (51, 53 and 55 Sherman St.), Effting Grocery, Frank Aiken House, and 1621 S. 2 Ave. The following two applications were denied: Hiram W. Ross House and 1212 S. Philips Ave.

Recess:

Board President Tom Hulbert called for a five-minute recess at 10:36 am. The meeting resumed at 10:41 am.

Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Budget Analysis, presented by Garry Guan:

- State Historic Preservation Officer Garry Guan reported on his analysis of the prepared budget. He recommended approval based on whether administrative rules are followed, and the proposed projects follow the scope and intent of historic preservation by the legislature.

Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Budget Presentation, presented by Kevin Kuchenbecker:

- Kuchenbecker presented the proposed Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Budget for calendar year 2024. After discussion, **a motion was made to approve by Sandvig, seconded by Dennis.** The motion carried unanimously.

Elections/Appointments/Awards:

Awards Committee

- Jones recommended that the Board establish an Awards Committee. Hurlbert and Lauck were appointed.

Certificates of Recognition

- Roti asked the Board to recognize and congratulate Dan and Cheryl Tomjack for their contributions to South Dakota's history. **Roti made a motion to approve the certificates, Dennis seconded.** The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

History Conference Update:

- Jones and Vogt announced that the history conference is planned for May 7th, 8th, and 9th in Deadwood with the theme being *Histories Mysteries*. Speakers are being lined up and progress is well on its way.

2025 Board Meeting Schedule:

- The Board agreed to move the April 11th meeting to coincide with the History Conference taking place May 7th, 8th, and 9th. The rest of the dates did not change.

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held May 7th at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time in the Century Room, Deadwood City Hall.

Adjournment:

Dennis made the motion for Adjournment. Kolbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

I, Benjamin F. Jones, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are true, and an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the December 13, 2024, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.

State Historian and Director

South Dakota State Historical Society

Braeden Kluver

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