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**Executive Commission Minutes**

June 5, 2024

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the South Dakota America 250 Executive Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Benjamin F. Jones via Microsoft TEAMS. A quorum was present.

**Commissioners present via TEAMS Conference call:**

Peggy Besch, Julie Breu, Caleb Finck, David Flute, Catherine Forsch, Kurt Hackemer, James Hagen, Benjamin Jones, Doug Knust, Shane Penfield, Nick Harrington, George Seamon, Rep. Tyler Tordsen, and Greg Whitlock.

**Commissioners Absent:**

David Grabitske, Marshall Michels, Sen. Tim Reed, and Connie Hohn

**Others Present:**

Jamie Hageman (SDSHS), Kevin Larsen (SDSHS) and SDPB

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Finck made a motion to adopt the agenda. Flute seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Finck made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2024. Whitlock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment: (SDCL 1-25-1)** There were none.

**Events/Programs/Ideas:**

- **Walk 250 Miles by 2026!** Prior to the meeting commissioners were sent a document outlining the work thus far planned for Walk 250 miles by 2026. Harrington gave a brief description and talked about planning activities. An additional planning meeting will be schedule in a couple weeks and to include representative(s) from the State Fair. The goal is to launch the program July 4, 2024.
- **USD Collaboration-Indian Citizenship Act:** Hackemer and Jones provided detailed descriptions of the proposed event(s).
- **Library Book Program** Seamon provided a brief description of planning items for a library book program to be launched at the beginning of the new school year.

**Promotional Products:**

Prior to the meeting, commissioners were sent quotes from two promotional stores, Maximum Promotions in Sioux Falls and 4imprint. After Discussion, a motion was by Harrington to grant authority the purchase of promotional products up to the amount of \$3500. The motion was seconded by Tordsen. After a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Updates:**

- **Partnerships**
- **Website**
- **Federal Convening in Washington D.C.**

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting is set for August 7, 2024, at 3pm CST. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Forsch and seconded by Besch. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

I, Benjamin F. Jones, chairman of the South Dakota America 250 commission, declare that these minutes are true, and an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the June 5, 2024, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

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Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.

State Historian and Director

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