

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
September 9, 2022**

Call to Order:

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Tom Hurlbert in the Vogt Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board members present in Cultural Heritage Center:

John Fowler, Michelle Dennis, Peggy Sanders, Brad Tennant, and Lura Roti

Board members present via ZOOM and Conference call:

Tom Hurlbert, David Patterson, Jennifer Winter, Brian Sandvig, and Billie Kingfisher Jr.

Board Members Not Present:

Marshall Damgaard and David Wolff

State Historical Society Staff Present:

Benjamin Jones, Cassie Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Catherine Forsch SD Historical Foundation, Ted Spencer, Dedra Birzer, David Grabitske, Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, Katie Wasley, Jamie Patton, Liz Almlie, Dustin Lyod and Slater Sabo

City of Deadwood Representatives:

Kevin Kuchenbecker, Jessica McKeown, Sharon Martinisko, Bonny Anfinson, Carolyn Weber, Beverly Posey, Trevor Santochi, Charles Eagleson, Vicki Dar, and Rose Spears

Others Present:

Ron Conrad and SDPB(via Zoom)

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 South Dakota Historical Society and guests.

Adoption of the Agenda

Roti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.

Approval of Board Minutes:

The June 9, 2022 minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were mailed to the members the meeting. Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Tennent seconded motion. The motion to approve the minutes with corrections was unanimous.

Conflict of Interest: (SDCL3-23) There were none.

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

State and Review Board:

At 9:10 a.m. the board began the duties of the State Review Board to evaluate the National Register Nominations presented by the State Historic Preservation Office staff.

Presented by Liz Almlie

- Jolley Historic District, Vermillion, Clay County: The district includes a total of 253 city lots with 397 total buildings dating from the late 19th century through the 20th century. The major landmark of the district is the Jolley Elementary school. The district is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Community Planning and Development and Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. A discussion was held. **A motion was made by Tennant and seconded by Roti to recommend the approval of the nomination.** The Motion was approved with a majority vote of 8 ayes. Michelle Dennis and Billie Kingfisher Jr. recused themselves from voting.
- Basil H. and Frances Jacobson House, Vermillion, Clay County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. A discussion was held. **A motion was made by Fowler and seconded by Sanders to recommend the approval of the nomination.** The Motion was approved with a majority vote of 9 ayes. Michelle Dennis recused herself from voting.
- Joseph Reynolds Ranch Yard and Stage Stop, Rochford vicinity, Pennington County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Exploration/Settlement, Transportation and Agriculture as well as Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local but also related to the Black Hills region. A discussion was held with the property owner, Ron Conrad, who attended virtually. **A motion was made by Roti and seconded by Sandvig to recommend the approval of the nomination.** The Motion was approved with a majority vote of 9 ayes.

Presented by Jenna Carlson Dietmeier

- Patterson Homestead, Nemo vicinity, Lawrence County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its significance in Exploration/Settlement and Agriculture, Criterion C for Architecture, and Criterion D for significance in Archaeology-Historic. Its level of significance is local. A discussion was held. **A motion was made by Tennant and seconded by Fowler to recommend the approval of the nomination.** The Motion was approved with a majority vote of 8 ayes and 2 nays.
- Burial Mounds, location information of these sites is restricted by state law: There are a total of seven nominations that were voted on as one. The nominations are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for association in Social History: Traditional Cultural History, Exploration/Settlement and Religion Criterion D for Archaeology-Prehistoric. Their level of significance is statewide. A discussion was held; additional comments were shared by staff member, Dustin Lloyd. **A motion was made by Tennant and seconded by Patterson to recommend the approval of the nomination.** The Motion was approved with a majority vote of 10 ayes.

The State and Review Board completed the evaluation at 10:24 a.m.

Reports (No Action Needed):

- **Administration: Benjamin Jones, State Historian and State Historical Society Director (Attachment)**
Jones reported on the status of the renovation of the Cultural Heritage Center, the initial schematic design of museum exhibits meeting, the Social Studies proposed standards with an upcoming meeting on September 19 and current marketing practices. In addition, Jones reported on the State Historical Society's presence at the South Dakota State Fair where we interacted with over 1200 individuals.
- **Archaeology: Cassie Vogt, Interim State Archaeologist (Attachment)**
Vogt reported on research, NAGPRA Burial Activities, Outreach, Repository and Archives, Mining Reviews and State Land Permits, and the passing of staff member Brian Huot. She also reported that one open position has been filled, while two more positions remain open. In addition, ARC has been assisting voluntarily with field work at Ft. Mead launders quarters gaining some exposure through media coverage and outreach opportunities. Curation received additional collections from Black Hills National Forest following a bureau of reclamation project. Some staff will be attending the Plains Anthropological Conference in Oklahoma City around mid-October to review and prep for the event to be held in Rapid City in 2023.
- **Archives: Chelle Somsen, State Archivist (Attachment)**
Somsen reported on digitization and oral history projects, Archives outreach, Archives month events scheduled for October, and quarterly statistics. She also reported on the status of newspaper collections, receiving participation in getting smaller towns issues, and the 1950 microfilm project to capture the papers.
- **Historical Society Foundation: Catherine Forsch, CEO (Attachment)**
Forsch reported on the Foundation's capital campaign committee, the oral history project and upcoming meetings and events. The Foundation is seeking bids from three fundraising consultants to assess the readiness for the capital campaign and serve as a fundraising

consultant for the \$3.3 million goal to support the museum renovation. She mentioned previous History Talks are available to view on the Foundations YouTube channel. Two more History Talks have been added to the schedule, November 17, will be a discussion of the *Plains Political Tradition Volume 4*, and on December 8 the South Dakota Mathis Murders.

- **Museum: David Grabitske, Assistant Society Director (Attachment)**

Grabitske reported on that Daniel Moeckly has joined the team as the new Curator of Exhibits. He also shared that Split Rock Studios held a design meeting with staff to discuss the renovation of the museum. *Termespheres* concluded in August and will be replaced with an exhibit titled "Best of the Collection." John Mollison is currently filming the renovation of the museum and a variety of museum objects that will be use in marketing the renovation and the collection.

- **Preservation: Ted Spencer, State Historic Preservation Officer & Director of Historic Preservation (Attachment)**

Spencer reported on staff updates, National Register and National Historic Landmark Listings, budget items, contract projects, education and outreach projects, City of Deadwood items and tribal relations. In addition, Ted will be presenting, "A History of the Reynolds Ranch and Stage Stop in the heart of the Black Hills" at the West River History Conference in October.

- **Research & Publishing: Dedra McDonald-Birzer Editor-in-Chief and Publisher (Attachment)**

Birzer introduced Slater Sabo, a new associate editor for the Press. Two fall books have arrived from the printer including *After Populism* and *Plains Political Tradition Volume 4* and, *Dancing with Welk* released on September 6th, two books have been named finalists for the Will Rogers Medallion Award and *Charlie Russell* received a Spur award. The fall Journal is at the printer featuring an article from Matthew Reitzel in Archives. *History Notes* is in planning stages. Audio books are up on the website and are available for free. Two more are in development.

Deadwood Fund Budget Presentation (Attachment):

State Preservation Officer Spencer, reported on his analysis of the attached budget and he is recommending approval. Kevin Kuchenbecker presented the proposed Deadwood Historic Preservation Budget for calendar year 2023. A discussion was held. **A motion was made by Sandvig and seconded by Sanders to recommend the approval of the budget.** The motion was approved unanimously.

Certificates of Appreciation:

- Two individuals were being recommended for certifications of appreciation. High School students Nathan Arens and Mollie Kruse were recognized nationally by the Smithsonian for their history projects. Arens produced a 10-minute documentary, "John Brown's Death and How it Caused the End of Slavery." Kruse exhibited "Who Owns the Black Hills." **A motion was made by Sandvig and seconded by Roti to recommend awarding the students with a certificate.** The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business (No Action Needed):

- Discussion during the June meeting led to the creation of a Trustee Candidate Form to be used for elections. The form was mailed to board members for review.

