

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
February 17, 2021

The Fort Sisseton Commission met February 17, 2021 via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Commission members present were Bill Hoskins, Eileen Warzeka, Todd Garry, Calvin Hove, Jim Patrick, Rosie Smith, Duane Hemmah, Kirk Jones, Casey Weismantel, Bruce Prins, Chuck Vrchota, Doug Eidahl, and Linda Quade. GFP personnel present were Ali Tonsfeldt, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen, Al Nedved and Scott Simpson. Tourism personnel present was Calvin Bloemendaal. Minutes taken by Dalaine.

AGENDA ITEMS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

New members Chuck Vrchota and Linda Quade were introduced.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

MOTION BY EILEEN SECOND BY BILL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS TYPED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOUNDATION REPORT Ali presented the most recent foundation report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ali recapped the past special events. Haunted Fort and the Christmas light display were both successful.

Ali reported on the Deadwood Grant projects. The Magazine tuckpointing has been completed. Al Darling will be shingling the Magazine in early May. Casey inquired if there would be a market to sell the old shingles with the Fort Logo on them.

Ali has applied for a Deadwood Grant for 2021 for work on the Adjutant's office to include tuckpointing, plastering inside, redo wood floors, new exhibits and repainting inside.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

NEW BUSINESS

Ali highlighted the 2021 special events.

Ali informed the commission of some of the changes for the Festival 2021 including a traveling exhibit, change of location of some of the participants, addition of a hands-on history tent, and 1860's baseball tournament.

Lori informed the commission of the Fort Sisseton 2021 projects including Geothermal Well field renovation, residing the camping cabins and rebuilding the decks, Geothermal unit replacement in the Dr. Residence and Library/schoolhouse, and Park shop renovations.

Strategic Planning

Willy presented information and led a discussion on the Fort strategic plan. New members were assigned to various committees to replace those who have dropped off the commission. Assignments are Rosie on Marketing, Chuck, Linda and Calvin H. on Events and Interpretation and Chuck on Fundraising.

The next meeting is scheduled for April. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to the Commission via email.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DUANE SECOND BY CHUCK. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.