

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
February 28, 2020

The Fort Sisseton Commission met February 28, 2020 at the Webster Business Center. The meeting was called to order at 12:30. Commission members present were Bruce Prins, G. Todd Garry, Marshall Damgaard, Casey Weismantel, Kirk Jones, Jim Patrick, Duane Hemmah, Eileen Warzeka, Judy Gulleson and Bill Hoskins. GFP personnel present were Ali Tonsfeldt, Willy Collignon and Lori Skadsen. Tourism personnel present was Calvin Bloemendaal. Also present was Connie Leschisin, Fort Sisseton Volunteer Coordinator. Minutes taken by Dalaine Pleinis.

AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY BILL, SECOND BY CASEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Foundation report was presented by Ali.

There are still 2 open seats on the commission. Please submit any names you may have to Willy. The subject will be revisited at the April meeting.

Willy reported on the progress of the various Strategic Planning Committees.

Connie Leschisin was introduced as the new Fort Sisseton Volunteer Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

Project/Development update

The artifact room has been completed.

Work in the COQ is progressing nicely. The first floor should be ready for the upcoming season with work on the 2nd and 3rd floor continuing as allowed.

Past Special Events

Ali reviewed the events from this fall and winter.

Fort Sisseton Phone App update

Ali presented information and explained the OnCell tour app. The cost is \$1995 set up and \$399 per month. Information on the plan selected is at <https://www.oncell.com/pricing/>. Ali has found a matching grant that will off set the cost the first year.

MOTION BY BILL, SECOND BY CASEY TO HAVE ALI APPLY FOR THE SDHA GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning all events held at Fort Sisseton are State Park events. Events that the commission help with are State Park events sponsored by the commission.

Commission Fundraiser

Fort Sisseton will host a Ghost Investigation for Kids April 18th.

Playground

Judy informed the commission that the Britton Lions are raising funds to build a playground at Fort Sisseton.

MOTION BY TODD, SECOND BY BILL TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO TRACK DONATIONS FOR THE PLAYGROUND. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Marketing Pamphlets Proposal

Casey informed the commission that Quality Quick Print is having a marketing promotion that provides 10,000 rack cards for \$399.00. Discussion was held.

MOTION BY JIM, SECOND BY BILL TO AUTHORIZE \$399.00 FOR RACK CARDS HIGHLIGHTING FORT SISSETON'S 2020 AND 2021 EVENTS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Deadwood Grant and the Magazine

Ali applied for and was awarded a \$12,000 matching grant to repair the Magazine. Funds will be matched by GFP. Ali will apply for the next Deadwood grant due July to help with repair to the Adjuncts Office.

ASDM Grant Proposal

Ali requested \$500.00 for a matching grant from ASDM to increase/enhance the exhibits in the COQ.

MOTION BY EILEEN, SECOND BY MARSHALL TO AUTHORIZE \$500.00 OF MATCHING FUNDS.

Discussion held.

MOTION AMENDED BY BILL, SECOND BY MARSHALL TO AUTHORIZE \$500.00 OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE GREAT PLAINS EDUCATION ACCOUNT FOR INTERPRETIVE ITEMS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upcoming Events

Ali reviewed the upcoming events including:

Easter Escape Room

Traveling Exhibit: Siouxland Heritage Museum's exhibit Symbol of Freedom, the American Flag. Grand opening April 26th at 3pm. Exhibit will be housed at the Fort through the end of August.

Historical Festival new events.

Ali also discussed the Chuck Wagon Event. Ali will send out letters to the commission regarding Sponsorships.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 16th or 17th with location to be determined by Ali.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BILL, SECOND BY DUANE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY