

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

SDSHS Board of Trustees Report

June - September 2024

Ben Jones - Interim

1. Staff

- SHPO's summer intern Erin left to go back to college, her last day was August 7th. A lot of her duties consisted of working on the Stone House (working title) National Register nomination in Clark County. In addition to working on this nomination, Erin was a team leader at Archaeology Camp, attended several site visits, completed immersion days with each of the programs at the State Historical Society, and more.

2. National Register/National Historic Landmark (NHL) Listings

- On July 3rd, 2024 an archaeological site (39ML00002) in Lake City, Marshall County was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The site is a burial mound, the address is restricted. Chris Nelson submitted two other burial mounds (39RO0073 and 39ML0012) to NPS, these are not officially listed yet.
- The Mobridge Auditorium NHL Context is in the end stages of being submitted to the NHL program. This NHL will memorialize and provide historic research/information on the famous artist Oscar Howe and the murals he painted in the auditorium. More on this below.
- The Beseda Hall and Sokol Park in Tabor, Bon Homme County National Register Nomination will be presented to the Board during the September meeting.

3. Budget Items

- All CLG reimbursements have been sent to DOE. Based on current numbers, SHPO is expected to expend the necessary monies to cross the 10% spending threshold for our HPF grant. At the time of the preparation of this report, a handful of payments are still being processed at DOE.
- An invoice was submitted to the City of Deadwood per the Deadwood Support Agreement. SHPO has received that payment from the City of Deadwood.

4. Part of FY2023/2024 and FY2024/2025 Major Contract Projects

- **Managing Moving Water in South Dakota: Cultural Resource Context and Evaluation Guidance** – The Archaeology Laboratory at Augustana University submitted additional drafts of the context document for SHPO review and final edits to the substantial historic context section. SHPO, with ARC input, continues to make final revisions to the end sections on survey documentation standards and National Register evaluation guidance.
- **Perkins / Harding Counties Architectural Survey** – JMT submitted a draft of the survey report for SHPO review and has incorporated the SHPO edits into the final survey report.

SHPO has received a digital copy of the final survey report and is awaiting the hard copies to arrive in the mail.

- **Mobridge Auditorium NHL Context** – Jennifer McLerran submitted her draft context mid-August and her final draft incorporated edits from SHPO review. SHPO will compile their architectural description sections with McLerran’s text into the NHL nomination form for additional reviews (staff, etc.) before submission to the NHL program.
- **CRGRID Updates** – SHPO is in contract with BIT who are currently working to fix errors in CRGRID in the hopes of making it a quicker and smoother system. This is hopefully to be completed in September.
- **Deadwood Historic District Mapping** – An agreement between SHPO and the Archaeological Research Center was signed mid-June. The project is ongoing and consists of ARC creating a one-time map of the Deadwood Historic District. The map will include a district boundary, symbols locating contributing and noncontributing structures, street and address labels, and a map key. The first draft is to be due December 1st, 2024. The contract period is June 15th, 2024 to May 31st, 2025.

5. Education/Outreach/Other Projects

- SHPO hosted a three-day Archaeology Camp in conjunction with the USACE in the beginning of June. There were 19 campers this year in grades 4th, 5th and 6th. Campers got to learn how to conduct an archaeological dig at a real archaeology site, clean and sort artifacts, flint knap, throw atlatls, create clay pottery, and more. Part of the camp also involved visiting the Oahe Chapel and Turtle Effigy.
 - In mid-July, Katie Goss gave a talk at the Verendrye Monument and Oahe Chapel to educators on the South Dakota Teacher Road Trip.
 - In July, Jozef Lamfers met with the City of Ft. Pierre at the Verendrye Monument and Ft. Pierre Chouteau historic sites. Jozef also met with the Black Hills National Forest Planning Committee.
 - In July, Duncan Trau got to attend a national training/convention in Indianapolis for the Historic Tax Credit program with the National Park Service.
 - Chris Nelson is working on Historic American Building Survey forms to include several significant properties in the state. NPS has unofficially accepted one completed for the Corbin Morse Ranch Yard in Pennington County.

- Katie Wasley participated in correspondence with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the June 2024 flooding event and subsequent project or potential projects related to the flooding event. In August, Katie W. also participated in a project consultation meeting/site visit with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO).
- In June and July, Katie W., Liz, and Erin participated in site visits to gather photographs and additional information of nominations that are in progress.
- On September 4th, members of the SHPO staff will be participating in the renovation work at the Grizzly Campground Pavilion, hosted by the HistoriCorps.
- SHPO staff on the board of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society have been planning and organizing the annual pie social fundraiser. This year, the Oahe Chapel Pie Social will be held on Sunday, September 8th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm (Central) at the Oahe Chapel.

6. Deadwood Items

- The next application deadline for the Deadwood Fund Grant is October 1st.
- In June, July, and August, SHPO reviewed four (4) Certificates of Appropriateness and fifteen (15) Project Applications for the City of Deadwood, pursuant to the Support Agreement.