

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

SDSHS Board of Trustees Report

September - November 2023

1. Staff

- In September, Liz Almlie was interviewed for the podcast “Her March for Democracy: Stories Along the National Votes for Women Trail.” The podcast has not been published yet but will feature half-hour episodes, one on each state, discussing the women’s suffrage movement. Liz discussed Alice Pickler and the Pickler Mansion in Faulkton, Mary Shields “Mamie” Pyle and the Pyle House in Huron, and the Flying Squadron 1916 campaign that went to the Homestake Opera House in Lead as those three are locations for National Votes for Women Trail markers. Liz also discussed Zitkala-Sa / Gertrude Bonnin during the interview.

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

- The National Park Service approved three nominations for properties in South Dakota this quarter. Zion Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lane was added to the National Register in October. 39HD0115, a bison kill site in Hand County, was listed in September under the Bison Kill Sites in South Dakota, 9000 B.C. to A.D. 1875 Multiple Property Listing. Additionally, the National Park Service approved the resubmission of the nomination for 39BK0003, a burial mound site in Brookings County, which was listed in September under the Burial Mounds in South Dakota, 50 B.C. to A.D. 1875 Multiple Property Listing.
- Chris Nelson continues to update the documentation for the Deadwood National Historic Landmark so SHPO, the City of Deadwood, the National Park Service, and individual property owners know which properties within the district are contributing and which are non-contributing resources. The data from the recent survey has been finalized. Within the district boundary, 457 structures have been determined to be contributing and 299 structures have been determined to be non-contributing. On November 21, 2023, Liz Almlie and I will be presenting the results of the survey to the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission and seeking input on any additional features or information to include in the amendment to the historic district.
- At the December Meeting, SHPO staff will present the following National Register Nominations to the State Review Board for Action: Turton Jail in Spink County, Conde Municipal Building in Spink County, DeRouchey-Hageman Barn and Farmyard in Potter County, and an amendment to the Buffalo Gap Historic District in Custer County. Staff also will present an overview of the additional documentation prepared for the Galena Creek Schoolhouse in Custer County as this property and potential alterations to the nomination were discussed during the September Board Meeting. However, no board action is needed on the Galena Creek Schoolhouse as there are no

substantive changes to the nomination and only additional documentation is being submitted to the National Park Service.

- SHPO staff also prepared additional documentation on the Geddes Historic District to submit to the National Park Service, which simply clarifies the contributing versus non-contributing resources within the district. As there are no substantive changes to the nomination, the State Review Board does not need to take any action on the additional documentation, and it will not be presented.

3. Budget Items

- On November 14, 2023, SHPO staff met for our Annual Work Plan to decide budgeting of historic preservation projects for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Historic Preservation Fund Grant from the National Park Service. Prior to the meeting, SHPO issued a press release, asking for suggestions of historic preservation projects in the state. SHPO received five suggested projects which were weighed against the allowable costs under the Historic Preservation Fund, the state's current needs regarding matters of historic preservation, and the availability of funds. The results of our budget planning at the Annual Work Plan Meeting will be presented to the State Review Board during the December 8th meeting.
- All subgrants to Certified Local Governments from the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Historic Preservation Fund Grant have been closed out. I have met with Corey Bowman, accountant for the Department of Education, and with Madeline Konz, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist with the National Park Service, to discuss the closing out of the 2022 federal grant, as all funds from that grant have been expended. I will meet with Corey Bowman once more in December before completing the end-of-year reporting to close out the 2022 Historic Preservation Fund grant.
- For the Fall 2023 Deadwood Fund Grant cycle, SHPO received four (4) applications requesting a total of \$91,407. SHPO staff will present our office's recommendations regarding funding at the December 9th Board of Trustees Meeting.

4. FY2023 Major Contract Projects

- **Managing Moving Water in South Dakota: Cultural Resource Context and Evaluation Guidance** – The Archaeology Laboratory at Augustana University provided a proposed outline of the context document in October, and SHPO staff have provided comments. Staff from SHPO, the Archaeological Research Center, and the Archaeology Laboratory at Augustana University also met to discuss the recordation of features associated with water management in South Dakota so recommendations for when and how to record such features can be incorporated into the context document.
- **Perkins / Harding Counties Architectural Survey** – JMT completed the survey of Perkins and Harding Counties and is actively entering the results into CRGRID. At

the time of this writing, roughly 95% of the structures in Perkins County have been entered into CRGRID, and about 50% of the structures in Harding County have been entered into CRGRID. The complete survey results should be coming within the next few weeks.

- **Mobridge Auditorium NHL** – Jennifer McLerran continues to conduct the contracted research on Oscar Howe and the murals he painted in the Mobridge Auditorium. Liz Almlie and Katie Wasley will be traveling to the Mobridge Auditorium on November 27th for another site visit as Liz is writing the physical description of the property for the NHL nomination.

5. Education/Outreach/Other Projects

- Staff from SHPO worked two days at the South Dakota State Historical Society booth at the South Dakota State Fair and answered questions about historic properties within the state.
- A Facebook post about bison kill site 39HD0115 being newly listed in the National Register of Historic Places reached over one million individuals and garnered 700 new followers of the SHPO Facebook page.
- The Oahe Chapel Pie Social was held on Sunday, September 10th and raised roughly \$600 for the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society.
- I participated in a panel titled “Historic Preservation in a Changing World” at the West River History Conference in Lead in October.

6. Deadwood Items

- Kevin Kuchenbecker provided SHPO and members of the Board of Trustees with the proposed 2024 Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission Budget on November 8, 2023. At the December 8, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting, I will present my analysis of the budget, and Kevin Kuchenbecker will present the budget to the Board.
- SHPO review and compliance staff worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City of Deadwood and Deadwood Historic Preservation Office staff, and the National Park Service during consultation on a proposed project to mitigate hazards from flooding along Whitewood Creek.
- On November 21, 2023, Liz Almlie and I will be attending the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission meeting to present the results of the recent survey of the district for updates to NHL documentation and to request input from the

Commission on any additional features or information to include in the amendment to the historic district.

- In September and October, SHPO reviewed two (2) Certificates of Appropriateness and eight (8) Project Applications for the City of Deadwood, pursuant to the Support Agreement.