

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

SDSHS Board of Trustees Report

July-August 2023

1. Staff

- Our summer intern, Leah Whearty, finished her internship with SHPO on Friday, August 18th. Leah completed a draft of the National Register Nomination for the Conde Municipal Building, which SHPO staff hope to present to the State Review Board in December. In addition to drafting the nomination, Leah assisted with social media posts, attended multiple site visits across the state, helped with our annual kids' archaeology camp, and completed immersion days with each of the programs of the State Historical Society.

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

- The National Park Service approved the boundary increase for the Cathedral Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places on June 29, 2023. Thirty-two additional properties now contribute to the Cathedral District in Sioux Falls.
- Chris Nelson has been updating the documentation for the Deadwood National Historic Landmark. He is updating all the survey forms for structures within Deadwood to clarify which resources are contributing versus non-contributing to the historic district and will be completing an amendment to the nomination to maintain accurate records of the district with the National Park Service.
- At the September Board meeting, SHPO will be asking the State Review Board for discussion and opinions on the educational significance (Criterion A) of the Galena Creek Schoolhouse. The Galena Creek Schoolhouse, which is privately owned and lies within the boundary of Custer State Park, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in February 2023. After the property was listed in the National Register, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) petitioned to remove the property from the National Register of Historic Places, citing research which contradicts information presented in the nomination regarding the use of the property as a school and the timeline of the ownership of the property. In the board packets, SHPO has included the information which GFP presented to SHPO with their petition to remove the property from the National Register and the response from Kenneth Hargens, the private owner of the property.

SHPO contacted the National Park Service (NPS) regarding the petition, and NPS advised SHPO to present only the removal of the property's significance under Criterion A to the State Review Board, as the property still maintains its architectural significance under Criterion C, whether it has educational significance or not. SHPO will be presenting two options to resolve the issues raised surrounding the property's educational significance and ownership chronology:

- A) Keep Criterion A for education in the nomination but submit additional documentation to NPS incorporating some of the additional information

and corrections regarding the ownership history of the property (as some dates in the original nominations have since been proven to be incorrect).

- B) Remove Criterion A for education from the nomination and edit the nomination to focus solely on Criterion C for the cabin's log construction and use as a recreational cabin. Some of the information pertaining to the cabin's possible / likely use as a schoolhouse would be incorporated into the edited nomination as historical context, but it would not be an area of significance.

Before deciding which is the most appropriate option to follow, SHPO would like to take into account any additional points brought up by GFP and by Mr. Hargens at the September board meeting and the discussion of the Board during the meeting. At the December Board meeting, SHPO will let the Board know of our decision and, if an amendment to remove Criterion A is necessary, present the amendment to the State Review Board.

- At last year's (2022) September Board Meeting, SHPO presented seven burial mound sites to be nominated under the Burial Mounds in South Dakota, 50 BC- AD 1875 Multiple Property Listing. The National Park Service requested additional information and clarification in each of the seven nominations. SHPO staff have edited and resubmitted the nomination of 39BK0003 to NPS. We are awaiting a response to see if the edits have adequately addressed their comments before editing and resubmitting the other six nomination.
- One National Register nomination will be presented at the September Board Meeting: Emmanuel Lutheran Church / Lane Community Hall, in Lane, Jerauld County.

3. Budget Items

- Only July 24, 2023, SHPO received the \$70,000 agreed upon payment from the City of Deadwood, pursuant to the current Support Agreement between SHPO and Deadwood.
- SHPO staff are working with the active Certified Local Governments (CLGs) within the state to close out the remaining CLG grants from the 2022-2023 Historic Preservation Fund grant. As of August 16, 2023, seven of the nine active CLGs have submitted all the required documentation to close out their grants, and the documentation has been forwarded to the Department of Education for final processing.

4. FY2022/2023 Major Contract Projects

- **Managing Moving Water in South Dakota: Cultural Resource Context and Evaluation Guidance** – SHPO anticipates that the Archaeology Laboratory of Augustana University will be submitting an outline of the historic context document at the end of August for review and comment.

- **Perkins / Harding Counties Architectural Survey** – SHPO has contracted with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) to complete the county-wide survey. A virtual public informational meeting for the survey work was held on August 3rd and JMT began their survey work of Perkins and Harding Counties from the public right-of-way on August 7th. SHPO expects to begin processing the structure forms generated from the survey in CRGRID this fall.
- **Mobridge Auditorium NHL** – The recent contract with Jennifer McLerran commenced on March 1, 2023, and Dr. McLerran has been conducting the requested research.

5. Education/Outreach/Other Projects

- 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 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm (Central) at the Oahe Chapel.
- Two carbon sequestration pipelines are proposed to be constructed in South Dakota: Navigator CO₂'s Heartland Greenway and Summit Carbon Solutions' Midwest Carbon Express. SHPO Review and Compliance staff have been monitoring the development of these two pipelines very closely and have been reviewing survey reports completed for each of the pipelines. Both carbon pipelines will require permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for segments of the pipeline, and both pipelines will require permits from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for their entire lengths. USACE has not yet initiated consultation with SHPO under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for their involvement in the pipelines. However, SHPO has provided comments on the survey reports we have received under SDCL 1-19A-11.1. Additionally, the pipelines will be subject to the PUC permitting requirements, which require the permit application to include "an identification and analysis of the effects the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility will have on the anticipated affected area including...a forecast of the impact on landmarks and cultural resources of historic, religious, archaeological, scenic, natural or other cultural significance" (ARSD 20:10:22:23). On August 5th, I testified on behalf of the PUC staff at the hearing for Navigator CO₂'s proposed Heartland Greenway. I also have been subpoenaed to testify on behalf of the PUC staff at the hearing for Summit Carbon Solutions' Midwest Carbon Express, which is scheduled for September 11 through 22.

6. Deadwood Items

- In July and August, SHPO reviewed three (3) Certificates of Appropriateness and 13 Project Applications for the City of Deadwood, pursuant to the Support Agreement.

- The City of Deadwood has moved their City budget planning to this fall. As such, the City will present their budget for Historic Preservation at the December Board meeting, rather than at the September Board meeting as has been the tradition.