

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. (CDT)

Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building, 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. (CDT)

Board Members Present:

Sean Kruger – Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Cole Irwin – Dept. of Tourism

Board Members Present Via Conference Call:

Vice Chair David Flute, Secretary, Dept. of Tribal Relations (joined after roll was called)

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

Ben Jones – State Historical Society

Others Present:

Jay Gilbertson, East Dakota Water Development District

#1 – Roll Call

Board Secretary Schneider called the roll. There were three members present when roll was called; one joined by conference call after roll was called by conference call, and one absent. Having established quorum, the meeting was opened in due form by the chair.

#2 – October 30, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 30, 2023 Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Irwin moved approval of the minutes. Kruger seconded. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Informational Item – 2024 Legislative Wrap Up

Chair Hansen noted there was one relevant bill this year, SB 142, An Act to recognize geographic place names containing the word scalp as offensive. This was deferred

the 41st day in committee.

#4 – Discussion and action on sending representative(s) to COGNA 2024 conference

Kruger moved to send Secretary Flute to COGNA 2024 in person and to pay for two additional board members to attend virtually. Irwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

#5 – Informational Item – SD Features – USBGN – Renamed Feature

Chair Hansen noted that the USBGN is approved a proposal to rename Munson Creek to Monson Creek, located in Marshall and Roberts counties on November 9, 2023. This action was requested by the family to correct the spelling of the family name in which the creek is named. This request went directly to the USBGN. The SDBGN had no role in this process. She asked that members notify any agency staff that may need to update any maps or databases.

#6 – Informational Item – US Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names

Chair Hansen noted that the US Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in place Names held a meeting in Rapid City on June 10th and 11th. South Dakota has two representatives on the committee, Michael Catches Enemy who is the archeologist for Oglala Sioux Tribe and Howard Dale Valandra who represents the Tribal Land Enterprise Board of Directors for Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Chair Hansen showed the committee's website (<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1892/advisory-committee-on-reconciliation-in-place-names.htm>) with proposed name changes for South Dakota, to the board.

#7 – No pending geographic features at this time

Chair Hansen noted that there are no pending geographic features at this time.

#8 –Public Comment on agenda or non-agenda items

Jay Gilbertson provided comment on his interest in the meeting, but his comments were not pertaining to any specific issue.

#9 – Other Business

No other business was discussed.

#10 – Schedule Next Board Meeting – Call of the Chair

Chair announced the next meeting would be held after COGNA 2024 unless other business comes before the board. The next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

#11– Adjournment

Irwin moved to adjourn. Kruger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary

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