

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

11:45 a.m. (CDT)

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

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. (CDT)

Board Members Present:

Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Vice Chair Jay Vogt – State Historical Society

David Flute, Secretary, Dept. of Tribal Relations

Patrick Snyder – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

Cole Irwin - Dept. of Tourism

Others Present:

Leticia Gilmore (via conference call)

Billie Taylor (via conference call)

#1 – Roll Call

Board Secretary Schneider called the roll. There were four members present.

Chair Hansen asked if there were any objections to modifying the agenda to take public comment as individuals either appear in person or on the conference call to save the public from waiting. By general consent the board agreed to modifying the agenda to take public comment as individuals join the meeting.

There were two individuals on the conference call. The Chair recognized two individuals to give public comment. The comments are listed under item #4.

Following public comments, the board resumed the agenda.

#2 – July 7, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 7, 2020 Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Snyder moved approval of the minutes. Flute seconded. The

motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Informational Item – USBGN Approval of New Names for Unnamed Features: Turtle Creek in Minnehaha County and Iron River in Spink County

Chair Hansen noted the copy of the minutes for the US Board on Geographic Names August meeting in which the board approved the proposed names for the unnamed features in Minnehaha and Spink Counties. She asked all board members to make sure the agencies updated any maps or other documents with the new names for the features.

#4 Public Comment on Proposed Names for unnamed Creek in Hughes County

There have been three names proposed for the unnamed creek in Hughes County. Those names are: Crone, Arikara and Mush.

Board Chair Hansen informed board members that there is another creek named Mush Creek located close to the unnamed feature. Hansen indicated she contacted the individual that proposed the name to explain that there may be some confusion that there is already a creek named “Mush Creek” just west of the unnamed creek and also that the US Board on Geographic Names does not typically allow features with the same name in close proximity.

The board received the following public comment:

Leticia Gilmore: Supports the name Crone Creek or Arikara Creek. Crone Creek is her first choice, as she feels it describes the character of the creek.

Billie Taylor: Supports the name Crone Creek.

The board reviewed the written public comment received.

There was discussion about Mush Creek and whether the name would stay in consideration due to the fact there is already a Mush Creek in close proximity to the west of the unnamed creek.

Board members were encouraged to review the written and verbal public comment and also the research on the names. Each member should do any additional research prior to the next meeting.

#5 Review Updated Process for Request to name unnamed creek in Hughes County

Board Chair Hansen discussed the public involvement process for this unnamed creek in Hughes County. The proposed names are Crone Creek, Arikara Creek and Mush Creek. The proposed updated timeline for the public involvement process is as follows:

- a. Board Meeting to Consider Proposed Names & Public Input (October 8, 2020)
- b. 30-day comment period on proposed name for feature (October 16-November 16, 2020)
- c. Notification to individuals/groups on contact lists for feature (October 16, 2020)
- d. Deadline for comment period (November 16, 2020)
- e. Board Meeting for Final Vote on Recommendation to USBGN (December 2, 2020)

By general consent the board agreed to the updated timeline for the Hughes County unnamed feature.

#6 Public Comment on other agenda or non-agenda items

No additional public comment provided on agenda or non-agenda items.

#7 – Other Business

No additional business came before the board.

The board remained available for public comment but recessed the board meeting at 12:15pm. No additional public comment was received.

The board reconvened the meeting at 1:10pm.

#8 -- Schedule Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2020, 2020 from 11:00am – 12:00pm (CDT) for the purpose of making a preliminary recommendation on the name for the unnamed feature in Hughes County. The meeting will be held at the Becker-Hansen building in the Commission Room and will have conference call access.

Vogt moved to adjourn. Snyder seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary