

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 7, 2020

11:00 a.m. (CDT)

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

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 (via conference call)  
Cole Irwin, Dept. of Tourism  
Patrick Snyder – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

None

Others Present:

None

#1 – Roll Call

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

#2 – September 30, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 30, 2020 Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Vogt moved approval of the minutes. Snyder seconded. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Discussion on Proposed Names for unnamed Creek in Hughes County

Chair Hansen noted that one public comment had been removed from the record at the request of the member of the public who made the statement. However, the public

comment will remain a part of the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting public record, as it is already a part of the public record of the meeting.

Chair Hansen informed board members that she has not received any further comments from the proposer of Mush Creek, although she did let the proposer know that there is another Mush Creek located nearby. Hansen also indicated that Mr. Joseph Ashley had indicated he would be sending additional comments, but none were received prior to this meeting. Hansen noted that no additional public comments have been received since the last board meeting.

The board opened discussion on the proposed names. By general consent, the board eliminated "Mush Creek" because there is another creek named "Mush Creek" very close and just west of the unnamed creek. Based on USBGN policies of not allowing duplication of names in close proximity, the board felt the USBGN would not approve that name. The board discussed "Crone Creek" and understood the rationale for why it was proposed but felt it could be viewed negatively by some now or in the future. Finally, the board discussed the name "Arikara Creek." There were concerns raised about the name and potential for concerns to be raised by local Tribes. Discussion was also held in support of the name. During the discussion Hansen reminded the board there is always the option of not recommending any of the names if the board does not support any of the names. The board discussed that it's important to recognize the public input received and that citizens took time to submit various names, so it is important to weigh all the names and recommend one to the US Board on Geographic Names.

Vogt moved to propose the name Arikara Creek. Flute seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously of the members present.

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

Chair Hansen discussed remaining steps in public involvement process for this unnamed creek in Hughes County. The proposed name is Arikara Creek. The proposed updated timeline for the public involvement process is as follows:

- a) 30-day comment period on proposed name for feature (October 16- November 16, 2020)
- b) Notification to individuals/groups on contact lists for feature (October 16, 2020)
- c) Deadline for comment period (November 16, 2020)
- d) 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.

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

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

#6 – Other Business

No additional business came before the board.

#7 – Schedule Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2020, with the time to be determined. The meeting will be held at the Becker-Hansen building in the Commission Room and will have conference call access.

Vogt moved to adjourn. Irwin seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary