

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
September 20,2022

The Fort Sisseton Commission met at the Fort on September 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. Commission members present were Casey Weismantel, Doug Eidahl, Calvin Hove, Chuck Vrchota, Bill Hoskins, JoAnn Hawkinson, Rosie Smith, Bruce Prins, Kirk Jones and Todd Garry. GFP personnel present were Al Nedved, Rachel Comes, Ali Tonsfeldt, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen and Connie Leschisin. Present for the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation were Kristina Coby and Darla Livermont. Minutes taken by Dalaine Pleinis.

AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

MOTION BY TODD SECONB BY CASEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS TYPED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Foundation report was presented.

Kristina explained that she is the Director of the South Dakota Wildlife Foundation and Darla is her Assistant. The Foundation serves to manage the Commission funds. She further explained that fees are only assessed on funds raised by the Foundation. Any funds raised by the Fort or Commission will not have a fee.

Fritzes of Bristol had contacted Ali that they had acquired some period certain items she may be interested in. She used \$250.00 to get pictures, picture frames, fireplace pieces and planter tables to help interpret the COQ.

MOTION BY TODD SECONB BY BILL TO TRANSFER \$1,773.85 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AC UNIT FUND TO CLEAR THE DEFICIET AND CLOSE THE ACCOUNT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project Updates

Ali gave updates on ongoing projects at the fort including fixing the plaster, repairing cracks, and new windows in the Adjutant building, tuckpointing the rest of the buildings and new windows in the COQ, Dr. residence and hospital.

Past Events update

Ali gave and update on the Murder Mystery Fundraiser. 73 tickets were sold. Income from ticket sales, cash ticket sales and silent auction less expenses netted a profit of \$3,947.13.

Master Plan

Willy, Bruce and Ali attended a meeting with Confluence. Willy updated the commission on the progress being made. Due to the scope of the project the November date for a proposal will be extended to sometime next spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT Connie thanked the commission volunteers for their time and help with Fort programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Festival Break Down

Ali updated the commission on the final Festival numbers. There was a total attendance of 9,110 people including camping, south and north gate entrances and passes for participants. The Chuck Wagon fundraiser raised \$1,732.30. Festival sponsors contributed \$4,250.00.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events include a ghost investigation, Haunted Fort, Frontier Christmas, and a Smithsonian Exhibit.

MOTION BY CASEY SECOND BY JOANN TO APPROVE \$1,500 FOR ALI TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NECESSARY FOR HAUNTED FORT.

Election of Officers

The current slate of officers was presented.

Chair: Bruce Prins

Vice Chair: Kirk Jones

Planning committee: Bruce Prins, Bill Hoskins, Doug Eidahl and Calvin Hove

Nominating committee: Chuck Vrchota, G Todd Garry and Calvin Hove

Calvin called for nominations from the floor. There being none he called for a vote.

MOTION BY DOUG SECOND BY CASEY TO APPROVE THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

If anyone knows of someone who would like to serve on the commission in the future, please pass the name on to Willy.

The next meeting is scheduled for February. Ali will send out an invite.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CASEY SECOND BY CHUCK. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.