

**CAPITOL COMPLEX
RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
9:30 A.M. (CT)

Commissioners present in person: Chair Tim Engel, Justice David Gilbertson, Dr. James Hansen, Mayor Steve Harding, Patricia Miller, Jean Rounds, Don Zeller, and Sandra Zinter.

Others present in person: Commissioner Scott Bollinger, Bureau of Administration (BOA); Leah Svendsen, Special Projects Coordinator, BOA; Kirsten E. Jasper, General Counsel, BOA; Kristine Schlomer, Deputy State Engineer, BOA; Brent Gill, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, BOA; Audry Ricketts, Department of Veterans Affairs; Bob Foster, Rolling Thunder Inc., Chapter 2, South Dakota; Secretary David Flute, Department of Tribal Relations; Nicole Schneider, Department of Tribal Relations; Julie Muldoon, Governor's Office; Randy Stockwell, Legislative Research Council; and Bob Mercer, Keloland Media Group.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Engel called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chairman Engel asked if any Commissioners had a conflict of interest related to any matter under consideration during the meeting. Commissioner Miller indicated a potential conflict regarding the Trail of Governors and stated she would recuse herself from any action item relating to the Trail of Governors.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Harding moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zinter. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Dr. Hansen moved to approve minutes from the August 21, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

Electrical Boxes

Kristine Schlomer updated the Commissioners on the electrical boxes in the Capitol. BOA provided photos showing the electrical boxes painted to match the Capitol walls,

making them less noticeable than if the boxes were covered with the previously approved wood doors. Commissioner Zinter moved to rescind the Commission's previous approval for wood covers over the electrical boxes, seconded by Commissioner Gilbertson. The motion carried unanimously.

Flags in the Rotunda

Secretary Flute discussed the passage of HB 1189, an act to establish a tribal flag display in the rotunda of the capitol building. He further informed the Commissioners that Tribal Relations would be working with all nine Tribes to obtain their flags and their consent to place the flags in the Capitol Rotunda in compliance with the legislation. Leah Svendsen reviewed the plan to display the nine Tribal flags by replacing nine of the Twelve flags currently on display in the four niches inside the Capitol Rotunda. BOA would retain the United States flag, the South Dakota flag and the Warrior Eagle Staff. After discussion, Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the placement of the tribal flags acquired in the third-floor niches with the agreement of the corresponding Tribe, seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

POW Display West Hallway—Veterans Affairs

Bob Foster, on behalf of Rolling Thunder, Inc. reviewed his organization's mission and a display they would like to place in the Capitol to honor South Dakota's Prisoners of War and Missing In Action servicemembers. The display would be 100% donated and would consist of a mobile platform, a symbolic empty chair, and three flags (the United States, South Dakota, and POW/MIA flags). The Display would be placed in the west end of the Capitol's second floor and could be moved when necessary. Audry Ricketts informed the Commissioners that the Department of Veterans Affairs appreciated their consideration of this project. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the placement of POW/MIA display generally in the west hallway of the Capitol's second floor, seconded by Commissioner Rounds. The motion carried unanimously.

LRC Information Display Monitors

Randy Stockwell requested approval for LRC to place display monitors outside the Legislative chambers, the committee rooms, and in the lobby of the fourth-floor annex to display agendas and other information relating to the Legislature. After discussion and questions, Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the placement of display monitors in the designated areas of the third and fourth floors of the Capitol, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Hansen. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Miller requested, for cosmetic purposes, that LRC consider using the displays for art or as a mirror when not used for legislative matters.

Buildings and Grounds Project Update (Informational)

Kristine Schlomer updated the members on Capitol complex projects including the fencing and landscaping around the Capitol, the completion of the fence around the

Governor's mansion except for the finials, the hardening of security at all building entrances, and the repair and replacement of the collapsing retaining wall, walkway, and road fence along the south side of Capitol Lake. BOA Commissioner Bollinger stated the retaining wall and related work around Capitol Lake are matters of structural concern. Leah Svendsen updated the Commissioners on the Trail of Governors and the upcoming events.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Zeller. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

UNAPPROVED