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State Historical Society board approves property tax moratorium applications

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota State Historical Society board of trustees recently approved 19 applications for the eight-year state historic preservation property tax moratorium for restoration and rehabilitation made to historic buildings. The projects meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

"These approvals are significant because if an historic building qualifies for the tax benefit, an eight-year delay is placed on the property tax assessment of any certified improvements," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society, headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. "Property tax assessments may not be increased due to certified rehabilitation of the building."

The property tax moratorium is an incentive for owners of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places to maintain and rehabilitate their homes and businesses, Vogt added.

For more information on how to qualify for the state historic preservation property tax moratorium, contact the State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458.

Following is a list by county of the sites approved for the property tax moratorium:

Brookings County

Lockhart-Fishback House, 1001 6th Ave., Brookings

Brown County

Milwaukee Depot, 1 N. Main St., Aberdeen

Clay County

Conrad Building, 108 E. Main St., Vermillion

Thompson Lumber Company, 15 Court St., Vermillion

Davison County

Whittier School, 410 W. 2nd Ave. SE, Mitchell

Deuel County

Old South Dakota School for the Blind, 1312 Coteau St., Gary

Edmunds County

Marcus Beebe Mansion, 507 4th St., Ipswich

Hughes County

H.M. McDonald House, 1906 E. Erskine St., Pierre

Lawrence County

Clark, Mullen & Munn Block (Pineview Building), 25 Lee St., Deadwood

Dye House, 24 Adams St., Deadwood

Masonic Temple, 809 W. Main St., Lead

Minnehaha County

Odd Fellows Home, 100 W. 10th St., Dell Rapids
Farley Loetscher Building, 322 & 324 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls
Texaco Super Service, 330 S. 1st Ave., Sioux Falls

Pennington County

1301 11th St., Rapid City
Fairmont Creamery, 201 Main St., Rapid City
Homer House, 817 9th St., Rapid City
Lighter House, 1815 9th St., Rapid City

Yankton County

Fantles (Riverfront Event Center), 121 W. 3rd St., Yankton

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.