

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Cultural Heritage Center
Pierre, South Dakota
December 7, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order by President Brad Tennant on December 7, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. in the Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present

John D. Fowler-by speaker phone, Richard D. Harnois, Jeffery A. Hazard, Robert E. Kolbe, Laurie Langland, Peggy Sanders, Rolene R. Schliesman, Brad Tennant, Tom D. Tobin, Francis Whitebird and David A. Wolff.

Board Members Not Present

Jon Lauck

State Historical Society Staff Present

Jay D. Vogt, Chelle Somsen, Ted Spencer, Nancy T. Koupal, Jay Smith, Renee Boen-by speaker phone, Liz Almlie, Kate Nelson, Sofia Mattesini, Mike Burns, Cody Ewert, Nicole Hosette, Catherine Forsch and Caroline C. Uecker.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence took place out of respect for Terri Bruce, who passed away December 2 and in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Terri worked as the GIS Coordinator at the Archaeological Research Center for 13 years.

Welcome and Announcements

President Brad Tennant welcomed the members of the board, staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society, and guests. Newly hired employees were introduced. State Archivist Chelle Somsen introduced Nicole Hosette, Digitization Archivist. Research and Publishing Director Nancy T. Koupal introduced the two new associate editors, Mike Burns and Cody Ewert.

Board Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Trustees' meeting of September 7, 2018 were mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees after the meeting. A MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of September 7, 2018 was made by Jeffery Hazard and seconded by David Wolff. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird, and Wolff.

Public Comment

Tennant asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

State Review Board

The State Review Board convened at 8:50 a.m.

National Register Nominations

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented nine nominations for review.

Presented by Liz Almlie:

- 1) Dickens Round Barn, Worthing, Lincoln County.
The Dickens Round Barn (1917) is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for Architecture at a state level of significance. It is being nominated under the *South Dakota Round and Polygonal Barns and Pavilions (1995)* Multiple Property Listing. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by Jeffery Hazard to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Dickens Round Barn to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.
- 2) Perkins Congregational Church, Springfield, Bon Homme County.
The Perkins Congregational Church meets National Register of Historic Places Criterion C in Architecture for local significance. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by Peggy Sanders to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Perkins Congregational Church to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

Presented by Sofia Mattesini:

- 3) Roosevelt School, Belle Fourche, Butte County.
The Roosevelt School (1921, addition 1929) is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for Education and Entertainment/Recreation. It is being nominated under the *Schools in South Dakota (1999)* Multiple Property Listing. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Richard Harnois to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Roosevelt School to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes: Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.
- 4) Chambers Dugout, Belle Fouche, Butte County.
The Chambers Dugout is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for Exploration/Settlement and Criterion C for Architecture. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by David Wolff to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Chambers Dugout to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes: Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.
- 5) First Presbyterian Church of Groton, Groton, Brown County.
The First Presbyterian Church in Groton is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for architectural significance as it is a rare example of a Gothic Revival style church with a modified Akron Plan Sunday School layout in South Dakota. A MOTION WAS MADE by Brad Tennant and seconded by Robert Kolbe to recommend the approval of the nomination of the First Presbyterian Church of Groton to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

Presented by Kate Nelson:

- 6) Haakon County Courthouse, Philip, Haakon County.
The Haakon County Courthouse is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at a local level under Criterion A under Politics/Government. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene

Schliesman and seconded by Robert Kolbe to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Haakon County Courthouse to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

7) Solomon and Martha Hann Homestead, Nemo, Lawrence County.

The Solomon and Martha Hann Homestead is significant under Criterion C for Architecture and under Criteria A and D for Exploration/Settlement and Agriculture. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Peggy Sanders to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Solomon and Martha Hann Homestead to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

8) Rapid City Historic Commercial District 2018 Amendment (Reclassification), Rapid City, Pennington County.

The original Rapid City Historic Commercial District was listed in the National Register in 1974. The 2018 Amendment includes the reclassification of properties from contributing and noncontributing; the boundary did not change; non-historic statues were removed from the count; added Main Street square, which was previously a parking lot; the Historic Preservation Commission and Mayor approved the amendment. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Rolene Schliesman to recommend the approval of the Rapid City Historic Commercial District 2018 Amendment to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

9) Jackson Boulevard Historic District, Spearfish, Lawrence County.

The Jackson Boulevard Historic District meets National Register Criterion C and is significant at the local level in Architecture with a period of significance extending from 1882 to 1961. A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Robert Kolbe to recommend the approval of the Jackson Boulevard Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

Presented by Liz Almlie:

10) Edgar and Alice Brown Homestead, Philip, Jackson County.

Almlie mentioned that the Brown Homestead National Historic Landmark nomination has been sent to the National Park Service for review. The Brown Homestead nomination has national significance in "Exploration/Settlement" on the Great Plains.

Ted Spencer reviewed the Federal Grants-In-Aid Final Distribution Plan, FFY2019, with the Board of Trustees. (Attachment #1). A MOTION WAS MADE by David Wolff and seconded by Laurie Langland, to accept the presented work plan. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

The state review board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Reports

Director Jay D. Vogt submitted his report. (Attachment #2). Vogt reported that the budget expansion of \$68,500 for the electronic records program has been removed from the budget by the Governor. Herb Jones, former Foundation board member, has been appointed as Governor Noem's Chief of Staff. The State Historical Administrators' Meeting will be meeting in Pierre the first weekend of December 2020. The State Historical Society will receive annual interest from the Sully County land account. The Legislative Reception is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. (Attachment #3). Boen reported on how to document cultural properties and answered questions on mining permits. She also mentioned that she is working with the current landlord of their building regarding clarification about the anticipation of the Archaeological Research Center having to move out of the current building after August 1, 2019.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted the Archives report. (Attachment #4). Somsen reported that the Archives Special Projects Program located at the women's prison is transitioning well. They have one piece of equipment that is not working and hope to have it up and running soon. She answered questions regarding the 2019 History Conference, "New Insights into Old Stories" that her office is hosting April 26-27, 2019 at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre. A tentative schedule of the conference was made available to the trustees.

Ted Spencer, Director of the Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. (Attachment #5). Spencer answered questions regarding Deadwood Grant funds provided to churches.

Jay Smith, Museum Director, submitted his report. (Attachment #6). Smith reported that there will be a new display after the first of the year to include the Code Talker Medal of Honor presented to Noah Whitebird Sr., trustee Francis Whitebird's father.

Nancy T. Koupal, Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report. (Attachment #7). Koupal stated that the first Woman Suffrage project publication, *Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist* by Angelica Shirley Carpenter, was released in September 2018 at the South Dakota Festival of Books. The next two publications are an anthology of essays on women's voting rights in the Northern Great Plains, which is undergoing final revisions, and a children's picture book on the 1886 Statue of Liberty protest, which is in design.

Catherine Forsch, President of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. (Attachment #8). Forsch passed out a handout outlining the South Dakota State Historical Society's short-term and long-term projects, as well as immediate needs of the Society. She announced the 2019 South Dakota Historical Society Foundation Board. The executive board for 2019 is Greg Risse-Chair, Randy Seiler-Vice Chair, Chuck Riter-Secretary, and Curt Mortenson-Treasurer. She will make more specifics available regarding the board members and their background to the trustees soon.

Old Business

Sully County land update: Director Jay D. Vogt reported that the Commissioner of School and Public Lands auctioned the Sully County property on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Sully County Courthouse. The property was appraised at \$107,000. Four people registered to bid, but only two parties bid on the land. Sutton Ranch purchased the property for \$147,500.

New Business

State Archaeologist Renee Boen presented a Record of Deaccessions request. (Attachment #9). A MOTION WAS MADE by Richard Harnois and seconded by David Wolff, to approve the deaccession numbers as presented. They include: 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, and 156. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting ayes: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff. These deaccessions pertain to artifacts from North Dakota archaeological sites and will be transferred to the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck, ND.

Museum Director Jay Smith presented a Record of Deaccessions request. (Attachment #10). A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert Kolbe and seconded by Laurie Langland, to approve the deaccession numbers as presented. They include: 1971.452-Carnotite; 1971.124, 1971.125, 1971.125, 1971.127, and 1971.128-Uranium. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff. These deaccessions pertain to minerals that are radioactive in nature and because of this they are potentially very dangerous to human health and safety and will be destroyed in the proper manner.

Four projects were recommended to the board for approval for Deadwood Fund grants. (Attachment #11). A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman and seconded by Richard Harnois to approve the recommended grants to the Pearson Cabin, Deadwood (\$15,000); Grand Lodge Library, Sioux Falls (\$15,000); Homestake Opera House, Lead (\$12,500); and the Olive Place, Watertown (\$10,000). Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

Kate Nelson presented the state property tax moratorium requests for the board's consideration. (Attachment #12). The following 12 applications were approved. Sioux Falls National Bank Building, Sioux Falls; East Side Fire Station, Sioux Falls; 817 9th St., Rapid City; St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, Central City; W.S. Hill House, Mitchell; Odd Fellows, Dell Rapids; 48 Taylor Ave., Deadwood; Fairmont Creamery, Rapid City; 2-4 E. Main, Vermillion; 3 Shine St., Deadwood; Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City; and 1008 12th St., Rapid City. A MOTION WAS MADE by Rolene Schliesman to approve the 12 property tax moratorium requests as recommended and seconded by Jeffery Hazard. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Robert Kolbe and seconded by Rolene Schliesman to deny the property tax moratorium request for the Minnekahta Block/Red Rock River Resort, Hot Springs because the new windows do not meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jeffery Hazard and seconded by Peggy Sanders to approve the property tax moratorium request for 1600 S. 4th Ave., Sioux Falls. Motion prevailed on a roll vote with 8 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Langland, Sanders, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff. Members voting nay: Schliesman and Tennant. Member abstain: Kolbe.

The 2019 Board of Trustees meeting schedule includes: April 25, 2019, Pierre (annual History Conference is April 26-27); summer meeting conference call date to be determined; September 6, 2019, Pierre; and December 13, 2019, Pierre.

Other Business

Recommendations for Certificates of Recognition were presented. (Attachment #13). A MOTION WAS MADE by Tom Tobin and seconded by Richard Harnois, to award certificates of recognition to the individuals and organizations presented. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes. Members voting aye: Fowler, Harnois, Hazard, Kolbe, Langland, Sanders, Schliesman, Tennant, Tobin, Whitebird and Wolff.

Tennant encouraged board members to attend the annual Legislative Reception at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:40 p.m.

I, Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the business conducted at the December 7, 2018 meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Jay D. Vogt, Director
South Dakota State Historical Society

Caroline C. Uecker
Recording Secretary