

# **South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees Meeting**

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Opening**

The Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on December 10, 2021 in the Vogt Education Room of the Cultural Heritage Center, Pierre, South Dakota by President Sean Flynn. A quorum was present.

## **Board Members Present**

Sean Flynn, Peggy Sanders, John Fowler, Thomas Hurlbert, Laurie Langland, Brian Sandvig, Rolene Schliesman, Peggy Sanders, Brad Tennant, Billie Kingfisher, Jennifer Winter

## **Board Members Not Present**

Marshall Damgaard

## **State Historical Society Staff Present/Others Present**

Benjamin Jones, Chelle Somsen, Katy Schmidt, Renee Boen, Ted Spencer, Katie Wasley, Liz Almlie, Catherine Forsch, Dedra Birzer, and Megan Fast. Eric Denning and Clint Nelson from the Mount Vernon School District.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June and September meetings were approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The motion was moved by Sandvig and seconded by Hurlbert.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **State Review Board**

National Register Nominations

State Historic Preservation Office staff presented two nominations for review.

### **Presented by Liz Almlie:**

The Mount Vernon City Auditorium in Mount Vernon, in Davison County, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for significance in the context of Entertainment/Recreations and Education. Eric Denning and Clint Nelson were available to answer any questions. They commented in support of the nomination. The motion was made by Peggy Sanders with a second by Tom Hurlbert to recommend the

approval of the nomination of the Mount Vernon City Auditorium to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Presented by Ted Spencer:**

The Sisseton Agency Headquarters and Wacipi Grounds, Agency Village, Roberts County, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Ethnic Heritage: Native American. The motion was made by Brad Tennant with a second by John Fowler to recommend the approval of the nomination of the Sisseton Agency Headquarters and Wacipi Grounds, Agency Village, Roberts County to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote. [Trustee Schliesman recused herself.]

Ted Spencer reviewed the Federal Grants-In-Aid Final, Distribution Plan, FFY 2022. A motion was made by John Fowler and seconded by David Wolff to accept the presented work plan. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**New Business**

Seven projects were recommended to the board for approval for Deadwood Fund grants. The motion to approve the recommended grants was made by Brad Tennant and seconded by David Wolff. The grants that were approved were Yankton Post Office, Yankton (\$20,000); Gregory County Courthouse, Gregory (\$20,000); Citizens Building, Aberdeen (\$15,000); Pierre First United Methodist Church, Pierre (\$10,000); Western National Bank, Mitchell (\$15,000); Hand County Courthouse, Miller (\$10,000); Tabor Log School, Tabor (\$5,000). Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote. [Trustee Hurlbert recused himself.]

Heather Mulliner presented the state property tax moratorium requests for the board's consideration. The following 14 applications from 5 different counties were approved. Stidworthy-Kemper House, Viborg; Bryon P. Dauge House, Deadwood; D.M. Gillette House, Deadwood; Fairmont Creamery, Rapid City; 33 Taylor Avenue, Deadwood; W.A. Caldwell House, Brookings; 1518 West Boulevard, Rapid City; 3 Shine Street, Deadwood; Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City; Karlo Kero House, Lead; 614 Prospect Avenue, Lead; Ira Putnam House, Lead; James Reagen House, Lead and Odd Fellows, Dell Rapids. A motion was made by Tom Hurlbert with a second by David Wolff to approve the 14 property tax moratorium requests as recommended. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes.

The 2022 Board of Trustees meeting schedule includes: April 21, 2022, Pierre (History Conference is April 23-24, 2022), summer meeting conference on June 10, 2022 will be conducted by Zoom; September 9, 2022 and December 9, 2022 will be held in Pierre. The motion to approve the 2022 meeting schedule was made by Brian Sandvig with a second by Tom Hurlbert. Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote with 11 ayes.

## **Other Business**

There was one Certificate of Recognition nominee: NSV Center for Public History and Civic Engagement. The motion to approve the certificate was made by Peggy Sanders with a second by Billie Kingfisher Jr., Motion prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chelle Somsen, State Historical Records Advisory Board: This is a sub-committee under the Board of Trustees. This committee is designed to review grant applications from archival institutions within the state of South Dakota that are being submitted to the national publications and records commission. Every state has a SHRAB board. The board has to be a minimum of 7 people and has to include 3 Board of Trustees members. Jennifer Winter nominated herself to be on the board. The motion was made by Jennifer Winter with a second by Brian Sandvig. The board also voted on the State Historical Advisory Board slate. Motion was made by Tom Hulbert with a second by Brad Tennant. Both motions prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Composition of the Board of Trustees Public Affairs, Education and Outreach Committee: This sub-committee selects the Governors Awards for history winners. Sean Flynn (President) took nominations; the board nominated a total of four Trustees. David Wolff nominated Sean Flynn and Tom Hurlbert with a second by John Fowler. Fowler nominated Peggy Sanders and Laurie Langland nominations were prevailed unanimously on a roll call vote.

## **Reports**

Director Benjamin F. Jones touched base on the recent personnel changes. Museum Director Jay Smith resigned effective the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November due to health reasons. Dorinda Daniele is retiring Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> from the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation. David Williams from Archaeology took a position in Nebraska. Jones spoke on the Cultural Heritage Center renovation process and provided some general concepts of what that will look like. Jones stated the key aspect for this renovation process is for storage space for artifacts and archival documents. Jones showed the proposed layout of the building. The appropriation will need a 2/3 vote from the legislature to pass.

Renee Boen, State Archaeologist, submitted her report. Boen had nothing to add to her report.

Chelle Somsen, State Archivist, submitted her report. Somsen had nothing to add to her report.

Catherine Forsch, Chief Executive Officer of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, submitted her report. Forsch had nothing to add to her report.

Ted Spencer, Director of The Historic Preservation Office, submitted his report. Spencer added to his report that they are going to focus on digitizing their review and compliance processes in SHPO.

Katy Schmidt, Museum Staff, submitted her report. Schmidt had nothing to add.

Dedra McDonald Birzer, Ph.D., Director of Research and Publishing, submitted her report McDonald had nothing to add.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned 11:53 a.m. by President Sean Flynn. The next general meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2022, at the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in the Vogt Education Room.

Minutes submitted by     Megan Fast  
Board Secretary:

State Historian and     Benjamin F. Jones  
Director: