

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Library Commons, MacKay Building
Pierre, South Dakota
April 4, 2024**

Call to Order:

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Tom Hurlbert in the Library Commons of the MacKay Building, Pierre, South Dakota. A quorum was present.

Board members present in the Library Commons:

Tom Hurlbert, Peggy Sanders, William Pearson, Robert Kolbe, Michelle Dennis

Board members present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Brian Sandvig, John Fowler, David Patterson, Lura Roti

Board members absent:

Jon Lauck, Billie Kingfisher Jr, Jennifer Winter

State Historical Society Staff Present:

Benjamin Jones, Jamie Patton, Jenna Carlson-Dietmeier, Liz Almlie, Katie Wasley, Duncan Trau, David Grabitske, Dedra Birzer, Catherine Forsch- SD Historical Society Foundation

State Historical Society Staff Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Chelle Somsen, Dustin Llyod

Others Present in the Library Commons:

Kevin Kuchenbecker, Rose Speirs, Vicki Darr, Jean Kessloff

Others Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

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Welcome and Announcements:

President Tom Hurlbert led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a welcome to the members of the board, staff of the Historical Society and guests.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Dennis to adopt the agenda with an amendment of moving item 5 to after 7, Kolbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes:

The December 8, 2023, minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting were mailed and posted digitally for board members before the meeting. Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments, Sanders seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: (SDCL 1-25-1):

There was none.

State and Review Board:

At 1:05 p.m. the board began the duties of the State Review Board to evaluate the National Register Nominations presented by the State Historic Preservation Office staff.

Presented by Duncan Trau

- South Dakota Stockgrowers Association Building, Rapid City, Pennington County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for significance in Agriculture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Kolbe to approve the nomination.** The motion carried unanimously.

The State and Review Board completed their evaluation at 1:17 p.m.

New Business:

- **Deadwood Grant Applications:** A presentation was giving with recommendation of approving six out of sixteen Deadwood Fund Grant Applications. After discussion, a **motion was made by Sandvig and seconded by Dennis to recommend the approval of the recommended grants.** The motion was approved unanimously. The approved grants Brown County Courthouse (\$20,000), Split Rock Bathhouse (\$9,000), Farr House (\$13,000), Vermillion Carnegie Library (\$14,000), First National Bank of Dell Rapids (\$14,000), Papineau Trading Post (\$5,000).
- **ARC Deaccessions:** The proposed deaccessions at the Archaeological Research Center were mailed and posted digitally to board members prior to the meeting. A presentation was given by Dustin Lloyd on the items proposed for deaccession. After discussion, a **motion was made by Kolbe and seconded by Sanders to approval the deaccessions.** The motion carried

unanimously.

- **Election/Appointments/Awards:** Jones highlighted the next meeting for the Boards of Trustees will be an election for officers.
- **Certificates of Recognition:** Sanders read three nominations for Board of Trustees Certificates of Recognition, in addition to seventeen nominees of the Governors Awards for History. After discussion, **a motion was made by Sanders and seconded by Sandvig to approve all certificates of recognition.** The motion carried unanimously. Certificates were granted to Nancy Deranleau, Stevens High School, Aaron Fader, Vermillion Middle School, Tamra Huffman, Harrisburg North Middle School, Craig Jones, Huron High School, Tammy Lauer, St. Lambert Elementary Shaun Nielsen, West Middle School, Jamie Nieuwsma, Washington High School, Aaron Noteboom, Hot Springs High School, Keith Wilkinson, Aberdeen Central, Debra Hemmer, Milbank, Jim Carlson, Sioux Falls, Kenneth Stewart, Pierre, Nancy Koupal, Pierre, Bill Markley, Pierre, Lake County Museum, Pickstown- Fort Randall Museum, Trail of Governors Foundation, Pegie Douglas, Hill City, Yvonne Hollenbeck, Clearfield, and Kevin Kuchenbecker, Deadwood.
- **SHRAB Board Member Replacement:** Board Member Robert Russel has requested to leave the board due to other duties and no longer actively working as an archivist. A staff member of his Marion Williams, archivist at Northern State University has asked to join the board in fulfillment of the slot. After discussion, **a motion was made by Kolbe and seconded by Patterson to approve replacement of Robert Russel and appoint Marion Williams.** The motion carried unanimously.

Reports (No Action Needed):

- **Administration: Benjamin Jones, State Historian and State Historical Society Director**
Jones reported on America 250, Renovation, History Conference and the 100th Legislative Session. Jones highlighted his attendance at the America 250 state and territories convening, the history conference in 2025, and the 100th legislative session committee.
- **Archaeology: Cassie Vogt, State Archaeologist**
Vogt reported on research, GIS requests, NAGPRA and Burial Activities, Grants, Outreach, Repository and Archives, Mining Reviews and State Land Permits, staffing and the Plains Anthropological Conference. Vogt was not present at the meeting, but Lloyd highlighted the Camp Collier grant project and Sundstrom's plans to continue excavations at Ft. Mead with ARC staff.
- **Archives: Chelle Somsen, State Archivist**
Somsen reported on digitization projects, outreach, Archives month, personnel, and quarterly statistics. Somsen highlighted the history conference and provided an update.
- **Historical Society Foundation: Catherine Forsch, CEO**
Forsch reported on the History Conference, Spring Fundraising Campaign, Capital Campaign, Press Publications, Adopt a Collection in the State Archives, Gifts, and Upcoming Meetings/Events. Forsch highlighted the History conference.

- **Museum: David Grabitske, Assistant Society Director**
Grabitske reported exhibitions, collections, and interpretation. Grabitske highlighted the renovation.
- **Preservation: Jenna Carlson Dietmeier, Interim State Historic Preservation Officer & Director of Historic Preservation**
Dietmeier reported on staff updates, National Register and National Historic Landmark Listings, budget items, contract projects, education and outreach projects, and City of Deadwood items. Dietmeier highlighted the shifts on the annual work plan and the 4th grade Student Essay contest.
- **Research & Publishing: Dedra McDonald-Birzer Editor-in-Chief and Publisher**
Birzer reported on staff updates, book awards, 2024 book releases, monthly History Talks, the *South Dakota History* journal, and *History Notes* newsletter. Birzer highlighted staff changes and the monthly History Talks.

Other Business:

- **History Conference Update:** Somsen provided an update during her directors' report.
- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on July 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CT or 8:00 a.m. MT. The location is pending further board member discussion.

Adjournment:

Dennis made the motion for Adjournment. Pearson seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

I, Benjamin F. Jones, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, declare that these minutes are true, and an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the April 4, 2024, meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Benjamin F. Jones, Ph.D.
State Historian and Director
South Dakota State Historical Society

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South Dakota State Historical Society