

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Library Commons, MacKay Building
Pierre, South Dakota
December 8, 2023**

Call to Order:

The meeting of the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.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, Lura Roti, William Pearson

Board members present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Brian Sandvig, Jennifer Winter, Robert Kolbe, John Fowler

Board members absent:

David Patterson, Billie Kingfisher Jr, Michelle Dennis

State Historical Society Staff Present:

Benjamin Jones, Jamie Patton, Jenna Carlson-Dietmeier, Liz Almlie, Katie Wasley, Duncan Trau, David Grabitske, Corey Christianson, Amanda LaCroix- Department of Education

State Historical Society Staff Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Chelle Somsen, Dedra Birzer, Katie Lamie, Catherine Forsch - SD Historical Foundation

Others Present in the Library Commons:

Sharon Martinesko, Jessica McKeown, Kevin Kuchenbecker, Bonny Anfinson, Robin Carwody, Beverly Posey

Others Present via TEAMS Conference Call:

Trevor Santucci

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 Sanders to adopt the agenda, Roti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes:

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

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

There was none.

Reports (No Action Needed):

- **Administration: Benjamin Jones, State Historian and State Historical Society Director**
Jones reported on Share your Voice sessions, Artificial Intelligence, an article in the fall journal on Wounded Knee, strategic goals, the Mount Rushmore Society and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and the annual Legislative Reception. Jones highlighted Share your Voice sessions, the annual conference, and the legislative reception.
- **Archaeology: Katie Lamie, Senior Archaeologist**
Lamie 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.
- **Archives: Chelle Somsen, State Archivist**
Somsen reported on digitization projects, outreach, Archives month, personnel, and quarterly statistics. Somsen highlighted Archives Month and gave a history conference update at the time of her report.
- **Historical Society Foundation: Catherine Forsch, CEO**
Forsch reported on the Foundation's board, capital campaign, the oral history project, adopting a collection in the Archives, End of year campaigns, and upcoming meetings and events. Forsch highlighted upcoming meetings for the Share your Voice sessions and History Talks.
- **Museum: David Grabitske, Assistant Society Director**
Grabitske reported exhibitions, collections, and interpretation. Grabitske highlighted work on museum exhibits, Share your Voice and provided a renovation update.
- **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 site 39ML12 was listed to the National Register under the South Dakota Burial Mounds multi-property listing and Deadwood Grant items.

- **Research & Publishing: Dedra McDonald-Birzer Editor-in-Chief and Publisher**

Birzer reported on staff updates, book awards, conference attendance, 2024 book releases, monthly History Talks, the *South Dakota History* journal, and *History Notes* newsletter. Birzer highlighted Lakota, Dakota and Nakota writing, the republishing of *Giants in the Earth* with annotations, the American Writing Award in the sports category for *Football for Fun*, and an award of grant for *Georgia Jipp, Blizzard Pilot*.

State and Review Board:

At 9:42 a.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 Katie Wasley

- Turton Jail, Turton, Spink County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for significance in Law. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Roti and seconded by Sanders to approve the nomination**. The motion carried unanimously.
- Conde Municipal Building, Conde, Spink County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for entertainment and recreation, politics and government, performing arts and social history and Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Fowler and seconded by Pearson to approve the nomination**. The motion carried unanimously.
- DeRouchey-Hageman Barn and Farnyard, Gettysburg, Potter County: The nomination is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Kolbe and seconded by Sanders to approve the nomination**. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented by Liz Almlie

- Buffalo Gap Historic District Amendment, Buffalo Gap, Custer County: The nomination amendment is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for Social History and economics and Criterion C for Architecture. Its level of significance is local. After discussion, a **motion was made by Roti and seconded by Kolbe to approve the nomination**. The motion carried unanimously.
- Galena Creek Schoolhouse, Custer Vic., Custer County: Additional documentation made to the approved nomination was sent to the board for review. No action was required.

Presented by Jenna Carlson-Dietmeier

- Annual Historic Preservation Work Plan FY2024: Carlson-Dietmeier presented the annual work plan with a total budget of \$896,513. The budget includes general operations, subgrants,

Geographical Information System computerized mapping, contract projects, estimated budget figures and in-house projects. The office solicited public comment for consideration of projects and received five responses. After discussion, **a motion was made by Fowler and seconded by Roti to approve the Historic Preservation Work Plan for FY2024.** The Motion carried unanimously.

The State and Review Board completed their evaluation at 10:52 a.m.

- **State Property Tax Moratorium Applications, presented by Duncan Trau:** A summary was provided for each of the six applications. After discussion, **a motion was made by Sanders and seconded by Sandvig for approval all 2023 State Property Tax Moratorium Applications.** The motion carried unanimously. The following six applications from four different counties which were approved are: 201 Main Street, Rapid City; 339 N. Euclid Ave, Pierre; 100 W. 10th Street, Dell Rapids; 1310 West Blvd, Rapid City; 51, 53, & 55 Sherman St, Deadwood; 523 6th Street, Rapid City.
- **Awards Committee- Governors Awards for History:** Jones provided a summary of the Awards which will be given during the annual conference. Two members of the board volunteered to serve on the awards committee along with the board president and historical society director. The awards committee will be Tom Hurlbert, Peggy Sanders, William Pearson, and Ben Jones. A motion was made by Sandvig to approve members of the committee and seconded by Roti. The motion carried unanimously.

Museum Collections Management Information:

Museum Director David Grabitske provided a discussion on the process of accepting items into the artifact collection. Documents were provided to board members prior to the meeting that assist in his discussion.

Museum Artifact for Board Input:

Prior to the Board meeting, members were sent information regarding a request from Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas, for the loan of the Society's Sioux Horse Effigy for inclusion in an exhibit there in 2025. Crystal Bridges would agree to be responsible for all expenses attendant on the loan, including packing, unpacking, transportation and insurance. A motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Roti, to approve the loan on condition that a replica of the effigy be made by the Society prior to its shipment. After discussion, Fowler amended the motion to delete the condition and, after a second of the amended motion by Kolbe, the motion to make the loan was approved unanimously. Appropriate Society personnel will investigate the feasibility of making a replica of the effigy and will ensure that the Crystal Bridges exhibit portrays the uncertainties regarding its sculptor.

Deadwood Grant Applications, presented by Katie Wasley and Liz Almlie:

A presentation was given with recommendation of approving three out of four Deadwood Fund Grant Applications. After discussion, **a motion was made by Sandvig and seconded by Pearson to recommend the approval of the recommended grants.** The motion was approved unanimously. The approved grants

include Kadoka Masonic Lodge, Kadoka (\$15,000), Burbank School, Burbank (\$20,000), and Sully Courthouse, Onida (\$15,000).

Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Analysis, presented by Jenna Carlson-Dietmeier: Interim State Preservation Officer Carlson-Dietmeier, reported on her analysis of the prepared budget. She is recommending approval based on whether administrative rules are followed, and the proposed projects follow the scope and intent of historic preservation by the legislature.

Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Budget Presentation, presented by Kevin Kuchenbecker: Kuchenbecker presented the proposed Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund Budget for calendar year 2024. After discussion, **a motion was made by Kolbe and seconded by Sandvig to approve of the 2024 presented budget.** The motion was approved unanimously.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule: The 2024 Board of Trustees schedule is be scheduled as follows: April 4 (The annual history conference), July 12, September 13, and December 13, 2024.

Executive Session:

A motion was made to go into executive session at 1:30pm for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel and Interim State Historic Preservation Office Jenna Carlson-Dietmeier by Roti and seconded by Sanders. Commencing executive session, a motion was made to return to regular session at 1:59pm by Roti and seconded by Pearson.

Adjournment:

Pearson made the motion for Adjournment. Roti seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 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 December 8, 2023, 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

Jamie Patton
Administrative Assistant
South Dakota State Historical Society