

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2012
Becker-Hansen Building – 700 East Broadway - Pierre, SD

Members Present: J.R. LaPlante, Chairman
Jim Hagen
June Hansen
Joe Nadenicek
Jay Vogt

State Employees present: Michelle Faw – DTR, and Carol Postulka - DOT

Others in Attendance: Chet Brokaw – Associated Press

Chairman, LaPlante called the meeting to order at 8:58 and roll call was taken. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012 minutes was made by Nadenicek and seconded by Hagen All voted aye and motion carried.

A review was conducted of the information collected about each name. Vogt was unable to find the name of the African American family that lived near the creek.

Bob Lee- journalist and historian who lived in the Sturgis area. He had a particular interest in Black Hills, Native American, and frontier military history.

Howes- established as a post office in 1940 and named for South Dakota native ,W.W. Howes, a former Assistant Postmaster General under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He ran unsuccessfully for Governor of South Dakota in 1920.

Rebecca Buffington- Vogt was unable to confirm details about her except that she was not buried near the creek as previously thought. She was buried farther north. She lived in South Dakota only a short time before she died.

Hansen stated that no other landmark in SD used these names. There is a Howe Creek in North Carolina, but because of the distance there is little chance of confusion. The committee reviewed the requirements for a selected name. The name should be descriptive of topographic form and reflect local history or folk lore. Local ethnic or Native American names are preferred. If a person's name is chosen the person must be deceased at least five years, and the name must include the person's surname.

Vogt commented that Lee or Howes were the best options. Howes is the name of a nearby town. Nadenicek commented that Howes was also suggested by Representative Wink who lives near the feature. After discussion, Hansen made a motion to select Howes Creek as the

name to be submitted for public comment. Hagen seconded. All voted aye and motion carried. The name would reflect the town of Howes not the individual's name. The proposed name, Howes Creek, will be posted to the public for a 45 day comment period.

In other business, discussion was held regarding the FAQ/ talking points composed by Nadenicek. Vogt moved to accept the FAQ as written. Hansen seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Chairman LaPlante shared a question from Judge Sherman Marshall concerning the spelling of a creek name on the Rosebud Reservation, and if that was an issue to be taken to SDBGN. Nadenicek suggested that it is, but it may be more efficient to use the US Board's online feature.

The next meeting was scheduled to be held in Pine Ridge on December 4 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held to discuss the Shannon County features- Little Squaw Humper Creek, Little Squaw Humper Table, Squaw Humper Creek, Squaw Humper Dam, and Squaw Humper Table. Nadenicek moved to approve the scheduled meeting. Vogt seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Chairman LaPlante asked for any comments from the public present at the meeting. There were no members of the public in attendance to provide comment.

With no other business to come before the board, Vogt made a motion the meeting adjourn and Hagen seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Michelle Faw, Secretary

Approved by:

J.R. LaPlante, Chairman