

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 15, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. CDT  
Becker-Hansen Building – 700 East Broadway, Pierre, SD

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Hansen @ 9:05 a.m., who noted Chairman LaPlante was called to another meeting and would join the meeting shortly. Roll call was taken.

Chairman JR LaPlante – Department of Tribal Relations  
June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation  
Jay Vogt – State Historical Society  
Joe Nadenicek – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources  
Eileen Bertsch-Dept. of Tourism

Others in Attendance:

David Reiss-Department of Tribal Relations recording  
Katheryn Johnson-Department of Transportation Intern  
Ariel Hammerquist-Department of Transportation Intern  
Nora Hertel- Associated Press

Corrections to April Minutes: Bertsch provided a suggested change to April minutes. Vogt moved for correction and approval, Nadenicek seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Legislative Follow-Up:

Nadenicek provided update to SB 119 legislation passed which included an incorrect spelling for renamed Isanti Creek in Moody County, having “Isante Creek” listed in the legislation. Nadenicek spoke with Code Counsel at Legislative Research Council and determined the spelling error did not require a legislative fix and was corrected with code revision.

Process for Renaming Features:

The Board discussed the process and their role regarding requests to name unnamed geographic features or renaming geographic features. Vogt asked the Board’s role is vs. the US Board on Geographic Name(USBGN) in renaming features. Hansen explained that the US BGN relies on the Board to receive public input. Vogt also asked if the Board is able to identify/classify geographic features, with members referring to the Board’s statute and declining such action. Hansen noted that US BGN honors naming considerations from political subdivisions, including tribes, from the area where a suggested feature name change or name origination is received.

Rename Request for City of Marty:

Hansen noted the US Postal Service is in opposition to the name change for the city of Marty. She opined that the Board refers public input collection to the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

Vogt highlighted that SD Board does not have statutory authority to change political or subdivision names. Nadenicek moved that he would work with Hansen to write a letter to USBGN noting the Board's statutory limitations for declining to rename cities, counties and political subdivisions and reference the city of Marty. Vogt seconded, all members voted aye and motion carried.

#### Unnamed Creek in Minnehaha County:

The Board discussed starting a public involvement plan for naming the unnamed creek in Minnehaha County. Vogt asked if creek is currently unnamed and Hansen confirmed. Nadenicek suggested that Board refer interested parties to the provided updated form.

Hansen reviewed the Annie Anderson Creek naming application, noting materials submitted to USBGN reveal that Minnehaha County has not commented on a naming. The City of Valley Springs supports naming the feature Annie Anderson Creek. Hansen will reach out to Jennifer Runyon at USBGN regarding additional information for the requested feature naming. The Board agreed that applicants suggesting names Annie Anderson and Manning do not need to resubmit supporting documentation presented to USBGN. The Board will write separate letters to the two parties proposing Annie Anderson/Manning for the unnamed creek in Minnehaha County.

#### Unnamed Island by Dell Rapids in Big Sioux River:

Hansen noted the suggested name for the island in the Big Sioux River near Dell Rapids, noting suggested name as "Quarry Island." The notice for public input for the unnamed creek and the unnamed island near Dell Rapids will be sent out for same meeting to be held in Sioux Falls.

Hansen asked if DTR can compile all materials, Reiss confirmed. The public comment notice will be sent June 1, the 45 day comment period will expire July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Board meeting be set at the end of July in Sioux Falls. General consent confirmed the notice schedule.

Chairman LaPlante joined the meeting at 9:42AM, Hansen provided a meeting summary to Chairman LaPlante and Chairman LaPlante resumed Chair of the meeting.

#### Unnamed Campbell County Creek:

Hansen stated that the Board had not moved on the Campbell County naming. The Board decided to hold on action for the Campbell County geographical feature application until more input is received from applicant.

#### Squaw Humper Dam of Shannon County:

Chairman LaPlante requested a discussion of Squaw Humper Dam. Discussion occurred about actions the Board has taken related to Squaw Humper Dam noting unsuccessful Board efforts to contact the landowner. Hansen had contacted Jennifer Runyon at US BGN to find the landowner's name, Frank Wilson is listed. Runyon explained USBGN will change the feature name if Mr. Wilson requests to rename of the feature, but only if Mr. Wilson requests the consideration.

Vogt stated that Michael Catches Enemy is current Oglala Sioux Tribe Historic Preservation Officer and would be the primary contact for this matter at the Oglala Sioux Tribe Historic Preservation office. Nadenicek moved the Board request the Oglala Sioux Tribe to contact landowner Frank Wilson regarding Squaw Humper Dam. Vogt seconded, all members voted aye and motion carried.

#### Review Name Change Form:

LaPlante requested to discuss the Propose Name or Name Change Form. Hansen noted the changes provided and that she is working with BIT and DOT personnel to finalize form and have it forwarded to DTR. Vogt suggested additions to the form to inquire about the reason for the requested naming action and request supporting documentation from applicants if their actions are supported on behalf of an organization. Hansen noted additions will be made requesting the documentation of applicant's organizational support and reasoning for naming request.

#### US Board on Geographic Names Update:

LaPlante requested USBGN update. Hansen referenced provided list of pending actions for US BGN. USBGN is reaching out to comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to area Tribes on Manning Creek/Annie Anderson naming request.

#### Other Business:

Bertsch asked about Secretary's resignation from office. LaPlante discussed filling Board membership needs during the Department of Tribal Relations Secretarial transition and suggested designating David Reiss as a SDBGN proxy on behalf of Tribal Relations. Hansen noted that the statute designating the Board members names the DTR Secretary explicitly as a member. Bertsch confirmed by reviewing statute SDCL 1-19C-2.1. Nadenicek suggested having a Tribal Relations proxy as a member ex officio. The Board agreed by general consent.

The Board discussed Chairman LaPlante's resignation as Secretary of Tribal Relations and thanked him for his service to the Board and State of South Dakota.

Hansen moved to adjourn. Bertsch seconded. All voted aye and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Recorded by David Reiss.