

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH 2013 1:00 P.M. CDT
700 GOVERNORS DRIVE
PIERRE, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman LaPlante @ 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Chairman J.R. LaPlante
June Hansen – DOT
Jay Vogt – SHS
Joe Nadenicek – DENR
Eileen Bertsch – Dept. of Tourism

Others in attendance:

Chet Brokaw – AP
Kristi Sandal – DOT
Jenna Carda – Tourism Intern
Sam Leidholt – Tourism Intern
Seth Lopour – Transportation Intern
Murphy Dods – Transportation Intern
Carol Postulka – DOT – Recording Meeting

Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012 meeting. Vogt seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Eileen Bertsch has been named as designee by Secretary James Hagen going forward. The Board welcomed Eileen.

June Hansen relayed information that she had received from a number of callers interested in commenting regarding the name changes being sought. Discussion was held regarding various requests indicating that the name 'negro' is not considered offensive and that renaming would perhaps take away the culture and heritage surrounding the various county features. Joe will check into legislative background information regarding offensive names and what has been addressed and determined in the past. He will report back to the board at the next meeting.

June also spoke with Jennifer Runyon who is a representative of the United States Board of Geographic Names who referred to the Howes Creek request. The request has been submitted.

Discussion and recommendations continued with the Custer features being addressed. The board discussed that it may require legislative action to remove “negro” as an offensive term in the current law. Discussion was held on holding off on renaming until these features until the opportunity to possibly re-address with the 2014 Legislature takes place.

Jay Vogt made a motion to postpone any further consideration of name changes (specifically the word ‘Negro’) until additional public comment can be obtained. June seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

June Hansen made a motion that public comment notice be out by June 15th for the 45 day period needed with a deadline of August 1, 2013. Vogt seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion carried.

Regarding Shannon County features a motion was made by Joe Nadenicek to approve all 4 undisputed names with the exception of Little Squaw Humber Table with recommendation for that particular feature to be renamed Arrow Wound Table with support confirming documentation & verification of that particular feature. Second by Vogt with all ayes and motion carried.

June Hansen made a motion that Nadenicek draft a letter to the federal entity requesting that the 4 undisputed names be considered for Shannon County. Eileen Bertsch seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Nadenicek to move forward with a public comment period for renaming features in Marshall and Moody counties. All voted aye and motion carried. Jackson and Haakon Counties also have features needing to be renamed.

In other business Hansen noted that there has been interest by the public to rename Custer State Park as well as Harney Peak was brought forward and will be addressed at the next business meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Flandreau Casino at the community center on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

Jay made a motion to adjourn and Eileen seconded with the meeting coming to a close at 2:20 p.m.