

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Nadenicek @ 9:05 a.m. Roll call was taken with the following board members present:

June Hansen – DOT
Jay Vogt – SHS
Joe Nadenicek – DENR

Absent with prior notice:

Chairman J.R. LaPlante - Chairman – SD Department of Tribal Relations
Eileen Bertsch – Dept. of Tourism

It was noted by the board that a quorum was present.

Others in attendance:
Carol Postulka, recording

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2013:

Vogt made a motion to approve with the correction a second by Hansen. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion was made by Vogt and seconded by Nadenicek that JR LaPlante remain Chairman of the group and June Hansen be named Vice Chair. All voted aye and the motion carried. Nadenicek presented the gavel to Hansen who conducted the meeting going forward.

USBGN:

Hansen reported that correspondence between the SDBGN & US board has indicated that there are three options in the renaming per request by the public in Minnehaha County:

- (1) Manning Creek
- (2) Annie Anderson Creek
- (3) Or leave unnamed

After considerable discussion the board determined that clarification is needed and a procedure for handling these requests from either the citizens or the USBGN be adopted to follow our existing public involvement process which would include public comment in the renaming process. Any further action on this was tabled by general consent until the next board meeting.

At this time the request to rename the municipality of Marty was tabled until the full board is present for their input.

The USBGN reminded the board that it needs to follow NAGPRA and consult with all Tribes that have interest in a particular part of the state or feature which means that the board will need to increase consult the list for South Dakota and be sure to include all Tribes. Jay Vogt will assist with finding that information to update the board's contact list.

Legislative Update:

Nadenicek provided a synopsis of the action surrounding the legislative bill that did pass ensuring that the word Negro used to identify South Dakota features was not considered offensive. The USBGN had asked if the board planned to return the names of the two features that originally had "Negro" in the name to their original names. The board determined that the names of features that had been previously changed in 2008 will not be changed again. Motion by Vogt and second by Nadenicek to instruct the USBGN that previously named features will not be renamed. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Isanti Creek:

Nadenicek explained the events leading to the incorrect spelling of the newly named feature Isanti. He noted that the incorrect spelling in SB 119, "Isante" was his error, improperly transcribed from his hand written notes from the August 27, 2013, meeting which followed through from those notes to the draft bill. He indicated the misspelled name was inconsistent with the decision of the SDGBN which properly spelled the name "Isanti" as reflected in the notice to the public and minutes of the SDBGN. Nadenicek indicated that he would be in touch with the code council in order to ensure that the correct spelling would be implemented. By general consent the board members present agreed the correct spelling is ISANTI and the US Board will be notified by email of the correct spelling.

Vogt made a motion to authorize Joe Nadenicek to contact the code council to correct the spelling with a second from Nadenicek. All voted aye and the motion carried.

There are several features that will involve more in-depth and further study before name changing determinations can be made some of which are Quarry Island by Dell Rapids, Marty, Unnamed Creek in Campbell County (proposed by Jim Pollock), and Manning Creek/Annie

Anderson Creek in Minnehaha County. Vogt made a motion to defer action on these features with a second from Nadenicek. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Squaw Humper Dam:

This feature has been determined to be privately owned. The board discussed notifying the owner thinking that he/she might consider requesting a name change. Vogt made a motion to table further discussion until the next meeting. Nadenicek seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Name Change Form:

Hansen created a form in an effort to make suggestions for new geographic feature names easy and compliant. The form will include the criteria for renaming, but will not consider changes for counties, municipalities and any other political subdivisions. Further discussion will be part of the next SDBGN meeting.

Next Meeting Date: May 14 @ 9:00 a.m. in the commission room of the Becker-Hansen Building.

With no other business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Recorded by:

Carol Postulka