

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 27, 2013 1:00 P.M. CDT
Royal River Casino
Flandreau, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman LaPlante @ 1:04 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

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

Others in attendance:

Lawrence Novotny – Brookings Human Rights Committee
Scott E. Anderson – Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Carol Robertson – Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Carol Postulka – DOT – Recording Meeting

Jay Vogt made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting. Joe Nadenicek seconded and all voted aye. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was to review names that have been suggested for consideration to the SDGBN relative to the task of changing the Squaw Creek feature. Names not meeting the required criteria established by the USBGN were eliminated. After careful consideration the following names were approved for further review:

- 1) Clare Creek
- 2) Native Woman Creek (pursue actual name of woman who drowned there)
- 3) Eastman Creek
- 4) Bend in the River (Waqua Ipaskan – Sioux name)

Vogt made a motion to defer selection of a replacement name for Squaw Creek until further research can be made and reported upon from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe. Hansen seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments were reviewed regarding changing features that have the word 'Negro' in them. Most of the comments received indicated that the word 'Negro' is not considered offensive by those who responded. Considerable discussion was held within the group. The legislative process charged the SDBGN with making what are considered needed changes,

however, given the public's comment on this issue, Nadenick suggested that the SDBGN hold a scoping meeting in Sioux Falls to give the largest Negro populated area in South Dakota an opportunity to provide additional public comment. If it becomes necessary to ask the legislature to reconsider their previous ruling, there could be a request submitted to draft an action issue after the October 1, 2013 deadline.

Motion was made by Hansen to schedule an evening meeting in Sioux Falls on October 24, 2013 to receive additional public comment with time and place to be determined. Bertsch seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

June Hansen provided a report from the June 2013 United States Board of Geographic Names organization indicating that documentation has been submitted in an appropriate timeline in reference to other name change requests done earlier this year.

Hansen also provided an update on the Marshall County Feature indicating that Squaw Lake does not exist or has already been renamed therefore no action needs to be taken on that particular feature.

Documentation has been received from Minnehaha County as well as from Charles Mix County with proposed name changes. After discussion Nadenicek made a motion to contact the USBGN requesting that the SDBGN be allowed to continue the process of replacement names rather than allowing counties, cities, etc. to rename features. Vogt seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

Vogt reported a follow up on Arrow Wound feature that there was evidence that there was evidence found indicating that Arrow Wound had actually lived in that area and owned land there. Vogt made a motion to use the Lakota name for that feature and Nadenicek seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding unnamed or changing names of other geographic features. Vogt made a motion to draft a letter notifying Custer County to follow guidelines outlined regarding Squaw Creek Road feature. Nadenicek seconded the motion with all voting aye and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding funding sources for the group. Motion was made by Eileen Bertsch and seconded by Nadenicek to request \$5000 from the legislature per year to pay for travel, rental of facilities, printing costs, etc. All voted aye and motion carried.

With no other business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol Postulka

