

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 4, 2013 - 1:00 p.m. CST  
Becker-Hansen Building – 700 East Broadway, Pierre, SD**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman LaPlante @ 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following board 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:

Chet Brokaw – Associated Press  
David Rookhuyzen – Capital Journal  
Carol Postulka – DOT – Recording

Chairman LaPlante asked the board to review the minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting. After review and corrections made, Nadenicek made a motion to approve with a second from Bertsch. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The board reviewed additional public comments that had been received the past 30 days referencing Moody County feature ‘Squaw Creek’. After considerable discussion and further testimony Nadenicek made a motion to move forward by sending an official request to the US Board on Geographic Names with the recommendation to change the name of said creek to Isanti Creek. Vogt seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Custer County Commissioners who desire to leave the name ‘Squaw Creek Road’ in Custer County as is. Since that is their wish, the board accepts and respects their position.

Board Member Hansen reported on the status of geographic feature name changes for Shannon County. Suggested names are currently under consideration by the USBGN.

There are some features that Hansen will research in an attempt to provide more clarity for the SDBGN members to move forward in planning, preparation, and decision making. Hansen will be the SD board liaison with key USBGN members going forward.

Regarding proposed legislation thus far, the Howes Creek name recommendation has been removed as the board has decided not to take action on renaming features that contain the name 'negro'. Bills have been prepared for the 2014 Legislative session with testimony to be given by Chairman LaPlante as well as representation from the Sioux Falls community to support not renaming the features that include the word 'negro'.

The term 'squaw' is still considered offensive and regarded as an offensive term. Therefore the board will continue their plan to rename features currently using the word 'squaw.'

Motion to accept the proposed legislation was made by Hansen and seconded by Vogt. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Next meeting date was set for April 9, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Becker-Hansen Building @ 700 East Broadway, Pierre SD 57501.

At the meeting in April, the annual election of officers will be a topic on the agenda.

With no other business to come before the board, Bertsch made a motion to adjourn with a second from Vogt. Meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Carol H. Postulka, Recording