

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 29, 2015

1:30 p.m. (CDT)

Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building, 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:30PM CDT. Meeting is recorded and will be posted to SDBGN website.

Board Members Present:

Chairwoman June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Vice Chairman Jay Vogt – State Historical Society

Joe Nadenicek – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources

Eileen Bertsch- Dept. of Tourism

Steve Emery- Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Secretary:

David Reiss- Dept. of Tribal Relations-recording

Others Present:

Glen Lockner

Dale Bersch

Bob Mercer

James Nord, Associated Press

Maranda Olson, Dept. of Transportation

Jacob Dempsey, Dept. of Transportation

The minutes from the 4/28/2015-5/7/2015 Board meeting were approved as corrected. .

There was no update on contacts regarding Squaw Humper Dam.

Chair Hansen provided an update from the US Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) on proposed names, Hansen noted Oglala Lakota County features were approved at June 11, 2015 USBGN meeting. Searl Creek suggested name has not been heard by USBGN, awaiting input from State of North Dakota geographic name authority. Hansen distributed and paraphrased for the record an email received from USBGN regarding Harney Peak name change proposal, guidance provided on the naming process and reads that the only name to be considered by USBGN will be “Black Elk Peak.

There were no updates proposed to Board website.

Chair Hansen distributed a proposed draft of the SDBGN Public Involvement Plan (PIP) with updates to address the various types of public involvement needed dependent on type of naming

request. No action taken by the Board, review and action to follow by the Board at a consequent meeting.

Additional public comment on renaming Harney Peak located in Pennington County:

Glen Lockner, army veteran, wishes to keep name of Harney Peak, noting Pennington County Commissioners submitted comment to keep name "Harney Peak."

Board discussion regarding Harney Peak: Chair Hansen opened Board discussion regarding the Harney Peak name change proposal; requests motion from members. Emery moved to rename Peak "Black Elk Peak." Motion died for lack of second motion. Nadenicek moved that the final recommendation to the USBGN be to not rename the geographic feature, Harney Peak, Vogt seconded. There was discussion on the motion. Members vote four ayes, one nay. Motion carried. Hansen asked Nadenicek to draft notification letter to USBGN, Nadenicek affirmed.

Public comment on agenda items or non-agenda items:

Lockner thanked the Board for their engagement with him throughout the Harney Peak process.

Other business: Vogt asked if the Board has anything pending, Hansen explained there is not at this time. Bersch asked if edits for the PIP can be sent via state email to Hansen prior to the next meeting, Hansen affirmed.

Schedule of next Board meeting: Chair Hansen explained the next Board meeting will take place at the call of the Chair when action is necessary on pending features which possibly could occur until late fall 2015, none seen at this time or if any new requests for consideration are received by the Board. Location of the next meeting is to be announced prior to the meeting.

Chair Hansen asked for a motion to adjourn. Bersch moved to adjourn, Vogt seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Recorded by David Reiss.