

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 25, 2014 – 1:00 p.m. CDT  
Becker Hansen Building, Commission Room –700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre, SD

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Hansen @ 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Vice Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation  
Jay Vogt – State Historical Society  
Joe Nadenicek – Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources  
Eileen Bertsch- Dept. of Tourism

Board Members Excused:

Chairman JR LaPlante- Dept. of Tribal Relations

Others in Attendance:

David Reiss- Dept. of Tribal Relations recording

Vice Chair Hansen requested a discussion on revisions to minutes taken from 7.29.2014 Board meeting. Bertsch suggested amendments to draft minutes. Motion made by Vogt to approve July meeting minutes as amended, Nadenicek seconded. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion on proposed name “Annie Anderson” Creek near Dell Rapids in Minnehaha County:

Vice Chair Hansen requested discussion and review on an additional public response received on the unnamed creek in Minnehaha County, noting a suggested name of “Booge Creek” for the feature. Hansen inquired if public comment should be reopened to include the offered name “Booge Creek.” Members did not deem public comment necessary for the name “Booge Creek.” Members discussed the suggested names for the feature, noting the feature has been previously unnamed and the supporting documents and testimony supporting “Annie Anderson Creek” has been the best offered.

Hansen requested a motion to approve the name “Annie Andersen Creek” for the feature. Nadenicek moved to approve naming the creek “Annie Anderson Creek,” Bertsch seconded. Nadenicek provided comment about Lois Hansen’s public testimony about the name Annie Anderson Creek and the research compiled in support. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Hansen discussed sending a letter from the SDBGN noting its support for the name “Annie Anderson Creek” to the US Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) for federal consideration.

Unnamed Island by Dell Rapids in Big Sioux River:

Vice Chair Hansen requested discussion on the unnamed island in the Big Sioux River near Dell Rapids of Minnehaha County. Hansen highlighted the City of Dell Rapids has voted to support naming the feature “Dells Island” and underscored the importance of the municipality’s input in the Board’s decision. Nadenicek inquired about Minnehaha County’s comment response. Hansen

explained that Minnehaha County has withheld comment on the suggested names and deferred to the decision of the City of Dell Rapids. Vogt moved to move forward with the name “Dells Island” for a 30 day public comment period, Nadenicek seconded. Hansen and Bertsch provided comment noting the City of Dell Rapids support for the name provides weight to the Board’s adoption of the name. All members voted aye, motion carried.

#### Review Name Change Form:

Vice Chair Hansen reviewed the Propose Name or Name Change Form as drafted. Hansen discussed the need for the Form to be available to the public and that changes to the form can be made if and when necessary based upon use in the future. Vogt moved to approve and adopt the Propose Name or Name Chang Form, Bertsch seconded. All Members voted aye, motion carried.

#### Squaw Humper Dam of Shannon County:

Vice Chair Hansen requested an update on progress related to Squaw Humper Dam. Vogt indicated he had been in contact with the Oglala Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Office (OST THPO) and stated the OST THPO is engaged and interested in working with the Board to rename Squaw Humper Dam. Hansen explained the Board will continue the engagement process and work with the OST THPO to rename Squaw Humper Dam.

#### US Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) Action Update:

Vice Chair Hansen provided an update on USBGN actions, noting that Isanti Creek of Moody County has formally been approved by the USBGN. Hansen noted that DOT has changed their maps to reflect the feature’s new name, but other agencies have not yet changed the feature’s name. Hansen provided documentation noting that other agencies had the creek listed as Jack Moore Creek. Hansen inquired if the Board should communicate the change to the naming sponsor Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Moody County, the Moody County Conservation Board, and any other involved parties in the renaming of Isanti Creek indicating the need to update the name of the feature on any maps and descriptions. The Board supported sending a letter to interested municipalities and the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe indicating the name change, Nadenicek will draft the notification letter.

Hansen asked the Board if contact should be made to State agencies not represented on the Board to communicate the name change. Members deemed such contact unnecessary.

#### Unnamed Campbell County Creek:

Vice Chair Hansen asked the Board to review the Proposed New Name Form submitted from Jim Pollock of Pierre to name an unnamed creek in Campbell County “Searl Creek.” Members also reviewed a letter written by Mr. Pollock to support the formal consideration request for the proposed feature name. Hansen requested Vogt contact Mr. Pollock to obtain letters of support from local government and from the public for his submitted name of “Searl Creek.” Hansen indicated she will draft the 45 day public comment notice for “Searl Creek” and that a public testimony meeting must be scheduled in Campbell County, noting the Board’s calendar yet to be discussed.

#### Other Business:

Vice Chair Hansen distributed to members a calendar to discuss the process timeline for the Campbell County feature and any other possible feature renaming submissions. Hansen suggested a tentative date for a meeting to be held in Campbell County to receive public testimony on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Nadenicek moved to adjourn. Bertsch seconded. All members voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Recorded by David Reiss.