



## Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission

### January 2025 Minutes

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*January 21, 2025 meeting at the Pierre Senior Center, 401 West Pleasant Drive, Pierre, SD 57501  
Meeting called to Order by President Buscher at 12:04pm.*

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#### In Attendance

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Commission Members: President Kelli Buscher, Treasurer Donna Leslie, Secretary Robert Kean, Beth Thompson, Alan Haarstad, Patti Duffy

Guests: Mr. Garry Guan (State Historic Preservation Officer)

Meeting working documents were referred to and reviewed in preparation for Commission discussion including financial documents and further explanatory notes relating to agenda items concerning annual Commission memberships.

Commission Members Volunteer Hours were recorded.

Volunteer Hours: June 1, 2024 – November 19, 2024 = 178.75

Prior to beginning the Agenda, Commission Members introduced themselves to and welcomed Mr. Garry Guan to the meeting. Mr. Guan, the newly appointed State Historic Preservation Officer, provided an update on the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

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#### Approval of Minutes

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The Commission did not meet in December due to inclement weather. The November 19, 2024 Commission Revised Draft Minutes were reviewed. There being no further additions or corrections offered, Alan Haarstad moved, Beth Thompson seconded, that the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Historic Preservation Commission (PFPHPC) November 19, 2024 Minutes be approved and distributed as presented.

MOTION PASSED

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#### Financial Planning Document Review

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Commission Members reviewed the PFPHPC Financial Planning Document dated January 17, 2025 and accompanying materials. Commission Treasurer Donna Leslie noted and explained the Financial Planning updates since the November meeting and other items including: an update on invoices paid; rental payment for the Commission meeting space; information on the 2025 State History Conference to be held in Deadwood on

May 8 and 9; and, a membership notice from the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance (formerly the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation). Commission discussion on these items followed.

MOTION: Beth Thompson moved, Alan Haarstad seconded, that \$100.00 be expended from Budget Category #447 to pay the Commission's 2025 membership dues to the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance.

MOTION PASSED

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### **Old Business:** 100<sup>th</sup> South Dakota State Legislative Session

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President Buscher updated the Commission on efforts to complete a sixteen-page booklet that will complement the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> South Dakota State Legislative Session. The booklet, compiling information from a variety of sources, will detail the significant accomplishments and contributions of notable women in the state. It is anticipated the booklet will have a wide distribution beyond the 100<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session celebration and its content will also be available through selected history focused organizations. Commission Members further discussed arranging the material for publishing and the printing of an initial 500 copies. President Buscher will continue to lead this effort.

MOTION: Alan Haarstad moved, Beth Thompson seconded, that up to \$2,500.00 be expended from Budget Category #447 to print the discussed booklet.

MOTION PASSED

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### Ft. Pierre Historic Homes/Businesses

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Commission Member Patti Duffy updated the Commission on her continuing efforts to gather additional information relevant to this effort and verify existing published materials for accuracy. She will provide further updates as the effort progresses.

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### Cedar Hill Cemetery

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Commission Member Patti Duffy updated the Commission on the meeting schedule for the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board. The Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30pm CST in the basement meeting room at the Stanley County Courthouse.

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### Adding Sites to the National Registry

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President Buscher updated the Commission on previous discussions regarding adding eligible Pierre and Ft. Pierre sites to the National Registry. She noted that an "extensive" list of eligible sites is available, and she would send it to Commission Members for review and further discussion. Mr. Garry Guan, SHPO Officer, provided an overview of site eligibility, and the process involved in placing a site onto the National Registry. It includes selecting a defined eligibility category, providing a detailed narrative of the sites importance and submitting required supporting documentation. This effort will be revisited future meetings.

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### Presentations to Pierre/Ft. Pierre City Councils

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President Buscher reported she is scheduling time to present an Annual Report on the Commission's activities to the Pierre and Ft. Pierre City Councils. Dates will be posted when known.

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## Ft. Pierre Chouteau Sign

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Commission Member Robert Kean reported he is in contact with the city of Ft. Pierre Public Works Department to ascertain the city's interest in replacing the Ft. Pierre Chouteau sign located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Fort Chouteau Road and Highway 1806. The sign contains a misspelling and is difficult to see due to its size, weathering and placement. He expects a response soon and will update the Commission at the next meeting.

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## Public Education

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Commission Member Robert Kean reported he contacted Mr. Brad Tennant on his availability to present in Pierre/Ft. Pierre during the summer of 2025 on a geographically relevant topic. Mr. Tennant's previous presentation in Ft. Pierre was very well received. He is available for presentations and suggested a potential talk on Arikara history, culture and significance to the upper Missouri River basin area. The Commission will keep Mr. Tennant's availability in mind as it plans future activities.

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## **New Business:** New SHPO Grant Application (due 3.31.25)

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President Buscher reported she is in contact with Chris Nelson at the SHPO office and is preparing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 grant application for the Commission's review at the February meeting.

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## Missouri River Boat History

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President Buscher asked Commission Members to consider revisiting a suggestion for a booklet brought to the Commission's attention recently by Mr. Charles Schroyer of Pierre. During a presentation to the Commission, Mr. Schroyer suggested the Commission consider creating a publication on the rich history and importance of river boat activity to the development of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre communities, accessing the Black Hills and settlement of the upper Missouri River basin. Through consensus, the Commission agreed the suggestion has merit.

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## **Other Business:**

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Commission Members congratulated Donna Leslie on being honored for her many years of service with the South Dakota Retailers Association through the introduction of House Commemoration 8001 in the South Dakota Legislature.

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## Meeting Adjourned

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Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 18, 2025, at 12pm noon CST at the Pierre Senior Center  
401 West Pleasant Drive, Pierre, SD 57501.