

**State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting**  
**June 1, 2016, the Red Lodge Carnegie Library,**  
**Red Lodge, Montana**  
**Minutes**

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**Board Members Present:** Dr. Tim Urbaniak, Lesley Gilmore, Zane Fulbright (Chair), Dr. Riley Auge, Jon Axline, Patti Casne, Deb Hronek, Milo McLeod

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Staff:** John Boughton, Kate Hampton, Dr. Mark Baumler

**Guests:** Steve Adler, Scott Burch, Mike Bergstrom, Halcyon LaPoint, James Hackethorn, Samantha Long

**Call to Order-8:40 a.m.:** Mr. Fulbright called the meeting to order and read the board mission statement. He then requested the board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves.

Mr. Fulbright called for approval of the January 2016 minutes. Ms. Gilmore motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Auge seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred and the motion passed.

**SHPO Preservation News-8:45 a.m.:** John Boughton briefed the Review Board about several subjects including:

- **Local Preservation/Certified Local Government (CLG) program:** Applications for 2016-2017 are processed for Montana's 16 CLG programs, 14 receive \$5,500 in annual matching support from the federal Historic Preservation Fund pass-through administered by SHPO. Anaconda/Deer Lodge County and Hardin/Bighorn County CLGs each receive \$1,500 for partial program participation. The total CLG allocation (\$80,000) exceeds the 10% minimum pass-through of SHPO Historic Preservation Funds to CLGs (\$78,550).
- **SHPO Special projects:** The two-year NPS grant-supported *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places* project continues in its second year. SHPO currently has the 2016 MHS Sobotka internship awardee Diana Nettleton of the University of Montana helping with the development of the revised website for the project this summer. SHPO also received a successful second \$5,000 grant from the Montana History Foundation in support of the African American places project. The project is scheduled to conclude this Fall.
- SHPO received a new \$40,000 grant from the MICA Foundation Cultural Resource Fund in support of the ongoing upgrade of the State Antiquities Database and Geographic Information System. This effort is being undertaken with additional support from the Bureau of Land Management.

The upgrade is expected to be completed by the end of the year at a total cost exceeding \$120,000.

- **Field Visits:** SHPO Compliance Officer Jessica Bush participated at the request of the Montana Burial Board in a human remains site discovery case in Cascade County on February 13. In March, Ms. Bush also participated, for a second year, in a Bureau of Land Management prescribed burn of the extensive Henry Smith archaeological stone feature site on the Milk River north of Malta.
- **Missoula Mercantile:** SHPO staff prepared comments in late March for the Missoula Historic Preservation Commission regarding the demolition permit application for the Missoula Mercantile Building, a downtown historic landmark threatened by re-development.
- **2016 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966:** As discussed at the January meeting, Montana SHPO is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHPA with a variety of outreach and educational events in 2016. These include:
  - 1) Montana National Register playing cards featuring photographs of Montana NR-listed properties from each of Montana's 56 counties (52 numbered cards plus 4 wild cards/jokers). These cards are being distributed free at preservation events and on request (Cards handed out to board).
  - 2) The 2016 preservation poster which shows all of the playing cards found in the National Register playing card deck, under the title: *Playing for Keeps*
  - 3) A National Register workshop and series of public lectures, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management-Lewistown and including staff from the National Park Service, is planned for the fall.
  - 4) The Preservation Road Show in Red Lodge, June 2-4, held in conjunction with the present June 1 historic preservation review board meeting. SHPO is one of the sponsors of the event.

**Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places since the January 2016 Review Board Meeting:**

Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District  
Elkhorn Ranch  
Stafford's (Winifred) Grocery  
East Side Neighborhood Historic District

**Potential Upcoming nominations:**

Medicine Rocks State Park (Fish, Wildlife & Parks, near Ekalaka)

**Consideration of National Register nominations-8:55 a.m.**

**1) Rock Creek Ranger Station (Carbon County)**

Mike Bergstrom, zone archaeologist for the Custer Gallatin National Forest presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- Are there plans to do any vegetation work around the property? [Some plans are in the works.]
- Are images allowed in the body of the text of the National Register form? [Digital submissions allow placement of images within the text.]
- Change the beginning date for the Period of Significance to 1925, excluding the earliest period of construction for which no definitive tangible remains exist.
- Add 1936 as a significant date.
- Keep the "Stone Wall/Foundation" as a contributing resource (albeit unknown construction).

Ms. Casne motioned for the board support of the federal nomination, with the suggested inclusion of the discussed edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the USFS. Dr. Urbaniak seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred and the motion passed.

**2) Glacier National Park Multiple Property Listing Amended Submission and Rising Wolf National Register nomination**

James Hackethorn, author, presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C under an amended Multiple Property Document.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- Is rechristening boats with the names of previous boats common? [No, but it does occur.]
- Any historic drawings or plans of the *Rising Wolf* boat? [Most boats at the time in Glacier were built without architectural drawings.]
- Did the installation of newer engines result in a loss of power? [No, the newer engines are much more efficient and high speeds were never necessary for the function of the boats.]
- Provide a bit more information regarding the hull shapes. Are they a standard size or shape?
- Please add a short discussion of how the boats are designed to efficiently cut through the water.
- Please italicize the names of the boats in the text.

Dr. Urbaniak motioned for the amended Multiple Property Document, with discussed edits, to be forwarded to the Keeper. Ms. Gilmore seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred and the motion passed.

Mr. Axline motioned for the *Rising Wolf* nomination, with discussed edits, be forwarded to the Keeper. Ms. Hronek seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred and the motion passed.

**Break-10:10 a.m.**

**Resumption of meeting-10:15 a.m.**

**Public Comment and New Business:** Mr. Fulbright called for public comment; none occurred.

**New Business:** September 2016 Meeting:

The board discussed the dates and location of the September review board meeting, deciding upon the afternoon of September 21 (Wednesday) in Hamilton, in conjunction with the Montana History Conference, September 22-24, 106.

2016 biennial State Heritage Property Stewardship Report:

Dr. Baumler reported that several agencies had responded to the individual agency letters sent out by the review board earlier in the year. He shared these comments.

Dr. Auge discussed the importance of the agencies understanding their obligations to stewardship of heritage properties and the State Antiquities Act consultation process and why it is important. Dr. Baumler mentioned that although greater awareness of the existence of state heritage properties and of the state compliance process has occurred as a result of the biennial reporting, a lack of actual consultation on projects with SHPO continues amongst agencies. The board discussed options to further increase agency responsibility, including involvement from the Governor's Office or by arranging individual meetings between the Board/SHPO and agency directors.

Dr. Baumler told the board that some agencies had approached him about the board and SHPO's interest in seeking legislative change for the period of reporting, from maybe 2 to every 4 years? The Board unanimously rejected this idea at this time. Alternatively, Dr. Baumler suggested that agencies *only need to submit individual heritage property reporting forms each biennium for properties for which the status and condition of the property changes*. The board unanimously endorsed this change in the reporting process. Agency narrative reports and summaries with tables would still be requested every two years.

The remainder of the review board meeting entailed discussion of the writing and contents of the 2016 Historic Preservation Review Board/State Historic Preservation Office biennial report to the Legislature and the Governor on the status, condition and stewardship of Montana's state-owned heritage properties. The report must be presented

to an interim legislative committee in September and should be published sometime in August, 2016.

**Lunch: 11:30am – 1:00 pm**

**Adjourn-4:00 p.m.** Following continued afternoon discussion of the biennial reporting, Ms. Hronek motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Urbaniak seconded the motion. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Motion passed.