

# State Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2017

The Sacajawea Hotel  
Three Forks, Montana

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**Review Board (Board) Members Present:** Jeff Sheldon, Zane Fulbright, Dr. Riley Auge (Chair), Milo McLeod, Carol Bronson, Dr. Tim Urbaniak, Patti Casne

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

**Guests:** Jon Axline, Bruce Whittenberg, Troy Helmick, Janene Caywood, Mary Williams, Miki Wilde, Bill Bronson, Bob Haseman, Brenda Haseman, Paul Putz, Bill Gehring

**Call to Order-1:00 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called the meeting to order and read the Board mission statement. She then requested the Board, SHPO personnel, and guests to introduce themselves.

**SHPO Preservation News-1:40 p.m.:** John Boughton briefed the Board about several subjects including:

- **Local Preservation/Certified Local Government (CLG):** Emily Sherrer filled the Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) position in Missoula; Ms. Sherrer holds a Master's Degree in Historic Preservation from University of Oregon. Great Falls also filled their open Historic Preservation Officer position with the hiring of Leslie Schwab, the former Missoula Historic Preservation Officer. Lewistown's HPO position remains open.
- **Restructuring the SHPO State Antiquities Database File Search Request and Electronic Data Copy Fees:** Approved by the Historical Society Board of Trustees, the fees charged for file searches and electronic data copies were increased to \$25.00 a section. The increase fee includes providing electronic copies of site forms and reports in the requested section for no additional charge. The newly-approved fee restructuring combines the previous file search and copy fees into one charge. The effective date for the fee increases is July 1, 2017.
- **Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) Meetings:** Several SHPO staff attended the 2017 Montana Archaeological Society meetings in Missoula in April. SHPO attendees included Dr. Mark Baumler, Dr. Stan Wilmoth, Damon Murdo, Jessica Bush, Michelle Phair, and John Boughton. Chairperson Dr. Riley Auge hosted the associated workshop, *Beyond the Shelf: A Discussion of Assemblages, Their Access and Use*". Two SHPO staff, Damon Murdo and Michelle Phair, attended the workshop. Both were extremely complimentary of the workshop and Dr. Auge's presentation.
- **Properties Listed in the National Register Since January 2017:**
  - African-American Places in Helena MPD (cover documentation approved)

Dorsey Grocery and Residence (Helena) (African-American MPD)  
Crump-Howard House (Helena) (African-American MPD)  
Pelton Residence (Stillwater County)  
Gamble-Robinson Company Warehouse (Lewistown)

- **Potential Upcoming nominations:**  
Bitterroot National Forest lookouts and MPD  
Moose Lake Recreation Cabin (Granite County)  
“The Castle” Lime Kiln (Helena)  
Little Chief boat (Two Medicine Lake)  
DeSmet boat (Lake McDonald)  
Draft Horse Barn (Lewistown)  
Fort Assiniboine amendment

Following the SHPO Preservation News, Montana Historical Society Director Bruce Whittenberg addressed the Board, briefing them on the legislative session and its result on the Montana Historical Society.

### **Consideration of National Register nominations-1:17 p.m.**

#### **1) Montana Aeronautics Commission Operations Historic District**

Historian Jon Axline of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) prepared and presented the nomination. The MDT state-owned property sits on land owned by the Helena Regional Airport Authority. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C.

#### *Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- On page 8 of Section 8, change “...directory of the aeronautics commission...” to director of the aeronautics commission...”
- Does the “Electric Block” in Helena still exist? [No].
- When were the windows replaced? [not sure, but the frames are original].
- Was a floorplan located? [No].
- Did the storage building have anything to do with the actual aeronautics operation? [Yes, search and rescue equipment was stored there].
- Should the garage and storage building be included in the nomination? [Yes, they help tell the story of the property].
- On page 5, Section 7, change “...overhand...” to “...overhang...”

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Ms. Bronson seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

#### **2) Stone Hill Springs Prehistoric District**

Bob Haseman, the majority owner of the property and principle author, presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria C and D.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- How will the redactions work on the final draft? [This will be discussed with Montana’s NPS National Register reviewer as the primary author of the nomination would like the nomination available for public viewing].
- The name of the property was changed from its originally appellation? [Yes, to help protect the location of the property].
- Does listing the property in the National Register change the management? [No].
- Were the Shoshone consulted? [Yes. In 2010, the possibility of the construction of an overhead powerline through the Stone Hill Springs Prehistoric District arose leading to further investigation of the district. At that time, Shannon Gilbert of the Bureau of Land Management Dillon Field Office initiated a site visit by Shoshone and Blackfoot elders. More recently, additional attempts were made by the majority-property owner to contact the Cultural Resource/Heritage Tribal Office at the Fort Hall Reservation in Idaho; none of his calls were returned].
- Some of the speculation in the nomination should be removed.
- Change the use of “Flathead” to “Salish”.
- Add more recent cultural affiliations to the “Cultural Affiliation” table in Section 8.
- Additional information may be derived from the recently-approved First Peoples Buffalo Jump National Historic Landmark nomination.

Ms. Casne moved, and Mr. McLeod seconded, that the nomination, with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

**Break-2:15 p.m.**

**Resumption of meeting-2:30 p.m.**

**3) Gehring Ranch (Lewis and Clark County)**

Paul Putz, historian, prepared and presented the nomination. The property was presented as significant under criteria A and C. Prior to the presentation by Mr. Putz, Mr. Gehring, the owner of the property, addressed the review board and thanked Mr. Putz for his diligence on the preparation of the nomination. Mr. Gehring mentioned that a conservation easement through the Prickly Pear Land Trust for the nominated property is in progress. The Prickly Pear Land Trust also informed Dr. Baumler the morning of the review board through an e-mail of their full-support for the nomination.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

- Please add some of the historic images from the Power Point presentation to the nomination, especially the image of the road bisecting the ranch.
- The review board appreciated and liked the small summary tables at the beginning of each resource description.

- Kudos to Mr. Putz for a well-organized and written nomination.

Ms. Bronson moved, and Dr. Urbaniak seconded, that the nomination with discussed edits be forwarded to the Keeper. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

**4) L-4 Firelookouts on the Lolo National Forest, 1932-1967 Multiple Property Document, Double Arrow Lookout National Register Nomination, Mineral Peak Lookout National Register nomination, and West Fork Butte Lookout National Register nomination**

Janene Caywood, historian and author of the Multiple Property Document (MPD) and nominations, made the presentation to the Board. The lookouts, managed by the Lolo National Forest, were presented as significant under criteria A and C.

*Questions and Comments from the Review Board:*

*Multiple Property Document*

- Add the Ray Kresek (1984) map of lookouts in Montana.
- To allow greater future application of the MPD to other national forests in Region 1, the MPD will be retitled “L-4 Lookouts in the USFS Northern Region 1, 1932-1967”. The general historical context for L-4 lookouts along with the second associated historic context specific to the Lolo National Forest will be presented in this initial re-titled MPD as written. Other forests may then amend the MPD in the future by adding their forest-specific associated contexts.
- By making the above changes, most Lolo NF-specific references in the registration requirements of the MPD will need to be edited out.
- The documents includes a lot of Forest Service vocabulary and jargon. If some of this can be removed or toned down, the public reader would benefit.

Mr. Sheldon moved, and Ms. Casne seconded, support of the federal Multiple Property Document, with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod (retired FS) recused himself from voting.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Ms. Casne seconded, support of the federal nomination (Mineral Peak Lookout), with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod recused himself from voting.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Dr. Urbaniak seconded, support of the federal nomination (Double Arrow Lookout), with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod recused himself from voting.

Mr. Fulbright moved, and Mr. Sheldon seconded, support of the federal nomination (West Fork Butte Lookout), with the suggested inclusion of the edits, and that it be forwarded to the Keeper by the Forest Service. The Review Board unanimously concurred. Mr. McLeod recused himself from voting.

**Public Comment-3:30 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called for public comment. Ms. Caywood voiced support for archaeological nominations coming through the review board and commended Mr. Haseman for his pursuit of nominating the Stone Hill Springs Prehistoric District.

Ms. Caywood also mentioned that a public barn raising will occur at the Morgan-Case Homestead on Rock Creek after Labor Day and invited all who wish to participate.

**New Business-3:35 p.m.:** Dr. Auge called for approval of the *January 2017 minutes*. Ms. Bronson moved, and Mr. Fulbright seconded, to approve the minutes, with the addition of two names to the list of guests who attended but weren't mentioned. The Review Board unanimously concurred.

*September 2017 Review Board Meeting.* The Board voted to hold the September review board meeting in Helena the afternoon of September 20<sup>th</sup> and the morning of September 21<sup>st</sup> (if necessary) in conjunction with the Montana History Conference. Dr. Baumler informed the Board that all meetings will need to be held in Helena for the foreseeable future owing to budget concerns.

*African American Places in Helena.* Dr. Baumler mentioned that the national 2016 NPS Historic Preservation Fund Annual Report (online at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/index.htm>) highlighted the African American heritage places in Montana project and MPD with an entire page devoted to *African-American Heritage in 'Big Sky County.'* *Good work Montana!*

*Updating/revising National Register Bulletin 16: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form.* The Review Board discussed providing comments to the National Park Service regarding their solicitation for updating and revising National Register Bulletin 16. SHPO will send Board members a link to the online comment form.

*Review board documentation of hours donated.* SHPO asked board members to begin filling out a form documenting their time spent reviewing National Register nominations, fulfilling review board duties, and attending review board meetings. The time documented by the Board will be used by SHPO as match to their federal HPF grant.

*State Preservation Plan update.* The Board next discussed the State Preservation Plan update for 2018-2022. The Board was asked to review the existing plan and especially the existing goals and objectives. Any new ideas or thoughts can be shared with SHPO. Revising the goals and objectives, and identifying priority activities over the next 5 years associated with them will be discussed by the Board as a whole at the September meeting.

**Adjourn-4:10 p.m.** Dr. Urbaniak moved for adjournment of the meeting. The move was seconded by Ms. Bronson. The Review Board unanimously concurred.