



Minutes

July 22, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Remote (Zoom Only)

Members Present: Erika Scheuring, Thomas Livoti, Carl Davis,

Staff Present: Jessica Bush, Terri Hogan, Julie James

1. Call to Order – *William Big Day, Chair / Skye Gilham, Vice Chair*
 - a. In the absence of Chair William Big Day and Vice Chair Skye Gilham, Carl Davis accepted the roll of Acting Chair and called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present.
2. Introductions
 - a. Carl introduced Weber Greiser who will apply to replace Carl as the Montana Archeological Society representative on the board in September.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve May 2022 board meeting minutes.
 - a. No action taken on the board minutes because there was no quorum present.

Before the meeting began, attendees discussed possible repository sites. Terri talked to Rachel Rekin from Fish Wildlife and Parks, the agency responsible for state-owned lands, about use of additional state parks such as Medicine Rocks State Park in eastern Montana. Terri reported that Rachel also suggested state-owned wildlife management areas, but noted that per Rachel, those lands are managed for a different purpose (for habitat) than state-owned park lands (for preservation). Per Rachel, state-owned park lands may have a more analogous purpose to what the burial board desires for a repository site. Medicine Rocks State Park continues to be a good location to pursue. Carl also mentioned Headwaters State Park at Three Forks and Makoshika State Park in the Glendive area. He also thought it would be a good idea to have a face-to-face conversation with Rachel and burial board members (maybe those that attended the working group meeting).

4. Review of 17 items from Montana Historical Society

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| a. BH-01 | j. UN-05 |
| b. FH-01 | k. UN-06 |
| c. LC-01 | l. UN-07 |
| d. LC-02 | m. UN-08 |
| e. ML-02 | n. UN-09 |
| f. UN-01 | o. UN-10 |
| g. UN-02 | p. UN-11 |
| h. UN-03 | q. UN-12 |
| i. UN-04 | |

Jessica reviewed all cases from the Montana Historical Society with the following notations:

BH-01: Jessica is working on contact with the Little Big Horn Battlefield.

FH-01 and UN-08: Seems like these two could be mixed up. Remains to be sent to the crime lab for further investigation.

LC-01: No quorum, so no decision made on this one.

LC-02: Jessica is still trying to determine exactly what transpired and how the skull was displaced from the rest of the skeleton when it was moved. She questions if this is really John Keane's skull.

UN-02 through 11: These are all scalp locks and burial items that need board approval/decision on how to handle. No quorum, so no decision was made. Jessica will call the Nez Pearce re: UN-02

UN-09: Skye was going to talk to John Murray about this one. John resigned his board position, so a new board member to replace him will be needed. Julie will work with John to figure this out.

UN-10: Alvin and Jessica were tasked to reach out to Minnesota, Leech Lake tribe. No activity to report.

UN-12: Jessica will talk to the University of Montana.

5. Discussions:

Jessica reported on a request from the University of Montana to partner with the burial board on DNA analysis that they would do for \$200 per case or free if done as part of a class with student interns. They are willing to do a presentation to the board on what they could offer. Tommy supported using the University of Montana team, because the University has a great program run by well-respected professionals, and the program would be beneficial to

the board. Erika suggested a presentation in September, followed by a board discussion at the next meeting this possibly in October or November.

Carl's overview of this meeting leads to the following top priorities:

1. Repositories and an agreement with FWP to use the land for repositories;
2. Burial items/scalp locks and what to do with them;
3. DNA testing that addresses cultural sensitivity;
4. Board Appointments;
5. Educational piece (i.e. hotline, confidentiality, brochure)