



NOTICE

South Dakota Board on Geographic Names Proposed Name for Unnamed Island in Minnehaha County

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names (SDBGN) is recommending the following name for an unnamed island in the Big Sioux River in Minnehaha County near Dell Rapids:

Dells Island

The board selected the recommended name after receiving public input and based on the U.S. Board on Geographic Names guidelines, the following principles apply:

- Names descriptive of topographic form or suggested by local history, folklore, or incident, or by associated natural life or other phenomena are preferred, including American Indian or other ethnic names appropriate to the area.
- A proposed name should not duplicate another name in the state or nearby in an adjoining state.
- If a personal name is proposed, it must be determined in the public interest to honor the person or family for historical or commemorative reasons.
- If a personal name is proposed, the person or persons must be deceased at least five years.
- If a personal name is proposed, it should just include the surname.
- This process is intended to eliminate offensive names. No name should imply discrimination or be derogatory to a particular racial or ethnic group, gender, or religious group. This also includes names considered obscene in a present-day cultural context.

The board deliberated over both names proposed (Quarry Island and Dells Island). Based on the public comment received, the board felt that the name of Dells Island best fit the criteria.

The SDBGN is providing the public with the opportunity to express any concerns or opposition to the recommended name prior to submitting the name to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Any concerns or opposition should be submitted no later than **November 7, 2014**. Send your written comments and contact information to:

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