

## **Working with the SHPO and Section 106:** Shelby Beltz and Katrina Ringler, Deputy State Historic Preservation Office, Director, Cultural Resources Division, Kansas Historical Society

- If you're working with a federal agency, you'll need to work with SHPO at some point.
- SHPO works with federal and state and local governments to protect those cultural resources through a variety of laws
- Section 106 is the shorthand version of what we call the Federal Preservation Law. There is also a State Preservation Law. SHPO helps navigate those laws.
  - Section 106 is an entire process and conversation, not just an application.
- The agency tends to help with consulting on identifying historic/cultural properties and resources, but companies should also be seeking out this consultation.
- The agency will work to *resolve* any adverse effects instead of just denying the project. If we cannot avoid effects for whatever reason (financial, physical, etc.) then they work to mitigate the effects to the best of their abilities.
- The public may also be a part of the consultation process.

### *Submitting requests special notes:*

- Follow along in the PowerPoint.
- Register using a community account that everyone on your team who needs to access it can.
- Use a unique name and brief description. The type of project will be utility and infrastructure. Project location is vital. Must fill out one of four location boxes, section/township range is usually best.
- Explain the type of work being done with as much detail as possible (i.e. horizontal drilling) as this can have different adverse impacts.
- Don't use special characters in the name of project document.

**Question:** When you get a response, will you get a notification when it is submitted?

**Answer:** You should receive an email. Definitely reach out if the 30-day mark nears, but you should get an email.

**Q:** What if we need to adjust the permit during the process?

**A:** If the route changes in any way, you need to restart. Reach out to us if your APE changes and we can let you know what the next steps are.

**Q:** Typical timeline if a survey is required?

**A:** Depends on the contractor used. A lot of leeway since we don't do the survey.

**Q:** What are some of the biggest mistakes you see during the process?

**A:** Not uploading required documents slows down the process as we have to reach out through the portal. Not giving enough information. *How* you are doing something matters just as much as *what* you are doing.

