

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM, Great Basin Science Sample and Records conference room, Desert Research Institute campus, Reno, Nevada.

Board members and guests introduced themselves:

Board Members Present:

Robert [Bob] Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management, retired.

Michael Maher, Nevada Historical Society, Reno

Jeff Kintop, State Archivist, Nevada State Library & Archives

Jordan Hastings, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

Marianne Farretta, Cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Skip Canfield, Nevada State Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary of the Board; Cartographer, Nevada Bureau of
Mines & Geology

Linda Newman, Chair; University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus

Absent:

Alyce Branigan, US Forest Service

Guests:

Carol Ostergren, US Geological Survey

Agenda:

1. **Minutes** of September 13, 2011 meeting. A motion to accept made by Daryl Crawford and second by Skip Canfield. Approved: 8 in favor, one abstention.
2. **Announcements:** [some made out of sequence]
 - a. US Board approved spelling change of Waking Spring to Watkins Spring, Dec 8, 2011 meeting.
 - b. [Item # 4 on agenda] US Board approved proposed changes to the Mineral County springs > Abraham, Buck brush, & Summit; reported Dec. 8, 2011 decision.
 - c. Chair described the extensive form from the NV Legislative Counsel Bureau for this Board to complete relative to the Sunset laws of NV. Detailed description of duties and activities is requested. Kintop, NV State Library kindly offered to complete the form which is due by 3 Feb 2012.
 - d. The meeting in May will include voting for Chair and Executive Secretary. All interested should inform current chair or secretary.

- e. **Ex Secretary**
Reported on the previously discussed issue of Sheep Flat/Tahoe Meadows, Washoe County. Presented a postcard published by the NV Land Conservancy with a picture of the location labeled 'Sheep Flat/Tahoe Meadows'
Discussion followed with suggestion to invite the NV Land Conservancy to future meeting.
3. **Board Members** – no announcements; some discussion:
 - a. Discussion regarding allowing the Ex Secretary voting rights, not now held. Concluded that impartiality of position is more vital to needs of Board.
 - b. Inquiry regarding participation of the National Park Service on this Board [not now included although other federal agencies are.] Follow-up: invite the NPS to attend without official status which would require change to state law. [this is not precedent setting as others do attend and this is an open meeting.

Guest: Carol Ostegan, USGS, Sacramento, CA [replaces Tom Strum], made several announcements including:

 - a. All historical USGS topo quads are now available as GeoPDFs on line from the USGS Store and The National Map Viewer; GeoTIFFs to follow.
 - b. New NAPP survey will be done soon.
 - c. Future efforts by USGS to arrange printing contracts. Asked if local participants such as universities might be considered; yes.
 - d. Looking forward to working with NV Board; she was encouraged to attend at any time.
 4. **Mineral County springs** names changed, reported in USBGN decisions, Dec. 8, 2011.
 5. **Greenwing springs**, located in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Clark County, 2 of the 3 located in Black Canyon Wilderness, under jurisdiction of the National Park Service, originator of proposal.
Second hearing.
Collectively called Greenwing springs: Maidenhair and Stomp Spring
Some confusion over the naming as there is not an actual Greenwing spring.
NPS letter stating administrative needs. Rees noted that recreational needs quite likely. US Board on Geographic Names also expressed support.
Clark County Commission approved the proposal. Mayor of Boulder City concurs.
No tribal responses.
Motion in favor of the naming of the Greenwing springs group: Made by Rees, second by Stewart. Unanimous.
 6. **Bighorn Sheep Spring and Narrows Spring**, Clark County. First hearing.
Review of case brief. Similar to Greenwing Springs proposal, from same office of NPS, located in the Lake Mead National Recreational Area, Black Canyon Wilderness.

This Board will ask for clarification over naming proposals – If there are to be many, perhaps submitted in batches a couple of times a year.

Note further discussion under # 10, meeting site for May 2012 meeting.

7. **Bear Paw Lake**, USBGN Quarterly Review List, 408, 26 Oct. 2011. Located in the US BLM, Battle Mountain District, Railroad Valley, Nye County. First hearing. Reported by Ex Secretary Hursh who dealt with original proposal called 'Bear Paw Dry Lake.' Hursh reported to USBGN that 'dry' is an inappropriate and misleading term for most playa lakes in Nevada as they may have seasonal water. The issue of using 'dry' in names has been discussed in prior meetings and contact with USBGN.] The proposer was contacted and agreed to removing the 'dry' from the name and it was so listed in the QRL # 408.

Ex secretary will proceed with letter of notification to appropriate authorities.

8. Hursh read the report on the **GOGNA** meeting attended by Dan White, US Forest Service, Ogden, UT
Chair noted that any Board member is welcome to attend this national meeting on naming issues.
9. **Snowflower Mountain**, Washoe County. Inquiry reported by Hursh. Snowflower Mountain is the name used in the GNIS but it also lists variants of Mount Snowflower and Snowflower Peak and Sunflower Mountain.
Farretta stated that the NV Dept. of Transportation will make changes in forthcoming publications including atlas to reflect the recognized name of Snowflower Mountain.
10. **Meeting site** for May 8, 2012 meeting.
Majority of Board members have previously described the present location as ideal. However, the idea of meeting at Boulder City, near the site of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area springs now being reviewed, might be worthwhile if quorum could attend given state budgets and lack of travel assistance for participants. [The May meeting will include second hearings and voting for chair & secretary] Transportation by cars proposed.
Rees will contact the NPS for possible use of facilities and participation.
11. Motion to **adjourn** made by Hastings and second by Crawford; meeting adjourned at 11:15am.