

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The meeting began at 9 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
Margaret Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
David McMorran, US Forest Service
Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary of the Board; Cartographer, Nevada Bureau of
Mines & Geology
Linda Newman, Chair; University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus

Absent:

Skip Canfield, Nevada State Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Guests:

Steve Pellegrini, Yerington, NV
Art Shipley, Yerington, NV

Agenda:

1. Minutes of September 14, 2010 meeting. Approved. Motion by McMorran, second by Kintop.
2. Announcements:
Chair:
May 2009 Minutes ready for posting to NV Board site [noted correction of Peg Rees name].
May 2010 minutes were approved by the Nevada Board by email.
Request for alternates to be identified.
Update on Sam Clemens Cove proposal: awaiting response from Tribal Units before concluding statement for the U.S. Board

Noted 100th anniversary of Pres. Ronald Reagan's birthday shortly and inquiry from journalist with the *Los Angeles Times* asking about a proposal; no such proposal has reached the Chair or Executive Secretary.

Executive Secretary: no announcements.

3. Announcements from Board or general audience. No general announcements made.
4. Waking spring / White Pine County, Nevada to Watkins Spring. Second Hearing. Submitted by Mr. Weisbrot

Noted additional documents specifically linking the Watkins Spring to Mathis spring and location of both in the same Township, Range and Section.

Letter to White Pine County sent 26 March 2010; no response.

Letter to local resident, Mr. Dave Eldridge; no response.

The US Board notified the national office of the US Bureau of Land Management; no objection.

No other Watkins Spring of NV can be located in the GNIS.

Application of Principles, Policy and Procedures, Chapter 4.

The motion was called for a vote by Rees and seconded by Stewart.

VOTE: In favor of change; unanimous.

Letters to Tribal Units to be sent out shortly and, assuming no negative response, a statement will be sent to the US Board.

5. Mineral County, Nevada, name changes. Second Hearing.
Proposal made by Mr. Steve Pellegrini, guest present, outlines the mis-labeling of a series of springs along the base of the Wassuk Range:
The now labeled Buck Brush Spring should have no name and each subsequent spring labeled should be adjusted in sequence > Summit Spring should be Buck Brush, Abraham Spring should be Summit Spring, and Water Tank Spring should be Abraham Spring.
Chair reported on a field trip to location taken on 1 Sept. 2010, in which the information and details of Mr. Pellegrini's report were further confirmed. Chair noted that, in addition to the marker cited and photographed by Mr. Pellegrini, another BLM marker located at site of [now labeled] Buck Brush Spring was found, photographed and inquiry made to both the national BLM office and the NV BLM, for identification. Cheryl Davis, GIS specialist in the NV BLM office further verified the mis-labeling. She verified the mis-labeling through existing BLM records in Carson City office and concurs that this second marker located [for the pipeline] was the likely source of the mis-labeling of the other springs.

Photos presented from field trip of 1 Sept. 2010 including the second marker.

The motion to vote on the proposal was called by Stewart and second by McMorran.

VOTE: In favor of change; unanimous.

Letters to the Mineral County Commission and local Tribal units will be mailed; assuming there is no objection or further discussion, a statement will be sent to the US Board.

6. Anniversary Peak, Washoe County. Second Hearing.

The presenters, Washoe County residents, were present at the Sept. 2010 meeting. The couple had made a regular occasion of observing their anniversary by hiking with friends to this, now unnamed, peak. This is not a personal name consideration but, noted that the US Board does not usually accept names of 'personal significance' – but there have been exceptions.

'No comment' from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Dave White, cartographer US Forest Service, UT, does object.

No response from the US Forest Service, Tahoe Basin. There are no specific naming principals of the US Forest Service.

The motion was made by Stewart for a vote, second by McMorran.

VOTE: The motion did not pass; unanimous.

As the NV Board does not recommend the naming of this peak, letters will not be sent out to the Tribal units.

7. Judge Beal Promontory, Clark County. First Hearing.

Noted substantial material forwarded from nominator, Richard Taylor, to members of the NV Board in support of naming a promontory for the late Judge Beal who was instrumental in having the Mt. Charleston area designated a US Forest in 1906.

Local support: included in the materials including support from the Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board, and the Clark County Commission. NV Board members Rees and Kintop noted Mr. Taylor's involvement in promoting local history.

The chair requested further documentation, *of the time* the area was designated a US Forest which notes, or in some way documents, Judge Beal's efforts and involvement.

Chair asked if there was any interest in meeting at the site. Discussion followed including need to have sufficient quorum present.

Motion was made by Hastings to look into the possibility of having a meeting at Mt. Charleston. Second by Rees.

8. Hursh, Ex. Secretary, reported on several inquiries:

A. Winnemucca Lake – should it also be labeled [variant] Winnemucca Dry Lake? Input from USGS representative, Jennifer Runyan, states that the historical and locally established name is Winnemucca Lake and that individuals do not have the right to call it anything else just because they like another name better. Discussion also noted that it often is not dry in the spring.

B. Mount Grosh, Lyon County and Asshole Canyon, Lyon County.

Bob Stewart has a manuscript on the Grosh Brothers and will share this with Ron Moe.

9. Meeting site for May 10, 2011. If the Mt. Charleston site is not confirmed, the meeting will be held at today's site.
10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Rees, second by Stewart, at 11:15AM.

These minutes were approved by the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names on September 13, 2011.