

# NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

## MINUTES

January 8, 2013

**The meeting began at 9:30 AM, Great Basin Science and Records Library, Reno, Nevada.**

Board members and guests introduced themselves:

### **Board Members Present:**

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

Michael Maher, Nevada Historical Society, Reno

Christine Johnson, Nevada Historical Society, Reno, alternate

Jordan Hastings, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology, Emeritus

Marianne Farretta, Cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Robert Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management, retired.

Terri Frolli , US Forest Service [new representative]

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

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

### **Absent:**

Jeff Kintop, State Archivist, Nevada State Library & Archives

Margaret Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

### **Guests:**

Guy Rocha, Stony Tennant , Laura Tennant, Charles Muth, John Mann, Terry  
Cynar, Dennis Myers, Ty Cobb, Rich Dunn

### **Agenda:**

1. **Minutes** of May 8, 2012 meeting. Noted change in date of actual meeting to be May 8<sup>th</sup>. Again thanked Marianne Farretta , NDOT, and Peg Rees, UNLV, for all their efforts arranging the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Boulder City, NV.

Noted that no meeting was held in Sept. 2012 because there was insufficient business to conduct. Motion to accept minutes by Canfield; second by Farretta. Approved unanimously. Will be posted on NV Board web site shortly after this meeting and forwarded to the US Board.

## 2. **Announcements:**

Chair:

**A. Sunset Subcommittee**, Nevada Legislature. Received email for a further statement regarding funding of this Board, specifically 'total evaluation cost.' Chair sent formal response July 8, 2012, primarily reiterating legislation which created this Board – basically, no state funding, only that which an individual representative is given by their own agency-usually just leave time. No further contact.

[The Sunset Subcommittee is charged with reviewing all standing state boards and commissions to determine continued viability and budget impact.]

**B.** Clarified legal status, as a Board, we can nominate names. Or re-nominate names. Same rules and procedures apply.

**C.** Addition of US Park Service representative to the NV Board. No further information from Mark Sappington who met with the NV Board at the Boulder City meeting May 2012. We welcomed him to attend our meetings. He is inquiring from his superiors. Jeff Kintop has offered to author legislation to include the US Park Service regarding formal representation.

**3. Announcements** from Board or general audience. None.

**4. Bighorn Sheep Spring and Narrows Spring, Clark County.** The US Board was sent a statement report that the NV Board voted in favor of the names. The US Board approved the names at their Dec. 13, 2012 meeting.

**6. Fremont Lookout, Lyon County.** Proposed by Mr. Guy Rocha, NV State Archivist Retired and Stony Tennant. [Given other commitment of presenters, this item was taken out of sequence as mentioned at the beginning of the meeting.]

The proponents have researched the diary of John C. Fremont, specifically regarding his pass through the area east of Carson City in Jan 1844, and conducted field checks to determine the position of Fremont which would have allowed him to view the mountains in distance as Fremont described. This spot has been nominated.

Discussion followed regarding the 'lower' level of the proposed peak in regard to a higher one just above it and whether necessary to hold to exact location verses a more prominent peak to be named. Rocha & Tennant gave compelling reasons for the lower location for Fremont's view. Discussion continued into the idea of naming *both* the higher peak as *Fremont Peak* and the lower, actual location from which Fremont viewed the Sierra Nevada, as *Fremont Lookout*. Question regarding the acceptability to US Board of two similarly named locations which are so close together. Hursh will contact US Board for unofficial guidance. [did so and the response from the US Board influenced Rocha and Tennant to nominate just Fremont Lookout.] The formal submission needs to be forwarded to the US Board. (The official first hearing of this proposal will occur at the May 14, 2013 meeting).

**5. Last Stand Lake – formerly Bear Paw {dry} Lake, Nye County.** First Hearing.

Letters were sent to appropriate government and tribal entities after NV Board voted in favor of Bear Paw Lake, but objected to by local US BLM office as not an appropriate name. Proponent resubmitted name as Last Stand Lake after the name of an existing well in the area. The naming of this area is sought after because of the need to identify mineral specimens found in the area. Without explanation, the national US BLM office objected to naming the area at all. This Board feels that a stronger statement is needed from State Conservation and local BLM for further action. Canfield and Stewart offered to pursue this. If no reasonable explanation is given by the BLM for not naming this location, the NSBGN will carry forth the Last Stand Lake proposal and recommend the name to the USBGN.

**7. Mount Regan inquiry.** This Board has received direct and indirect inquiries regarding the possibility of naming a peak for the late President Reagan. Renaming Boundary Peak was denied in 2010 by the Esmeralda County Commissioners. This Board has already received several positive and negative responses to the idea but, as yet, *no formal proposal has been received*. Chuck Muth, guest, has been a leading proponent of this idea and explained his idea and how he has learned some of the naming rules and the need for the standard form to be submitted for any further action to be taken. He stated that he intends to submit the name for an unnamed peak just outside of and viewable from Las Vegas prior to the May 2013 meeting of this Board.

**8. Meeting location** for May 14, 2013 meeting. Discussion of meeting in Dayton given the first hearing on Fremont Peak/Ilookout which is located near Dayton. The Historical Society of Dayton Valley has made a tentative offer to host the May 14, 2013 meeting.

**9. Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at Noon; passed unanimously.

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These minutes were prepared by Linda Newman, Chair, and reviewed by Jack Hursh Ex Secretary and subject to approval by Nevada Board.

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