

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES May 4, 2016

The meeting began at 3:30pm, at Peppermill Resort Spa/Casino during the Council of Geographic Names Authorities Annual Meeting, in the Naples Ballroom, 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV.

Introductions of Members and Guests at 3:30pm, and welcome by Jeff Kintop, Chair.

Board Members Present:

Jeff Kintop, Chair, Nevada State Library & Archives
John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation
Larry Schmidt, US Forest Service
Jack Hursh, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology
Linda Newman, University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus
Christine Johnson, Executive Secretary - Nevada Historical Society (non-voting)
Skip Canfield, Nevada Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Robert (Bob) Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management (Retired)
David Davis, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

Absent:

Margaret (Peg) Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council
Paul Starrs, University of Nevada, Reno

Guests:

No official guests of the Board, but meeting conducted in public venue – approximately 60 additional attendees.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2016.

One change/correction in minutes from Jan. 12, 2016 – to change previously mentioned “Fire Service” following Larry Schmidt’s name to “Forest Service.” Motion to approve with noted change made by Skip Canfield, a second by Bob Stewart. No further discussion, board approved unanimously. Motion approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2015.

The approval of these minutes was carried forward from the January 12th meeting after an agenda error noticed at that time. Motion to approve minutes from Sept. 8, 2015 made by Bob Stewart, a second by Larry Schmidt. No further discussion, board approved unanimously. Motion approved.

3. Announcements, Chairman or Executive Secretary

Jeff Kintop announced his retirement from the Nevada Board on Geographic Names effective immediately, having completed his two-year term as Chair, and many years service on the Board. Jeff will be replaced by Cynthia Laframboise (State archives manager) will replace Jeff, and Diane Lightwood will be the alternate member. Ms. Lightwood serves as head of access services for the State Library.

Christine Johnson provided updates on Nevada names submitted to US board in 2014-2015 term, and noted recent communication with the US board inquiring as to the status of Windous Butte. Braly Peak was updated as of 2015, Clemens Cove is tabled, Mt. Reagan is out of our hands, Mt. Scorpion was approved by U.S. Board in April, 2015 in Anchorage (during COGNA meeting). Christine

Johnson noted during this research that Windous Butte had not been progressed through the U.S. Board procedures. US board is not in possession of the Windous Butte submission by Nevada, and Christine Johnson will forward all information on the site to Jennifer Runyon (USBGN staff).

4. Announcements from Board Members

Jack Hursh noted that the presence of the proponent for the upcoming Pony Bob Peak submission (to come in September) at the meeting; he was recognized and thanked for attending this meeting.

Cheva Gabor will be the primary contact representing the Forest Service on the Nevada Board of Geographic Names, and Larry Schmidt will remain as alternate.

5. Public Comment

Paul Davis, an advisory member of the California Board on Geographic Names voiced support for Nevada's recent hearing on Braly Peak, mentioning the proximity of the site to the California border. Nevada board thanked him for his support.

6. Federal Board Updates (Nevada Names approved in 2016)

Christine Johnson provided an overview of the status of all names approved in 2016 by the US board. These included: Cory Peak, Fremont Lookout, Lapham Canyon, Lapham Meadows, McLane Peak, and Morrison Peak.

Wilhoites Peak was submitted in 2016 but not voted on as of the time and date of this meeting.

7. L and D Mountain (First hearing – for possible action)

Jeff Kintop read the entire case for this proposal to the audience and board; Reported named for Lillian and Doris Wright. It has been referred to with a variety of names, including Ella D,

Early references to Ellen D. Mountain can be found in 1912, and even earlier in scientific and mining journals as early as 1903. It is not until 1957 that L&D appears on a USGS Map as "L&D Mountain," and has been on a variety of other maps since this time. The proponent's family remembrances of the naming of the mountain do not match on dates, census information, or historical records according to Jeff Kintop's rather extensive research. The family doesn't appear in the area until approximately 1917, and this mountain is on maps prior to this time as "Ellen D." The proposed name before the board is to name the mountain L and D Mountain. Original request was for L&D, but ampersand does not comply with the current U.S. naming standards, so proposal was modified but proponent. This item was originally sent to the U.S. Board, which deferred to the Nevada board for discussion. Bob Stewart moved to defer this item to the September 2016 meeting, seconded by Linda Newman. No further discussion. Board approved unanimously.

8. Booker Hot Springs (First hearing – for possible action)

This is a submission by Sue Silver. Named for John G. Booker, a civil engineer and surveyor in the early 20th century. Feature is unnamed, and there is an established relationship between the feature and Mr. Booker, according to documents submitted with proposal. Brief discussion on this item occurred, and Bob Stewart made the motion to accept the Booker Hot Springs proposal, seconded by Larry Schmidt who mentioned that this is located on Forest Service land and he had reached out for feedback, but had not heard back as of this meeting date. Board approved for second hearing in September meeting.

9. Coal Valley (First hearing – for possible action)

This is a submission by Sue Silver. Area became known as Coal Valley, and proponent submitted many examples of historical references to the use of the name in the area. Brief discussion on this item occurred; this is a new name for an identified location. Jack Hursh moved to accept this proposal, and have a second hearing in September, seconded by Bob Stewart. Larry Schmidt noted this site is on

Forest Service land, and he had reached out for feedback, but had not heard back as of this meeting date. Board approved for second hearing in September meeting.

10. Durant's Mill (First hearing – for possible action)

This is a submission by Sue Silver. This is a name correction, submitted to point out that the site was named for Henry Durant. Jeff Kintop read some of the documents attached to the submission, and Jack Hursh asked if the site should be Durant Mill or Durant's Mill. The apostrophe is not welcomed by the US board, and Bob Stewart believes Durant Mill would be acceptable to the nominator. Skip Canfield moved to forward to the September Meeting for a second hearing with the stipulation to get proponent's approval. Seconded by Larry Schmidt. Board approved unanimously. Bob Stewart will contact Sue Silver.

11. Ravenelle Ranch (First Hearing – for possible action)

This is a submission by Sue Silver. This is a name correction, submitted to point out that the site was named for Eusebe B. Ravenelle, but is currently on maps as Ravnelle, Ravenel, and other spellings/terms. Jeff Kintop confirmed through historical records who this man was (Mr. Ravenelle installed fencing around capitol building in 1875, involved in Civil War among other things). Many references to Mr. Ravenelle in historic records, and historically associated with the feature/site named for him. Proponent seeks to correct misspelled name. Linda Newman moved to forward this item to the September meeting for a second hearing. Seconded by Jack Hursh. No further discussion, board approved unanimously.

12. Election of Officers for 2016-2018 term

Bob Stewart nominated Skip Canfield for Chair, seconded by Linda Newman. Skip Canfield accepted the nomination and board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Board thanked Jeff Kintop for his service.

Jack Hursh nominated Christine Johnson to continue as Executive Secretary, seconded by Linda Newman. Christine Johnson accepted the nomination and board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Christine acknowledged Jack Hursh and his continued support and assistance in the performance of secretarial duties.

13. Select meeting place for September 13, 2016 meeting (for possible action)

Bob Stewart requested meeting take place on Thursday, September 15th, 2016 at the Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library conference room (instead of the traditional "second Tuesday" of the meeting months), at 9:30am. The traditional dates will revert hereafter unless otherwise noted in the future. Jack Hursh moved to accept this motion, seconded by Bob Stewart. No further discussion and board approved motion unanimously.

14. Public Comments

Doug Caldwell of US Board asked question about Ellen D Mountain regarding common usage. Jeff Kintop discussed that "common use" might be only by few people in contact (approximately 37 people), and the community was never very large. Unknown whether original family still lives in the area. Common usage needs to be further discussed. Nevada board favors the historical, but will be looking for more to this story. Jack Hursh mentioned there are many examples of the common usage name being the result of a typographical error. Also mentioned that there have been times that attempts to correct a name to its original spelling was met with resistance by a community due to the common usage (of a misspelled name).

A question as to why the second hearing is part of the process for the Nevada board was posed by a member of the audience, Jeff Kintop and Linda Newman explained the purpose and function of the second hearing as a form of allowing extra time for further research and contacting political and native groups for feedback.

15. Adjournment

Bob Stewart motioned for adjournment, seconded by Linda Newman. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.