

# NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

## MINUTES

May 8, 2012

**The meeting began at 8:15 AM, The Historic Boulder City Hotel, Boulder City, 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

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

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

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

### **Absent:**

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

US Forest Service representative

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

### **Guests:**

Mark Sappington, US National Park Service

### **Agenda:**

1. **Minutes** of January 10, 2012 meeting. Approved. Motion by Rees; second by Kintop. Will be posted on NV board web site shortly after this meeting and forwarded to the US Board.
2. **Announcements:**  
Chair: Major Thank You to Marianne Farretta , NDOT for arranging transportation to Las Vegas and Peg Rees, UNLV, for coordinating transportation to Boulder City, the field trip on May 7<sup>th</sup> to view the springs nominated for naming by the US National Park Service in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and the lodging at the Boulder City Hotel.

3. **Announcements** from Board or general audience.  
Jeff Kintop discussed whether we should send an official invitation letter to the National Park Service for a representative on the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names.
4. **Greenwing, Maidenhair, Stomp Springs, Clark County**, approved by NV Board at second hearing, Jan. 10, 2012. No objection from Clark County Commissioner's office; no response from any tribal units contacted. The US Board on Geographic Names ruled in favor of these names, Feb 9, 2012.
5. **Bighorn Sheep Spring and Narrows Spring, Clark County**. Second Hearing. As viewed on the field trip previous day. Motion to accept made by Kintop, second by Canfield. Recommendation to accept these names passed unanimously. The NV Board was told by guest Mark Sappington, US NPS, that no additional spring names in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area should be expected from the US NPS at this time. Most names changes needed for administrative reasons involve corrections to exact location as their database is shared with public. The US Board will be notified.
6. **Bear Paw Lake**, Railroad Valley, Nye County. Second Hearing. The original nomination included the word 'Dry,' which, after consultation with USGS and the nominator, was dropped given the ambiguous nature of the word when applied to playas which often have seasonal water. Also, the word 'Dry' in the naming of playas does not have precedent in Nevada.

A letter from the Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Council supports the Bear Paw name.

Tom Seley, the Field Manager of the Tonopah US BLM office objects to naming what is considered a small area, that is variable in nature, and lacks any association with bears. Also, the Bear Paw name is confusing because most people will not realize that it is an interpretation from the air.

Motion to table for further discussion. Motion made by Canfield, second by Farretta. Carried unanimously.

7. **Sunset Subcommittee**, Nevada Legislature.  
Further discussion from Jan 2012 meeting. The NV Board had received a letter in Dec. 2011 requesting information as specified in a form posted online. [The subcommittee is charged with reviewing all standing state boards and commissions to determine continued viability and budget impact.] Jeff Kintop offered to complete the survey which he did with some input from Chair and Executive Secretary.  
Following receipt of the form, the NV Board received a letter notifying the Board to appear at a Subcommittee hearing reviewing boards and commissions on March 17, 2012, in Carson City, Legislature building [with simultaneous video conferencing to Las Vegas.] Jeff Kintop and Newman

attended on behalf of the NV Board. Newman gave a prepared statement on the functions of the Board along with a statement from the US Board attesting to the value of local input and the NV Board for coordinating this input. In addition, copies of NV Board web pages, a list of other state boards, and other supporting documents were given. It was noted in the statement that there is no budget attached to the law creating the NV Board; all participants serve through their own offices or on their own, as individuals, if retired. The NV Board requested, as had been part of the initial survey, that the US National Park Service be included on the NV Board given their increased presence in the state. This will require an act of the state legislature to amend the law on the Board. [Kintop offered to draft this bill for State Legislature which will convene January 2013.]

In the questions which followed, we were asked if the Sam Clemens Cove name could be resubmitted. Chair responded that it could be resubmitted if there were some additional information, material or other changes to the original nomination. Bob Stewart then came forward and added to the discussion.

There has been no further response from the Sunset Subcommittee.

A reporter attending at the Las Vegas location followed with an article in a local paper regarding the possibility of resubmitting the Sam Clemens Cove name. This article was probably seen by Mr. David Antonucci, opponent of the name, who sent an email to the Chair requesting notification of any further hearing by the NV Board, copies of all materials involved and time to address the NV Board if this did occur.

Newman responded that the Sam Clemens Cover name was not on the agenda, nor was she aware that there are any plans to resubmit it.

As required by the NV Open Meeting Law, the Executive Secretary forwarded a copy of the May 2012 agenda.

8. **Lamoille Canyon** waterfall name inquiry. An inquiry was received from Charles Falkenroth about naming a waterfall in Lamoille Canyon after his 7 year old granddaughter Starlyn. The Chair responded explaining that a feature can not be named after a living individual but that the board would be open to proper proposals. The Chair also responded to Mr. Falkenroth with instructions on the proper guidelines for a proposal. No response has been received.
9. **Election** of Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Secretary, two year terms. Discussion followed on retention of existing Board and their ability and willingness to serve. Farretta made a motion to retain individuals in existing positions. Second by Canfield. Passed unanimously, two abstentions.
10. **Meeting location** for Sept. 11, 2012 meeting. Discussion and request to return to the NV Bureau of Mines, Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library building near the Desert Research Institute campus in Reno.

11. **Adjournment.** Again expressed great thanks to Marianne Farretta and Peg Rees for their efforts in making the Board meeting possible in Boulder City. Motion to adjourn at 10:05 am.

These minutes were prepared by Linda Newman, Chair, and edited by Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary, from personal notes and agenda and subject to approval by Nevada Board.

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