

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

September 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:45 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 Mayer, 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

Alyce Branigan, 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:

John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Margaret Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Guests:

Steve Pellegrini, Yerington, NV

Art Shipley, Yerington, NV

Dan Taylor, Nevada Division of Water Resources

Agenda:

1. Minutes of January 11, 2011 meeting. Approval motion by Bob Stewart and Second by Jordan Hastings. Approved unanimously.
2. & 3. No announcements from Board or guests.
4. Sam Clemens Cove – noted that the US Board had officially rejected the NV Board's recommendation. Heated discussion followed.
5. Judge Beal Promontory. US Board Quarterly Review List # 406.

Reported that the primary submitter, Dick Taylor of Mt. Charleston, had passed in March 2011. Just before the scheduled meeting at Mt. Charleston, it was learned that the nominated site is *just within* the Wilderness boundary [contrary to the impression given to the submitters]. Noted the US Board rules, Policy IV Sec 1 & 2, regarding the rules on naming within Wilderness and that it would be unlikely the US Board would approve such a nomination. Comments followed with a motion to table the proposal by Daryl Crawford with second by Jeff Kintop. The motion to table carried.

6. Mineral County Springs. US Board Quarterly List # 406
Proponent Steve Pellegrini, again present, at request of NV Board.
Reported that in response to the NV Board's letters to local authorities and tribal units, the NV Board was informed of the Mineral County Museum objections. At encouragement of the NV Board, Mr. Pellegrini met with Sue Silver of the Mineral County Museum for further discussion and resolution if possible.
Today Mr. Pellegrini reported to the NV Board that Ms Silver acknowledged misinterpretation of the spring locations and she is now in agreement to support Mr. Pellegrini's original proposal.
Bob Stewart offered to contact Ms Silver and ask her to submit a statement in support of Mr. Pellegrini's proposal.
Dan Taylor, guest from the NV Division of Water Resources, stated that the NDWR had researched the spring locations and the Division is in agreement with Mr. Pellegrini's proposal. He noted that state permit records from the 1940's and 1950's had been found which support Mr. Pellegrini's proposal.
Skip Canfield made a motion, seconded by Michael Maher, that no further action be taken by this Board until a letter from Ms Silver is received. Unanimous vote.

- 7-9. Greenwing Springs, Clark County. US Board Quarterly Review List # 406.
Includes Greenwing, Maidenhair and Stomp Springs. Noted that these are mostly or entirely within the Black Canyon Wilderness possibly making this proposal moot.
Proposed, for administrative clarity, by GIS data manager, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NPS, however, the springs are within the jurisdiction of the US Bureau of Reclamation.
Chair read letter from Wm Dickinson, Superintendent, LMNRA, NPS, in support based on the need to have springs named given the `considerable management attention due to their unique environment and sensitivity to disturbance. The park coordinates work at the springs...'
Bob Stewart made a motion to proceed with the standard letters to county and relevant tribal units requesting response to the proposal. Second by Marianne Farretta.
Daryl Crawford supplied some updated tribal listings.

10. Sheep Flat, Washoe County.

An inquiry reported by Jack Hursh regarding use of this name as a variant of Tahoe Meadows [GNIS] which lies roughly in the saddle between Mt. Rose and Slide Mountain.

Jack Hursh led discussion noting use: Skip Canfield found newspaper references in the 1950's. Incline Fire Dept. uses this name as does NDOT. No Sheep Flat appeared in various place name books checked by Jeff Kintop. Board agreed that this should be submitted as a variant following additional research:

Marianne Farretta will research NDOT sources as will Alyce Branigan at US Forest Service; Michael Maher will ask local historians/authors Phillip & Jean Earl, Bob Stewart will research survey records for use of the name Sheep Flat and Skip Canfield will search for a publication in which he saw it used.

11. San Emidio Desert, Washoe County. Origin of name inquiry reported by Jack Hursh.

On 1894 and 1923 USGS topo maps, Jeff Kintop found the name referring to the area as Mud Flat. The area was labeled San Emidio Desert on a 1954 USGS map along with a San Emidio Creek which flows through a canyon of the same name and into the desert. The usage of the name San Emidio could originate from an early settler paying homage to a patron saint.

12. Meeting site for January 10, 2012 meeting.

Members present expressed support and appreciation of the GBSSRL location for meetings noting convenience.

The NV Board accepted the offer of the GBSSRL to again host the meeting in January.

13. Bob Stewart motioned to adjourn, Alyce Branigan seconded, 11am.

Notes compiled by Chair & Executive Secretary and approved by the NV Board 10 Jan 2012.