

Missouri Board on Geographic Names
October 2010 Meeting
John Q Room
University Plaza Hotel
333 John Q. Hammons Parkway
Springfield, MO
October 5th, 2010 Minutes

Attendees: Jane Messenger, Chris Barnett, John Dougan, Henry Sweets, John Fisher, Jerry Vineyard, Tony Spicci, Arnold Williams, Jay Turner, Ray Fox, Ken Dagele, Darrell Pratte, Debra Greene, Arnold Williams, and Chris Barnett. Gordon McCann came in later.

Also in attendance was Suzy Wolfe (recorder), Administrative Aide for Local Records, and Alana Inman, Principal Assistant for Boards and Commissions for Missouri State Archives.

Absent: Gary Kremer, Alan Foreman, Dwight Weaver, Lynn Morrow, and Frank Nickell.

Chris Barnett called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and gave a brief overview of the agenda for today's meeting. He also welcomed all of the COGNA attendees to our MOBGN business meeting.

Call for Proxies

Chris called for proxies. Chris was carrying the proxies of Gary Kremer, Alan Foreman. Jerry Vineyard was carrying proxy for Dwight Weaver. John Fisher was carrying Frank Nickell's proxy.

Call for Additions to the Agenda

Chris called for any additions to the agenda. There were not any additions to be added.

Introductions of Board Members

Chris asked the audience to sign and pass on a sign-in sheet, since there are a large number of guests. He then called for the introduction of the board and staff members.

Minutes for May 2010

Chris asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from May 2010. Ray Fox moved to accept the minutes as written. Tony Spicci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Continuing Business

Harrelson Creek vs Nardeton Creek

Chris led the discussion with some history of these names and how they came to the attention of this board.

Summary: During maintenance of the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), a name discrepancy between a GNIS record FID723117 and the current USGS topographic map sheet was noted. The Calhoun West sheet, published 1981, shows Nardenton Creek. The GNIS records shows Nardeton Creek. Subsequent investigations turned up evidence of a series of cartographic transfer errors, resulting in Nardenton and other current variants.

Chris went over the summary and proposed the new official name of Harrelson Creek. He asked for a motion from a board member. Henry Sweets made the motion and Jay Turner seconded. Darrell Pratte said he would be inclined to be in favor of whatever the county officials recommend. John Fisher and Jerry Vineyard agreed. After more discussion and thoughts from some of the federal board members in the audience, a vote was taken. The motion for the name Harrelson Creek is passed.

Continuing Business

Chris reviewed a case from about 18 months ago, regarding the name Seeley Creek in Johnson County, MO. Chris contacted the tribe that indicated they intended to visit the area to determine an appropriate name for their counterproposal, and there has been no response.

New Business

Collective Names Group - Clarence Lake vs New Lake; Tea Lake vs Tea Lakes vs Tea Lake Number One and Tea Lake Number Two; Cedar Hill Lakes vs Cedar Hill Lake Number One, Cedar Hill Lake Number Two, and Cedar Hill Lake Number Three; Lonedell Lakes

Jane started off the discussion by giving some background regarding the names that are being taken under advisement. She reviewed all of the cases and naming issues from the Missouri NHD steward via the GNIS Manager. These are part of some collective names that need to be reviewed more.

After some lengthy discussions, Chris suggested that we table these items and do more research. Jerry Vineyard moved to table the cases. Ray Fox seconded. Motion carried.

Chris asked Jane to do some more research and said she is welcome to recruit some help in doing so.

Clarence Lake vs New Lake

Summary: The U.S. BGN Executive mailbox received a request to clarify the name of the westernmost of two reservoirs used by the City of Clarence, in Shelby County, for their water. According to GNIS there are two feature IDs for this feature with two different names. The source for the name Clarence Lake (FID 737858) was the 1970 USGS 1:250,000-scale map. This map actually places the name to the east of the easternmost of the two reservoirs indicating that the easternmost reservoir is named Clarence Lake (FID 737858). Jane pulled the box material and the field man doing the work in 1958 stated that the westernmost lake was new, not filled, and not showing on imagery being used to make the map. The 1958 1:24,000-scale topographic map does not show a name for either of the lakes.

The Clarence City Collector stated that the westernmost lake should be named Clarence Lake and the easternmost lake is now privately owned. They said the owner should be contacted for the name of that feature. So, the board is only voting on the westernmost lake and whether to call it Clarence Lake or New Lake.

Chris Barnett moved to approve Clarence Lake as the official name and keep New Lake as a variant of the name. Darrell Pratte seconded that motion. Motion was carried with Jerry Vineyard abstaining.

Gordon McCann joined the meeting and said he was carrying the proxy for Lynn Morrow.

St. Louis County (Deer Creek Watershed)

Jane informed everyone that the St. Louis stream names are now up for discussion. Jane said the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance of St. Louis County put together a naming contest for tributaries of Deer Creek Watershed streams of St. Louis County. This contest is an attempt draw attention to streams for the purpose of cleaning up the streams in this watershed. The committee has submitted 11 new names for some of the creeks. Each of them were reviewed by Jane and then voted on collectively by the board.

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District submitted a letter of approval for all of the proposed names.

The names to be considered are:

Burroughs Creek – 1.0 mile long; starts on the campus of Burroughs School and flows east into Black Creek, 1.0 mile ESE of Burroughs School. Name would honor John Burroughs (1837 – 1921) American naturalist and essayist.

Denny Creek – 1.0 mile long; flows into Deer Creek 0.3 miles NW of Watkins High School. Name would honor Samuel J. Denny who was granted bordering land in 1819 by President Monroe.

Deschamps Creek – 0.8 mile long; flows SE into an unnamed tributary 0.3 miles SW of Berne Park in Creve Coeur. Name would honor Alexander A. Deschamps (1862 – 1929), the first School Master of Spoede School where he was also a teacher in 1897.

Dielmann Creek – 0.4 mile long; flows SE into an unnamed tributary 0.2 mile NNE of Berne Park. Name would honor Emil Dielmann (1897 – 1974) settler and long-term land owner.

Fernridge Creek – 2.3 miles long; flows NW into Smith Creek 1 mile SW of Fernridge. Name has been in local use for about 15 years.

Fordyce Fork – 0.3 mile long; flows SW into proposed Rodes Creek NE of the St. Peters Church in Ladue. Name would honor Samuel Wesley Fordyce (1840 – 1919), nationally renowned builder of railroads and early landowner in Ladue.

Magnolia Creek – 1 mile long; flows NE into Deer Creek 138 feet SE of Watkins High School. New name for an unnamed stream would reflect the abundance of magnolia trees in the area.

Pebble Creek – 1.9 mile long; flows S into the Deer Creek at the Watkins High School athletic field. Proposed name has been in local use for a number of years.

Rodes Creek – 0.8 mile long; flows SSW into the proposed Pebble Creek 0.9 mile W of the St. Louis Country Club. Name would honor Boyle Rodes (1882 – 1945), the first mayor of the City of Ladue.

Rosenfelder Creek – 1.0 mile long; flows NW into Smith Creek 0.8 mile NE of the Priory of St. Mary. Name would honor Agnes Rosenfelder (1903 – 2003), whose family owned land close to the stream in the 19th century.

Warson Woods Creek – 1.2 mile long; flows NE into an unnamed tributary of Deer Creek 0.5 mile SE of Old Warson Country Club. Would be named for the community in which the stream begins.

Chris Barnett asked for a motion to approve the names collectively. Arnold Williams made the motion. Tony Spicci seconded. There was further discussion on a couple of the names, and then the motion was carried.

Chris then called for any additions to the agenda. No additions.

Reports

John Dougan stated that the Missouri State Archives always gives an update of work at their office, and a report of new additions to the Missouri Digital Heritage website.

He said the scanning of University of Missouri Soil Maps is completed. John then said the DNR Land Survey projects are coming along. Cape Girardeau is finished and New Madrid is currently being scanned. He also mentioned the Tri-State Mining Maps (MO, KS, and OK) that are on the schedule to be completed.

John Dougan stated that the Registre D' Arpentage project of several hundred colonial surveys are on Missouri Digital Heritage website. He then said they are working with the University of Missouri on digitization of published surveys.

Chris Barnett encouraged the board members as well as guests to check out the Missouri Digital Heritage website and see what they have to offer.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next MOBGN meeting will be held in the Missouri Secretary of State's office in Jefferson City, MO on **May 24th, 2011 at 10:00 am**. Jay Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Spicci seconded the motion. Everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.