

Missouri Board on Geographic Names
November 2012 Meeting
Interpretive Center
Secretary of State 600 W Main
Jefferson City, MO
November 15th, 2012 Minutes

Voting Members Present: John Dougan (Chair MOBGN), Chris Barnett (Vice-Chair MOBGN), Joseph Carter, Gary Claspill, John Fisher, Alan Foreman, Ray Fox, Debra Greene, Lynn Morrow, Frank Nickell, James “Jay” Turner, Darrell Pratte, Jerry Vineyard, and Dwight Weaver.

Voting Members Absent: Gary Kremer, Gordon McCann, Tony Spicci, and Henry Sweets.

Non-Voting Members and Staff Present: Jane Messenger (Corresponding Secretary MOBGN), Suzy Wolfe (Executive Secretary MOBGN), Brian Rogers, Principal Assistant for Boards and Commissions for Missouri State Archives, Amy Moorman, Visual Materials Archivist for Missouri State Archives, Walter Schroeder, former Chair of MOBGN, and Anna Nowack of Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

John Dougan called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and gave a brief overview of the agenda for today’s meeting. He also welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes for May 2012 Meeting

Chris asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from May 2012. Debra Greene moved to accept the minutes as written. Gary Claspill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Chris Barnett spoke about Lynn Morrow’s plan to tentatively retire from his position with the Local Records Preservation Program before the next biannual meeting. Chris said that Lynn has been a large part of the MOBGN’s success and they appreciate his great service over the years. Lynn was then presented with a map of Missouri which was signed by all of the board members.

Lynn then stated that Amy Moorman, the Visual Materials Archivist for the Missouri State Archives, would make a great addition to the board after he retires. He spoke about her knowledge and how well she would benefit the board.

Training Sessions

Jane Messenger conducted a short training and reminder session on the Principles, Policies, and Procedures of the Domestic Names Committee. The published and most current version of the Principles, Policies, and Procedures of the Domestic Names Committee can be found at http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro_pol_pro.pdf

Anna Nowack from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation regarding the recent National Hydrology Dataset stewardship conference call with USGS. She stated that they discussed that USGS plans to update the GNIS listing in the NHD to include all the updates that have been taking place. She will let the Board know after the update is done in

Missouri. Her presentation included examples of some of the issues they have found and reported to the MOBGN.

Continuing Business

Case: Persimmon Spring

Summary: The spring feeds a 7.5 acre reservoir on the property of Dr. John Dymond, proponent. Originally proposed as Dymond Spring, then changed to Faith Spring, the proposal was finally submitted as Persimmon Spring. The proponent says this name is most appropriate because of the large number of persimmon trees growing on his farm, especially near the spring. The proponent said, "it is a landmark in this area." He believes this spring needs a name because it is every bit as impressive as the other named springs in Miller County, Missouri and deserves an official name.

The reservoir was created by a dam built sometime between 1959 and 1983. No indication of a spring appears on any USGS topographic map at this location. MOBGN research by Dwight Weaver indicates that the property owner has posted a sign naming the reservoir, "Dymond Lake." This name is not in GNIS nor will it be added to GNIS because the name violates the Commemorative Names Policy. Neither does the proponent wish to have the reservoir show a name on any map.

A query of GNIS found 17 features in Missouri using "Persimmon" in the feature's name. None of these features are springs and none of them are in Miller County. There is one gap, one gut, one lake, one locale, three schools, three streams, and seven valleys.

At the May 2012 meeting, board members decided they needed more information on the feature before they could vote. This meeting did not bring any more information regarding the feature and Jane's attempts to contact the proponent were unsuccessful. Jay Turner and Ray Fox suggested that the board ask the proponent to provide a photo of the spring with a person next to it for verification.

New Business

Former board member Ken Dagel retired from the board after the November 2011 meeting. His position on the board still remains vacant. Chris Barnett opened this topic up for discussion and suggestion of new names to submit for nomination to the board. Ken Dagel was a citizen member, therefore the names suggested should all be citizens and not agency related. Ray Fox asked Lynn Morrow if he would be interested in serving as a citizen member once he retires from the Local Records Preservation Program. He expressed his willingness to serve, so Ray nominated Lynn Morrow and Frank Nickell seconded the motion. All board members were in agreement on the recommendation.

New Business, cont.

City of Wentzville Stream Names

The City of Wentzville held a stream naming contest in the summer of 2012. The contest was a component of the Dry Branch Watershed: Clear Stormwater and Green Parks project. It was a part of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant partially funded by the U.S. EPA Region 7 through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under the Clean Water Act. The contest was meant to help evoke change in the community by increasing awareness of water quality. The submitted names were judged by a diverse committee who based their

decisions on four criteria: 1) the ability of the name to reflect the stream's character (location, plants, animals, form, history, geography, etc.); 2) the names distinctiveness; 3) outreach/education potential; and 4) the submitted name followed the Principles, Policies, and Procedures of the US Board on Geographic Names. The organizers discouraged commemorative and long names.

The City of Wentzville and St. Charles County submitted letters stating they had no objections to any of the creek names chosen.

Ray Fox stated he would prefer that each name was voted on individually. Joseph Carter moved to vote on each name individually and Jay Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Case: Legion Creek

Summary: This 1 mile long stream starts 0.9 miles northeast of Lynn Cemetery and flows northwesterly to enter Crossroads Creek (ibid). The proposed name reflects the fact that the proposed Legion Creek runs along American Legion Post 323 and the Legion ballfields property.

Darrell Pratte moved to approve Legion Creek. Ray Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried with no oppositions or abstentions.

Case: Progress Creek

Summary: This northerly flowing 0.3 mile long stream starts 1 mile north northwest of Lynn Cemetery and flows in a northerly direction to enter Crossroads Creek (ibid). Progress Creek is proposed because the stream flows to Progress Park, a well-known community park.

Ray Fox moved to approve Progress Creek with Lynn Morrow seconding the motion. Motion carried with no oppositions and one abstention.

Case: Daylily Creek

Summary: This 0.2 mile long stream starts 1.1 mile northwest of Lynn Cemetery and flows north to enter Crossroads Creek (ibid). The proposed Daylily Creek reflects the passion for daylily hybridization in Wentzville and the proposed name helps celebrate this passion.

Darrell Pratte moved to approve Daylily Creek and Gary Claspill seconded the motion. Five board members opposed the motion due to the lack of supporting documentation for the name, "Daylily", and one other board member abstained. After some discussion, Alan Foreman moved to table the decision in order to gather more information. Jay Turner offered to investigate further. Name is tabled until more information is available.

Case: Crossroads Creek

Summary: This 4.5 mile long stream heads 1.1 mile west northwest of Linn Cemetery, flows north then turns northeast and again turns northwest to enter Dry Branch 0.4 miles south of the confluence of Dry Branch with McCoy Creek. Crossroads Creek is proposed because the stream crosses I-70 and Highway 61 and because the City of Wentzville is known as the "crossroads of the nation."

Darrell Pratte moved to accept Crossroads Creek. Jay Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried with no oppositions or abstentions.

Case: Great Oaks Creek

Summary: This 1.2 mile long stream heads 1 mile east north east of the confluence of Spring Creek with Dry Branch and flows northwest to enter Dry Branch 2.4 miles southwest of the confluence of Dry Branch with McCoy Creek. The proposed Great Oaks Creek name reflects the numerous stands of native oaks found in the area and because the stream is situated in the Great Oaks Subdivision.

Ray Fox moved to approve Great Oaks Creek and Darrell seconded the motion. Motion carried with no oppositions or abstentions.

Case: Peine Ridge Creek

Summary: This 0.6 mile long stream heads 1.3 miles southeast of Mid America Raceway and flows southeast to enter Dry Branch 0.7 miles northeast of the confluence of Spring Creek with Dry Branch. Peine Ridge Creek is proposed because the stream is near Peine Road and the Peine Ridge Elementary School.

Ray Fox moved to approve Great Oaks Creek and Jay Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried with one opposition and no abstentions. Jerry Vineyard voted against, stating that the size of the feature should be considered. He said the stream is only 0.6 miles long and is too short to rise to the level of a creek.

Case: Rio Run Creek

Summary: This 0.6 mile long stream heads 1.7 miles northeast of Linn Cemetery and flows northwest to enter Crossroads Creek (ibid) 1.9 miles south southeast of the confluence of Crossroads Creek (ibid) with Dry Branch. The stream is proposed to be name Rio Run Creek because it is short and located near Mexico Road.

Darrell Pratte moved to not approve Rio Run Creek due to the name being three generic terms used to describe a body of water. Frank Nickell seconded the motion. Jane Messenger pointed out that it is not uncommon to have multiple generics for a feature's name and that the US BGN will not consider this a problem. The motion carried, with no oppositions or abstentions.

Case: Lower Peine Creek

Summary: This 0.6 mile long stream heads 1.3 miles southeast of Mid America Raceway and flows southeast to enter Dry Branch 0.1 mi northeast of the confluence of Spring Creek with Dry Branch. The stream proposed to be named Lower Peine Creek is located near the southern part of Peine Road.

Ray Fox moved to accept the name, Lower Peine Creek. Darrell Pratte seconded. Jerry Vineyard opposed due to the size of the feature. There were no abstentions. Motion carried.

Case: Wilderness Creek

Summary: This 1.1 mile long stream heads 2.8 miles southeast of Mid America Raceway and flows north then northwest then again north to enter Dry Branch 0.4 miles northeast of the confluence of Spring Creek with Dry Branch. The proposed Wilderness Creek is located near Woodlands of Bear Creek subdivision and Creekside subdivision and flows through an area that is locally characterized as wilderness.

Darrell Pratte moved to approve Wilderness Creek and Gary Claspill seconded the motion. Jerry Vineyard opposed due to the size of the feature and two other board members abstained. Motion carried.

Case: Fountains Creek

Summary: This 0.6 mile long stream heads in an unnamed reservoir 2.3 miles south of Mid America Raceway and flows northeast to enter Dry Branch 1.1 miles southwest of the confluence of Spring Creek with Dry Branch. The name Fountains Creek is proposed because the stream borders Fountains at Bear Creek subdivision and Missouri already has a Bear Creek.

Darrell Pratte moved to approve Fountains Creek with Jay Turner seconding the motion. Motion carried with one opposition and no abstentions.

Jane Messenger then called for a summary of what to tell the proponents. The board stated she should submit to the proponents that Daylily Creek needs more investigation before a decision can be made and Rio Run Creek will be sent to the US Board as disapproved, and she should tell them to resubmit with a new name for that creek. However, Jane mentioned again that the US BGN may decide to go against the recommendation of MOBGN because they do not consider three generics for a feature name to be inappropriate.

Chris Barnett suggested that they should have some workshops with the Stream Teams. He stated he would be going to a workshop and offered to talk to them about a workshop for the MOBGN. The Board agreed.

New Business, cont.

The annual COGNA conference is being held April 30th to May 3rd, 2013 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The MOBGN needs to appoint someone to represent them at the conference. John Fisher moved to nominate Chris Barnett. Gary Claspill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 21st, 2013 at 10:00 am**. Everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.