

MISSOURI BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Minutes of the 00-01 Meeting

May 18, 2000

Attendees: Walter Schroeder (Chair), Gloria Miller (Vice-Chair), Chris Barnett, Bob Flanders, Jim Goodrich, Kieth Hassler, Tony Holland, Don Lance, Lynn Morrow (acting for Ken Winn), Russ Mueller, Frank Nichell, Claude Strauser, Henry Sweets, Jerry Vineyard, Gordon McCann, Jane Messenger (Exec. Sec.)

Proxies: Don Lance held one for Craig Manning

Absent: Liz Cook, Ryan Burson, Margot McMillan

Guests: Dolf Schroeder

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and welcomed the guest.

Jim moved and Henry seconded to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Business:

Haley Mountain (re-deferred):

Craig sent information that the field man's notes from the 1960's field work for the 24K indicated that the name should be Haley Mountain, not Aley or Alex. A question was raised concerning whether the incorrect name on the published map has affected local usage. Jane reported that no reply had been received from the county commissioner. Jerry will visit the area and research current local usage of the name for the feature and provide information to the Executive Secretary by August 31 so we may discuss this issue at the September meeting.

Hackelton Hollow (approved):

Jane mentioned that no reply had been received from the county. Gloria indicated that the USFS agrees with the USGS application of the name. Jane provided the information sent by Craig. Jim moved and Keith seconded to recommend to the US BGN that the USGS application of the name be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelley Valley (approved):

Gloria mentioned that she had been unable to get information on Kelley Valley. Her sources mentioned a Kelley Ridge but no valley. Jane said that the reply from the county indicated that the correct spelling of the name is "Kelley Valley." Tony moved and Chris seconded that Kelley Valley be recommended to the US BGN as the correct spelling. The motion passed unanimously.

Sankey (re-deferred):

Bob suggested that the telephone book be checked for current names reflecting spellings. Jim will check the local phone book for the name. This procedure will be adopted for future issues. Jane provided the information sent by Craig. Tony moved to adopt Sankey as the correct name for the locale. Jerry seconded the motion. Don reminded the Board of the change in local usage over time from St. Marys to St. Mary. No written confirmation had been received from the county concerning the appropriate spelling for the locale that has now been incorporated within the city limits of Steelville. A comment was made that a current local road name (Sanke) could be a variant spelling of the original name for the locale. Historical research indicates that the locale was named for a railroad employee—E. B. Sankey. Board discussion indicated that the question of local usage was still unsettled. Jim moved and Don seconded to table the motion until the September meeting. The tabling motion was approved 14-1. Dissenting vote cast because it was felt that enough research had been done and no additional research would clarify anything. Jane will drive through the area and talk to local people.

Smith Branch (approved):

Jane provided information from Margot. The majority of her research indicated the name is Smith Branch. Jim moved and Kieth seconded to recommend to the US BGN that Smith Branch be

recognized as the correct name.

Spring Creek (approved):

Bob, Gordon, and Lynn provided information on the history of Spring Creek and the area. Spring Creek is a tributary of Bryant Creek. The original Rockbridge was at the confluence of Spring Creek and Bryant Creek. The county seat moved up Spring Creek. One the maps provided showed Spring Mill as a label along the creek. It was explained that this name referred to the mill on the creek. Mills were often named for the creek where they were located. Gordon moved and Henry seconded to recommend to the US BGN the name Spring Creek as the correct version. Motion passed unanimously.

Little Whitewater River (approved):

Frank interviewed people with mixed results. Dominant name for the feature is Little Whitewater River. Frank said that he had not been able to communicate with the county conservation agent, Mr. H. Riley Bock. Jane mentioned that no replies had been received from the county commissioners. Much discussion revolved around what happens to a name when the feature it describes moves location, disappears, changes course or look. For instance, if the water changes course, but leaves a dry channel behind. Frank said that often locals refer to both the new water course and the old channel by the same name or sometimes the old course as the "Old xxxx." The question was raised about what a stream names refers to—the body of flowing water or the channel. Chris explained that the GNIS record is temporal and defines the application of the name as it appears on a particular map of a certain date.

Jim moved and Tony seconded to recommend to the US BGN that Little Whitewater River be the accepted name and others are variant names.

7 in favor (Chair broke the tie and voted in favor of the motion making 8 in favor.)
7 against (They felt more research was required.)
1 abstention (He felt more research was needed.)

Whitewater River (re-deferred):

Frank will do more research and have information to the Executive Secretary by September 8, 2000 for distribution for the September 26 meeting.

East Channel Whitewater River (re-deferred):

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MOBGN Logo:

Jane thanked MODOT for their help in resizing and altering the US BGN logo that was provided as a sample. She showed a colorized version and a black and white version. Walter suggested that the MOBGN founding date be moved from the scroll in the eagle's talons to the outer rim. Tony moved and Chris seconded to approve the colorized version with the suggested modification. Motion carried unanimously.

News Releases:

Lynn reported that Ken had not yet written any new releases. Lynn would see that one got done and out before the September conference. The news release would be written to help promote the conference.

New Business:

During discussion of the Little Whitewater and Whitewater River issues it was mentioned that several streams in Missouri had had their drainage patterns changed by man. The Castor River was mentioned in particular. The Executive Secretary will initiate name application research on the Castor River.

Board members should report any additional cases they find to the Executive Secretary and research would

be done to determine if the current GNIS records need to be updated to reflect changes in applications.

Committee Reports:

COGNA2000 Conference

Don reported on the progress of the committee. Dolf Schroeder gave a brief description of the toponymic tour to be held as the culminating event of the conference.

Gloria Miller asked for volunteers to help with various conference assignments. Gloria/Don will ask the St. Louis Convention Bureau if they will provide help to staff the registration desk during the conference.

The Office of the Secretary of State will donate \$300.00 to the conference to be used as necessary.

Not reported to MOBGN but other donations have been made by USFS, USGS, UMC, MO Dept of Conservation, MODOT, and YA-TA-HEY Cards.

Announcements:

Lynn announced the existence of an excellent database which is searchable by county for names on ?? maps.

Lynn also announced that their office now has access to documents used in civil court litigation cases for the St. Louis area. In many of these cases, maps were used as evidence. His office is now reviewing and organizing this massive quantity of information.

Kieth announced his probable retirement (now confirmed). He will provide the name of his replacement to Jane as soon as a decision is made. We will miss Kieth and his good humor. The Board felt dismayed that they had failed to act on the "incorrect spelling" of his name. The Executive Secretary will certainly miss typing his name and will never again be able to spell Kieth/Keith without difficulty.

Next meeting of the MOBGN will be a **special meeting** to coincide with the COGNA 2000 conference and is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26, 2000, from 3:15 - 5:00 PM**. Agenda items will include Sankey, Haley Mountain, Whitewater River, and East Channel Whitewater River. The Executive Secretary will see the appropriate meeting notices are posted according to Missouri Sunshine Law requirements.

The regular November meeting will be 9, 2000, in the Cook Conference Room, State Information Office, Jefferson City.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.