

MOBGN

Secretary of State Office Building
Interpretative Center Auditorium
610 W. Main Street
Jefferson City, MO

Minutes

0201

May 16, 2002

Attendees: Chris Barnett, Ryan Burson, Bob Flanders, Jim Goodrich, Larry Grimes, Don Lance, Gordon McCann, Jane Messenger (Executive Secretary), Gloria Miller (Vice-chair), Lynn Morrow, Russ Mueller, Walter Schroeder (Chair), Henry Sweets, Jerry Vineyard

Proxies: Don Lance carried proxies for Craig Manning and Tony Holland
Russ Mueller carried proxy for Liz Cook
Walter Schroeder carried proxy for Jim Goodrich
Jerry Vineyard carried proxy for Frank Nickell

Guests: Priscilla Stotts, Stream Team Coordinator for Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Jim Denny, DNR

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and asked for proxies.

Walter called for walk-ons to be added to the agenda. Chris asked to discuss options for Missouri GNIS maintenance and Lynn asked to speak about DNR's Cultural Resources Program and the new large scale scans and printing contracts that the SOS has established. After those were added to the agenda, the agenda was approved.

Minutes of 0102 meeting

Don moved and Chris seconded to adopt the 0102 minutes as distributed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Business

Roche Percée

Jim Denny reported on his proposal to name an unnamed feature. Originally the feature was located near the mouth of the Perche Creek. The creek mouth has since moved. Jim had provided a copy of his report concerning the history of this feature. Jane had distributed this prior to the meeting via e-mail and at the meeting in hard copy. Jim pointed out the many times it was mentioned in multiple journals including those of William Clark during the Lewis and Clark

1804 expedition. In addition to the feature being called Roche Percée in journals, it has also been referred to as "split rock."

Jim explained that the feature has been hidden by vegetation until recently and very hard to find. There is currently no known local name in usage for this feature. Recently the vegetation had been cleared and one can see the feature from the Katy Trail if one knows where to look. The feature is located in the Eagle Bluff State Park.

Don introduced Craig's e-mail about his concern that MOBGN was relying too heavily on historical usage and ignoring local usage. All MOBGN members present disagreed with Craig's e-mail and especially commended Jim Denny on his thorough research into names being used for features he has put before the MOBGN. Bob mentioned that historical names are often the ones in local usage.

Don said he favored using "Pierced Rock" as the primary name because it will appear on maps in English. The French words would often be mispronounced. He suggested submitting "Split Rock" and Roche Percée as variants. Jim Denny said that no known evidence exists for Pierced Rock—Split Rock is the only English translation of the term found. Bob disagreed with Don, citing the many mispronunciations with feature names in Missouri already.

Bob moved and Gordon seconded that we accept Roche Percée. Chris asked if "Natural Arch" should be added to the name. Jerry said, based on the pictures supplied by Jim Denny, that the feature looked more like an arch than a natural bridge and he would append the term "Natural Arch" to the name. Jerry moved and Don seconded to amend the previous motion to append Natural Arch to the proposed name to be submitted. Jim Denny said he was more than willing to change his proposal. Discussion centered on whether the feature generic should be a natural bridge or natural arch. Jerry is the MOBGN's geological expert and he said that Missouri bridges are more massive whereas Missouri arches are more like this one. Chair asked for the vote on the amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Walter asked if there was more discussion on the motion as amended to name an unnamed feature Roche Percée Natural Arch. None was forthcoming so he called the question.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jane is to submit the names Split Rock, Rocher Percée, Roche Percée Natural Bridge, and Roche Percee as variants because they have all appeared in various articles as well as Pierced Rock as a variant because it has been bandied about in MOBGN e-mails.

Wild Boar Hollow – Redefer

Wild Boar Ridge – Redefer

Statutory Bill Status

Lynn reported that it is dead but that Matt Blunt, SOS, has given permission to redraft Chapter 109, the Revised Statutes of Missouri (Public Records Law) and Lynn is going to try to get MOBGN in the law under the SOS office. This will give the MOBGN more options for funding and receiving grants but having the SOS office administer them.

Status of Appointees Letters

Walter began the process in February but Ryan said that the Governor's office wouldn't get to them until June. Therefore, according to our bylaws, members are to continue to serve until replaced or reappointed. Dr. Grimes will serve as Margot Ford McMillen's deputy until he is officially appointed.

New Business

Priscilla Stotts, DNR Stream Team Coordinator, said that there are nearly 2000 stream teams in Missouri. These teams are looking to clean up the streams, many of which have no names. We may be getting dozens of proposals to name these streams shortly. Walter suggested that Priscilla and Jane work together to help in the proposal process. Jane will write instructions. Priscilla will serve as a liaison between MOBGN and stream teams, making certain that all proposals are properly prepared, with as much information, letters from administrative bodies through which the stream flows, and supporting evidence as possible before submission. This will aid the naming process.

Committee Reports

Lynn reported that the committee for the Lewis and Clark exhibit has made no decision. There are six (6) portable panels that can be used for many different types of exhibits and possibly we do not need to restrict all panels to L&C activities in Missouri but could also emphasize what the MOBGN does. Ideas included showing how we inform the US BGN about mistakes and suggest corrections (Whitewater River, Castor River, Sanke-how the name changed because the ending "y" fell off the sign), suggest changes to names that have had local usage change over time, and submit proposals to name unnamed features (Manitou Bluffs, Kit Creek). One suggestion was to mention work in progress on one of the panels. Another suggestion was to put a pad of paper and some pencils on the table asking if there are any geographic features in your area that you are aware of that are misnamed (don't agree with local usage) on maps and in publications.

Jane is to remind members to review their files and be prepared to come to the November meeting with recommendations on MOBGN past cases that would be appropriate for this exhibit. A decision will be made at that time.

Walk-ons

MO GNIS maintenance

Chris reported that he had just recently talked with Robin Worcester and Lou Yost of the US BGN Domestic Names Committee (DNC) about ways in which the GNIS could be updated for Missouri names. Chris distributed a paper with three suggestions. Copy of paper is given below. One suggestion was MOBGN approved work. The DNC would consider MOBGN as the authority, that we would be submitting accurate work, and would not closely scrutinize our work after they verified that our quality was good. A second suggestion was to use volunteers but Chris mentioned that the DNC staff doesn't feel comfortable using most of this information because of the lack of high quality data entry. A third suggestion was for the MOBGN to receive grants and possibly use that money to contract the work.

This discussion brought up the question about whether MOBGN can receive grants. Lynn mentioned that it would help us to get law status if we put in the redraft of Chapter 109 that we are expanding our horizons and want the authority to receive grants. He said that if we were in the redraft and received grants or entered into cooperative agreements, then the administration of these grants or agreements would be by the SOS office—not the MOBGN.

Chris moved and Don seconded that the redraft of the revision of Chapter 109 – Revised Statutes of Missouri be written such that the MOBGN has the authority to receive grants and enter into cooperative agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jane mentioned the 5-year plans document of the USGS and that Missouri names maintenance was in the Fiscal Year 03 or Fiscal Year 04 plans.

DNR's Cultural Resources Program

Lynn reported on DNR's Cultural Resources Program which has a database containing all the fields that are in the National Registry for Historical Sites for over 47,000 Missouri sites (primarily buildings) and more than 1000 archeological sites in Missouri. This file also has photos of the sites. Jeff Patridge is DNR's database rep. Jeff wants to eventually make it available through the web as public domain information. Jeff is willing to share his data but Lynn isn't certain his supervisors will agree. Jeff is still working on making

search capabilities more user friendly. If MOBGN members would like, Lynn will bring further information to the November meeting.

State Archives Contracts

Lynn mentioned that the State Archives has two contracts with vendors to make large scale scans and/or to print high quality, large quantity reproductions of maps. Any state or local body can use these contracts as of 7/1/02. He brought copies of the proposal for a contract and the proposal response for members to take and use as examples if their organization needs to write their own.

Walter asked if there was any other business.

Don mentioned that he has a conflict and will not be attending the COGNA conference in Baltimore, MD, in July. Jane mentioned that she and Craig were planning to attend. MOBGN asked Jane to represent them at the COGNA business meeting.

Don also mentioned that a friend has a contract to write a book on geographic names in the United States and has asked Don to supply him with 30 to 40 names from Missouri. Don asked MOBGN members to send him a list of names that would be appropriate to represent Missouri in a book about US Geographic Names. Submittals should contain information appropriate to put in the book.

Next meeting will be at the Secretary of State Office Building on November 14, 2002, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Walter adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Copy of paper distributed by Chris Barnett is below