

Missouri Board on Geographic Names
05-01 Meeting
Interpretive Center
James Kirkpatrick Building
Missouri Office of the Secretary of State
Jefferson City, MO
May 19, 2005 Minutes

Attendees: Ken Dagel, John Fisher, Ray Fox, David Kreighbaum
Lynn Wolf Gentzler, Gordon McCann, Jane Messenger, Lynn Morrow, Russ Mueller,
Walter Schroeder, Henry Sweets, Jay Turner, Jerry Vineyard, and Arnold Williams.

Guests: Lynn Morrow introduced Jeanne Martin, Administrative Secretary for the Local Records Division who will be recording MOBGN minutes.

Absent: Christopher Barnett, Tony Holland, and Frank Nickell.

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He gave a brief overview of the day's agenda which began with a Training Session followed by the Business Meeting that began at 1:00.

Training Session

Jane conducted a training session on stream hierarchies that included information pertinent to the Agenda Item to be discussed during the Business Meeting. Each member received a packet which included 25 pieces of differently colored paper representing 'streams', tape and backing paper. Members were given time to put their 'streams' wherever they wanted on their 'map' in the hierarchy they imagined streams should follow. Once members completed their maps, Jane gave a presentation of Missouri's stream generics and establishing a stream hierarchy, discussing how man and nature impact those streams. She pointed out the importance of considering other state names authorities from the states surrounding Missouri that supply water to Missouri, of which there are five, all west of the Mississippi River. She also mentioned several responses from other State Names Authorities about establishing stream hierarchies. No other names authority enforced any kind of stream hierarchy and several felt that establishing such a system would be futile. The Training Session ended with questions and a brief discussion.

Board members still felt that it is the responsibility of the Board to guide proponents in the naming process and instructed Jane to continue to provide proponents of new names for streams with suggestions for the generic to be applied to the stream name. Unless the proponent has a strong argument for the generic the proponent is using, Jane is to suggest that the Missouri Board on Geographic Names will follow the stream hierarchy established by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This is basically that branches flow into creeks, creeks flow into creeks and other rivers.

At this time Board Members enjoyed a catered lunch by Café Via Roma with a little time to relax before the business meeting at 1:00.

Business Meeting

Walter called the meeting to order at 1:00.

He began by asking for proxy's. Walter Schroeder carried a proxy for Chris Barnett. John Fisher carried a proxy for Frank Nickell. No proxy was given for Tony Holland. Lynn Wolf Gentzler, Associate Director of the State Historical Society represented Gary Kremer at the meeting.

Walter asked for additional agenda items. Jane requested discussion of her status be added to the Agenda. Gubernatorial appointments were added, as well as Board vacancies.

Introduction of New Members

Ray Fox, cartographer with the USGS is a new member of the Board, replacing Bill Pepmiller. Ken Dagel, associate professor of geography at Missouri Western State College and John Fisher, freelance writer, are also new members.

Walter explained there are two kinds of members for the MOBGN. There are representatives from state and federal agencies, and there are gubernatorial appointments.

Report on Bob Flanders

Walter began by explaining to Board Members that Bob requested resignation due to health reasons. Lynn Morrow told members that Bob is wheelchair bound due to an accident while he and his wife were walking their dog. Bob had the couple's new dog in tow, a fairly large dog, and the dog suddenly decided to change direction pulling Bob off a little bridge onto some rocks. Bob has undergone surgeries to help correct the damage from the fall and is to have still another surgery that will determine whether he will be able to walk again or not. Lynn anticipates it will take Bob all summer to recuperate from this last surgery.

Minutes from May 2004

Walter requested corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from the May 2004 MOBGN meeting. With no changes requested, Walter asked for a motion to approve. Henry Sweets moved that the minutes from the May 2004 MOBGN minutes be accepted as read. Gordon McCann seconded the motion. With all ayes the motion carried.

At this time Jane referred to page 5 of the minutes regarding Mott Creek. As follow-up she asked Arnold Williams with MoDOT about state map and sign changes, making sure Mott Creek takes the place of Little Creek. Several members took out the new MoDOT

maps Arnold brought but couldn't find Mott Creek, probably too small to note on the overall state map. Arnold will check into the changes.

New Business

Little Manitou Rocks Region

Jane spoke with Jenny Runyon regarding the name of Little Manitou Rocks Region vs. Little Manitou Rocks. Jane said the US BGN doesn't like 'region' as a generic. Jenny suggested to Jim Denny that he change the proposal to "Little Manitou Rocks." Jane explained that she had contacted Jim Denny and he agreed to this suggestion. Jerry Vineyard moved to remove the word Region and adopt the name Little Manitou Rocks, referring to the three different rocks. Henry Sweets seconded the motion. Ken Dagel asked Jane to define or describe the 'rocks' individually. Jerry Vineyard answered saying each rock is about 60' high. They are paleokarst features, basically sandstone blobs, located south of the Missouri River. He explained that the railroad took out part of two of the rocks to get tracks beside the river. Two of the rocks had pictographs on them which have faded with time. The rocks are a few miles apart, located on the Missouri River, north of Centertown. Originally Sugar Loaf Rock was 120 feet above the flood plain and was at the rivers edge, but the river has moved away from the rock. Jerry felt there could be a stronger case made for naming the area Little Manitou Bluffs but Jane explained that Jim Denny didn't think that "bluffs" was the appropriate generic to be applied to three separate and distinct rocks. It was further mentioned that Jim Denny, who originally proposed naming the third rock Little Manitou Rock and the region now under discussion, wants more recognition for the whole area on both sides of the Missouri River. He will eventually propose the name Little Manitou Bluffs that will encompass the proposed Little Manitou Rocks and the Big Manitou Bluffs areas. Little Manitou Rock will remain the recommended name for the unnamed rock. Ray asked if the bluffs comprise a different region than the rocks. A definition was requested for Manitou. Manitou is the stick figure pictograph that used to be visible on the rocks during the time Lewis and Clark were there. Clark included an illustration of the stick figure in his journal.

Walter repeated the wording of the motion, to drop Region and accept Little Manitou Rocks. With no further discussion Walter requested a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Walter asked Jane to communicate the decision to the US BGN and to Jim Denny.

Jane Messenger's status as Executive Secretary of MOBGN

At this time Jane requested discussion of her status. Several months ago the USGS ruled that Jane can't mail documents using USGS postage for state business because she's a federal employee. She is allowed to use electronic and voice equipment. However this method precludes a signature on e-mails. Jane did not feel that she would be allowed to provide either an electronic or rubber signature for MOBGN use. Given the situation she

asked if MOBGN wanted her to remain as Executive Secretary. Walter asked if her signature is really needed. Yes, her signature is needed when she sends letters on behalf of the MOBGN. The question was asked if we could have a rubber stamp with Jane's signature. The question was also asked if Lynn can sign for Jane. David Kreighbaum moved that Lynn be allowed to sign his name for Jane Messenger on all correspondence in her official capacity as Executive Secretary for the MOBGN. Ray seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

MOBGN Openings

Walter explained there is an opening for a representative from OA, and an opening now filling the position left vacant by Bob Flanders' resignation. Walter said he wrote OA Commissioner Michael Keathley asking him to appoint a replacement for Ewell Lawson and has received no response to date.

Walter said the replacement for Bob Flanders will be a gubernatorial appointment and the Board needs to suggest names to the Governor to consider for this appointment. He explained further that the bylaws suggest broad geographic representation around the state. If a person is suggested please send info about that person because Walter gives the name to the Governor and needs to send supporting information along. He said to also make sure that person wants to be on the Board. Jane asked if we can leave Bob Flanders opening until later. Walter responded that there is no reason why it has to be filled now, noting that those gubernatorial appointments are at MOBGN discretion. Jane said she checked the bylaws and the number of voting members shall not exceed 19.

Current gubernatorial appointments will expire this summer. Walter needs a one-page vitae from each gubernatorial appointee to send forward with the request for reappointment. He will prepare the appointment papers and hopes to have confirmation of reappointments by November. Jerry Vineyard took the opportunity to suggest Dwight Weaver from Lake of the Ozarks. Jane confirmed that he would be a good person to have on the MOBGN. Jerry will talk to Dwight and see if he wants to be appointed. Walter urged members to contact him with other suggestions.

2005 COGNA Report

Jane reported that the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) will have their international conference this year in Portland, OR in the middle of October. She said this year there will be seminars specific to Geographic Name Boards (GNB's) and state agencies regarding how to submit changes to the US BGN. COGNA is the forum for various federal and state names authorities to meet and discuss issues to resolve problems and develop processes for entering new names into, correcting errors in, and maintaining the Geographic Names Information System. Jane said the toponymic tours this year will be either Mt. Hood or Mt. St. Helens on the Monday before the conference begins, and the Lewis and Clark Trail on the Saturday after the conference meetings. She said we need someone to represent MOBGN for the Council business meeting, someone

who can vote and a back-up for that person. The cost of the Conference is generally about \$250.00 for everything except transportation and room and most meals.

Henry Sweets made a motion that Ray Fox carry the Missouri vote to the COGNA conference in Portland, OR and if he doesn't attend Jane carry the Missouri vote, and if Jane doesn't attend, then Walter, as chairman, has the authority to appoint someone else to attend. Jane seconded the motion. With no discussion Walter called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda

Lynn Morrow let board members know they were welcome to take some of the new MOBGN stationary letterhead and second sheet.

Regarding redraft of Chapter 109, State Archivist Ken Winn contacted the Governor's Office in an effort to resubmit this bill from last session. They were again advised to hold the request until next Session because it is uncertain how politically friendly the 2005 legislature would be toward the new Secretary of State, being of a different political party. Lynn expressed his feeling that the statutory change to put the MOBGN under state statute rather than executive order will be good for MOBGN. It would mean MOBGN cannot be dissolved by executive order which nearly happened in Arizona. Nor would it be subject to executive whim (as it nearly was in Arizona) if established statutorily. Lynn added that MOBGN could participate in grant programs such as the one for *The National Map*.

Arnold Williams with MoDOT let board members know he has new state maps for those who wanted one. He said if anyone wanted more maps they should go to the MoDOT website and order them. Also, Arnold asked everyone to please let him know of any mistakes on the map. This is only the second year he's been in charge and is still refining the process. Jane asked Arnold if the county maps are being re-done. They are being re-done but will not be as 'rich' with information as older versions. Jane requested updated versions of the maps as they are ready. Arnold said Jane can order these from the MoDOT website as well. In regard to re-doing the existing county maps, Arnold said the current maps are up to 15 years old, many of them having been hand written. He is in the middle of digitizing every county map in Missouri.

Jane asked members about scheduling the November meeting, saying November 10th is the second Thursday of the month. She asked if that is a problem for board members to attend since the following Friday was a federal holiday (Veterans Day). Much discussion took place about complications with other possible dates in November. Members finally agreed that the next meeting will be November 10th. Lynn is going to see if Local Records can take care of lunch.

With no further business, Walter adjourned the meeting.