

Missouri Board on Geographic Names  
05-07 Meeting  
Interpretive Center  
James Kirkpatrick Building  
Missouri Office of the Secretary of State  
Jefferson City, MO  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes

Attendees: Chris Barnett, Gary Claspill, John Fischer, Michael Flower, Gary Kremer, Gordon McCann, Jane Messenger, Lynn Morrow, Russ Mueller, Frank Nickell, Walter Schroeder, Henry Sweets, Jay Turner, and Dwight Weaver.

Guests: Ken Fox and Mark Howard.

Also in attendance was Jeanne Martin (recorder), Administrative Secretary for the Local Records Division.

Absent: Ken Dagal, Ray Fox, Tony Holland, and Dave Kreighbaum.

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and gave a brief overview of the day's agenda.

#### **Call for Proxies**

Walter called for Proxies. Henry Sweets carried proxy for Ken Dagal, Jay Turner carried proxy for Ray Fox, and Russ Mueller carried proxy for Dave Kreighbaum. Gary Kremer announced he is leaving at 1:00 and gave his proxy to Walter Schroeder.

#### **Call for Additions to the Agenda**

Jane requested adding Crow Creek to the agenda items under New Business.

#### **Introduction of Guests**

Mark Howard attended for Arnold Williams.

Jane introduced Ken Fox, a colleague of hers from the Rolla USGS working as staff for the DNC.

#### **Minutes of November 2006**

Walter requested corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from the November 2006 meeting. Corrections were requested to change Mark Twain Forest to Mark Twain National Forest on page 3, paragraph 3, take the second 'r' out of forest, and add an 'e' to the name Platte Purchase on page 5, paragraph 3. Jay Turner moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Henry Sweets seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Update on Jerry Vineyard's Status**

Walter let Board members know he contacted Jerry Vineyard to ask if he would consider continuing with MOBGN as a gubernatorial appointment. Jerry said he is interested in returning to the Board, and his paperwork has started with the Governor's Office. Jerry's appointment would be for one year because gubernatorial appointments are due to be renewed after a year. Walter thought it would be best to get Jerry on the same schedule as other gubernatorial appointees.

Walter requested that a copy of the minutes from the last meeting be sent to Jerry, and that a copy of the minutes for today's meeting be sent to Jerry also. That way he will be up to date at the November 2007 meeting.

Due to technical problems, staff from Secretary of State- Information Technology Division (SOS IT) is still trying to get Jane's connection to the National Map and Google Earth. Therefore, Walter decided to move on to Continuing Business.

### **Continuing Business – Wild Boar Ridge versus Wild Boar Hollow**

Jane opened discussion regarding the name issues of Wild Boar Ridge and Wild Boar Hollow. Jane said Gloria Miller with the Forest Service originally proposed the names to the Domestic Names Committee, and Betsy Kanalley in turn contacted Jay Turner's boss. However, Mark Twain National Forest is no longer interested in pursuing the name proposals because the area is not well known.

### **Minneville**

Jane moved on to an update on the Minneville request. Jane contacted Clay County, the true owners of the Minneville Cemetery, by letter, but they have never responded. Jenny Runyon let Jane know the Domestic Names Committee will decide on the name of unincorporated places and that Jenny wants someone to ask the residents what name they use for the town. Jane also said there is no tribal connection to the cemetery according to the Archeological Survey of Missouri. Jane took this opportunity to let members know she and Ken Fox are now part of the Domestic Names Committee working from Rolla. Because the Federal Government has to ask the Indian tribe their opinion of a proposed change, and that contact with the Indian tribes should be nation to nation, the Domestic Names Committee should contact the tribe instead of the State of Missouri. Jane and Ken will be the ones contacting any tribe that has had possible historical lands in the area of a change request. Jane said Missouri's Indian tribes are not in Missouri, they are in Oklahoma and Kansas. In this case there's no need for contact.

Walter asked if all we are waiting on for now is a survey of the Minneville residents. Gary questioned why we would ask someone with a vested interest in the subject. Walter said that bothered him too. Jane asked if anyone here would like to do the survey. Mike

Flowers said poling someone in 2007 may not include someone sensitive to the history in the 1800's. Lynn asked if this is like the Snap Bald issue.

Jane said what is important to the US Board is current local usage. What's in use today is what's important. Gary said if that's the case why do we do historical research if the US Board just wants local current use. Jane said it is the name versus the spelling. Gary said local usage should be just one part of the process, not the deciding factor, otherwise there's very little point in going to the Ramsey files and the other historical sources. Walter asked what is the geographic area where we would ask people about the naming of the place? There may be only a few people in that geographic area that care what it's called. Gordon asked who is local? There may be newer residents who don't know the historic name. Jane said that's why we rely on county input. The counties need to respond to MOBGN inquiries. Walter commented that some areas have transients that don't even know where they are. Jane said Jenny wants the survey. Gordon asked about using a tape recorder. Jane said to just write down the responses.

Gary said we should ask also how long the person has been a resident and it ought to be someone from the community. Then Gary volunteered to do the survey. Jane said if a proponent makes a proposal it is up to the state board to do the contact and thanked Gary for volunteering.

### **Missouri Questionable Names**

Jane asked Chris about his work on Missouri Questionable Names. Chris said most of his work was done in November, December, and January. He said he hasn't done much with the list since then. Walter asked if he still needs a copy of the Washington County Mines. Walter said he hasn't been able to locate them yet, but in the Columbia newspaper there is an article this morning regarding the poisoning from lead mines from 9,000 sites in Missouri. Whoever compiled this last must have their locations and many of the mines must have names. Chris let Walter know he did send Chris a map of the mines.

### **Presentation: The importance of maintenance.**

SOS IT was able to connect Jane to her website so she began her presentation of web entry and web edits. Jane supplied members with paper packets to follow along her presentation. Jane told Board members she found Missouri River Navigational Charts with names, and since these names are published we can submit them to GNIS via web edits. Jane said apparently there is a portion of the river behind this building called Jefferson City Reach (feature class bend), and Weir Creek, neither of which are in GNIS. She said before we add something using web edit, we need to make sure the name isn't already in GNIS. Jane went to [www.geonames.usgs.gov](http://www.geonames.usgs.gov) and called up the feature class 'bend' in Missouri and did not find Jefferson City Reach. Next, Jane went back to the entry screen and entered Jefferson City Reach, deleted 'bend' from the drop down list of feature classes, then clicked search. Again, it was not there. She next selected 'new' and

several pages appeared. Jane went through how to enter Jefferson City Reach into GNIS. Eventually she got to the request for coordinates.

The Missouri River Navigation Chart doesn't have any way to provide the coordinates, so to get the 'lat & long' for the area Jane went to the TOPOZONE map. There she found coordinates and asked TOPOZONE to put coordinates in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Jane showed exactly how to enter 'lat & long' into the GNIS page. She said if you can get Section, Township, and range, GNIS likes that information too. Jane pointed out Section 16 noticing it doesn't go to the river. Mike said you have to protract Section 16 to the river, even if it doesn't reach the river. Jane pointed out the Feature ID 2123475 and said that FID will never be used for any other feature. Jane went to the Edit Details page saying it is the most interesting page. She told members that everything in Missouri is in the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian. Chris asked about Biblio codes. Biblio codes are available for downloading and if anyone needs a list to contact her. She asked members to always save any changes they make during the edit process. Jane continued by saying because we have two counties we have to go to Add County/State quad and put Cole, then hit add and they will both be there. If there is more than one Quad you would add the second quad name. Jane said three types of linear features need mouth and source coordinates with the mouth being the primary coordinates: streams, rivers, and arroyos. All other features need only one set of coordinates with summits and ridges requiring the highest point.

Gary said it seems inherently wrong that this entity can get a name into GNIS. Jane said what we're doing is from a published map that is a recognized official source of feature name information. The question was asked if it is an Army Corps map. Ken Fox asked if it is a Federal map. Walter said it would have been Army Corps of Engineers, that before then there are maps done by the Federal Survey. He said old maps have Marion Bend, which is still on the present map but it has shifted down river from its earlier location. Walter asked how that affects the coordinates. Jane said Joyce Schumacher presented a map that had a Liberty Island on it which, over the years, is no longer an island, though you can see it on Google Earth. Jane went into the edit and changed the GNIS coordinates for the river bends and Liberty Island. Then she went to Google Earth and went over the things she did to correct Liberty Island.

Jane briefly discussed Johnson Shut-Ins, since it will be discussed more later in the meeting. She pulled up Johnson Shut-Ins on Google Earth and zoomed in on the area. Jane said she has found three spellings on Google Earth for Johnson Shut-Ins. One for the park, one for the rapids, and one for the area close to the state park. Mike said Johnson's is on the deed for the park. Jane said okay, we're going into GNIS and change the spelling. She said for Administrative names DNC will take the possessive, Johnson's Shut-Ins. Jane began by entering the source and looked for the code for TEXT, located the correct code, and defined it as "Department Natural Resources deed" in the reference field. She got a page with Johnson's first, Johnson as one variant, and entered Johnsons as the second variant. Once she entered the information she looked at it again. The official name appears as status 'new', the variant Johnson is status 'new', and the second variant Johnsons is status 'edited'. Chris noticed on the quad name that GNIS changed

the 'I' on 'Ins' to 'i', changing it from a capital letter. Walter asked isn't the site in Reynolds county, not Iron County? Jane said yes, that's another change we need to make and took members through the process of changing the county name. Jane did edit, save, and the page appeared with Reynolds as status 'edited'.

Jane continued by saying Old Crow Campground is another feature that no longer exists but will enter it into GNIS as a historic site. The class is locale, the state is Missouri, the county is Texas, and the source is UST131 – that is entered as US, type Text, and code 131. Under detail reference Jane entered 1976 Bradford, Priscilla, More Than One Hundred Years of Methodism at Old Crow Camp Ground. For 'lat & long' Jane used TOPOZONE, 373427N/0915048W. Under Verify Cell Name Jane entered Maples. Then she selected Historical Feature. Jane said just because you say it is historical, historical doesn't appear in the name, so you have to change the name by adding historical in parens after the Old Crow Camp Ground again. She said you can't just click the historical button; you have to enter it after the name and save.

Jane let members know she has one more website to talk about before lunch – actually a couple. How many have gone to TOPOZONE and got frustrated with lack of collar information? Jane has! She said members can go to [libremaps.org](http://libremaps.org). Maps on this site contain collar information which is especially nice for obtaining Range and Township information.

Jane said another site is <http://ims.er.usgs.gov/vfs/faces/index.jsp>. She said once the site comes up you can enter any name, click on register, enter your name, a password and password confirmation, re-enter your name, etc. It will let you click login, at which point you have to enter name and password again, then submit. The home page will come up as a map of the US. Click on state and you can move around in that state. This site is the web site for volunteers to enter geographic names for immediate input into The National Map. The site is supposed to be only structures, but Jane saw a lake name too. Jane said it scares her to death because everyone can go in and add or delete names from the information. She said she could click on church and just delete it. Ken said there is someone in their office checking some of these names against GNIS if these names are entered via a batch process but not through the web entry process.

At this time members took a break and had lunch.

### **New Business – Fretwell Branch**

Jane let members know she received a request to change Freckle Branch to Fretwell Branch. Jane said Freckle is in GNIS and Freckle was verified with the locals. She e-mailed Lewis County three times regarding the request and has never received a response. Then she asked Jeanne to mail the information to them but decided to ask Board members for a vote first as to whether to send information again to Lewis County using snail mail, or e-mail them for a response. Mike said he interviewed Jim Williams, the State Geologist (ret.), and he said the Fretwell family originally settled the area. Jim was not familiar with Freckle. Mike said he also found an 1836 patent as Fretwell. Chris

said snail mail should be adequate since they will have six months before our next meeting. Lynn suggested e-mailing the clerk and snail mailing the presiding commissioner.

Walter asked Jane what she requests of the counties. Jane said she asks for their opinion on the name and gives them a time frame to respond, otherwise she assumes they have no opinion. Gary asked again, do we have to ask for local usage. Walter said if DNC wants a report we do it. Gary asked what we do if Lewis County says Freckle? Jane said we can vote however we want. Mike said Jim's opinion is a sparsely (?) held opinion. Chris said Ramsey uses Fretwell, not Freckle, and states that the area is named for the owner of the land, citing the 1938 thesis date. Jane asked Chris for a copy of the Ramsey information. She let members know they can vote now or delay the vote. Gary asked if the Board can make a recommendation then amend it saying he would move that the name be changed to Fretwell? After some discussion Gary made the motion to change the name from Freckle Branch to Fretwell Branch regardless of what the county says, but to include further information from the county if we get any. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Johnston Shut-Ins vs Johnson Shut-Ins**

Jane said Walter sent her a request from Mr. John Townsend and Mr. Charles McClain to correct the name of Johnson Shut-Ins to Johnston Shut-Ins. They say Johnston moved there and started a mill. There is also a cemetery with Johnston's on it. Johnson's is the name of the State Park. Jane called John Townsend and asked what part of the area the change was to apply, the park or the rapids. The change is to apply to the park. Jane pointed out that would be an administrative decision. The Desloge Foundation deeded the land to DNR with the stipulation that it would always be a state park. Mike said the quit claim deed is dated August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1955, from Desloge to the State Park Board. The deed is signed by Joseph Desloge. Also, there is a Release of Restriction – as further consideration designating complimentary Indian name. The grantee is Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park. This applies to just the park area.

It was mentioned again that the name on the cemetery graves is spelled Johnston. Jane asked if anyone knows if there is still a Desloge Foundation. She asked Lynn to check the SOS Corporations website for the Desloge Foundation. At this time Jane recommends not voting because someone needs to contact Mr. McClain for his opinion. She said the State Park name can't be changed in light of what Mike said about the legal document. Jane wants to contact the county also. She said if we go forward with the change it will affect the name of the rapids and the quad name, and could be a high profile case. Jane suggested sending the request to the newspapers in the area and ask for input from residents. Then follow up with an open meeting in Reynolds County. Gary said there is no doubt they will want to go forward with the request. Chris said according to the 1945 Ramsey File, Johnson Shut-Ins is named for the Johnson family. Jane said she will also contact the county.

Chris said it is clearly a case of mispronouncing the name over time. Jane asked about the Edgar Springs 15 minute map. Walter said he has the map. Jane said Mr. Townsend said the name is verified on the old Clark National Forest Map. Russ asked if the 15 minute quad would precede naming of it? Jane said it could, but we no longer have the field notes and would need to do a lot more research on this. Walter said he knows of a map. Mike said it should be easy to prove the original family was Johnston. Gordon said there are two families in his area that have just given up correcting people who mispronounce their name, though they say they would like it represented correctly. Jane said the rapids would go to BGN for a decision. The park won't because it is a legal name and it has to be decided legally. The quad name would be changed to reflect the name of the feature for which the quad is named.

Chris asked if Shut-Ins is the generic. Jane said yes. Chris asked if it is always the generic. Jane said no, the generic would be 'falls'. Chris asked about the capital 'I' versus the lower case 'i'. Jane referred the question to Dwight. Walter asked if DNR has a historian. Mike said it is important to contact Mr. Childers (is this the DNR legal beagle?) Jane asked Mike if he will contact Mr. Childers and ask his opinion of the change. Mike asked if the question will be on the agenda in November. Jane said definitely. Mike asked if Mr. Childers could attend. Jane said yes. Jane let members know we can change the name of one and not the other. The US Board is unlikely to want to change from Johnson Shut-Ins because it has been known as such for so long. Walter asked if field notes are not an authority? Jane said no, field notes are not an authority, but often used for information.

### **Crow Creek**

Jane began by letting members know that on Monday she received an e-mail from Colene Crow Williams regarding changing the name of the currently known Sherrill Creek in Texas & Phelps counties to Crow Creek. Colene said the Crow family settled the area and Crow Church and Crow School were established by the family, unfortunately the stream has been named Sherrill Creek. Colene would like to change the name of the creek to Crow Creek and name the unnamed creek south of Crow Creek Sherrill Creek. She can't find Crow Creek name published anywhere but says a Civil War Battle was fought there. Colene also said locals know the stream as Crow Creek and said both creeks flow into Spring Creek in Mark Twain National Forest. Jane asked everyone to help substantiate the Crow Creek name. She said she needs to contact the counties involved. Chris asked if Colene said Sherrill Creek flows through Sherrill. Jane said yes.

### **Reports – Redraft of Chapter 109**

Walter said that since we discussed Tribal Contacts earlier we will move on to reports and asked Lynn for an update on the redraft of Chapter 109. Lynn said there is no change in status. The subject moved through General Counsel and to Rich Lamb, the SOS legislative liaison. Rich looked for a legislative contact and about that time Mark Reading resigned and Robin Carnahan appointed Rich to take Marks' place so work on

the redraft stopped. Lynn let members know that he will have to start over with the new legislative liaison Ron Berry in September just before the new legislative session begins.

### **The CARES Grant**

Chris reported that the grant ended in March. He said he prepared a list of schools in Callaway county and schools in the northern counties. Otherwise, not much has been done since his last report.

### **Jane's Status**

Jane said she can't say anything about her status. A 76 study is currently going on in Rolla. Both the Denver and Rolla offices are competing with private industry for their jobs, as well as with others. Chris asked if they are competing just in the area of mapping. Jane said it involves cartography, geographic names information, IT functions, and administrative functions. Since the May meeting, the A-76 process (the process to compete government jobs with the private sector) has been cancelled and both the Rolla and Denver offices of the National Geospatial Technical Operations Center will remain open.

### **Next Meeting Date**

There are reservations in place for Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for the next MOBGN meeting. Originally November 8<sup>th</sup> was incorrectly reported as the first date. Though members present agreed that November 8<sup>th</sup> would be best, the members absent still need to be contacted regarding a date for November's meeting. Jane will have Johnston's Shut-Ins, Crow Creek, and Minneville on the agenda for the November meeting and commented that we have a lot of work to do before November.

### **Adjournment**

Walter asked Jeanne to mail today's meeting packet to absent members and to Jerry Vineyard. He thanked Jane and the Local Records Program for refreshments and lunch. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.