

Missouri Board on Geographic Names

May 15, 2025

Held Virtually

Voting Members Present: Chair Designee John Dougan, Vice Chair Chris Barnett, Carey Bridges, Scott Faenger, John Fisher, Alan Foreman, Debra Greene, Melanie Hans, Gary Kremer, Alicia Struckhoff and Jon Taylor.

Voting Members Absent: Mitch Bergeson, Brett Chloupek and Steve Vance.

Non-Voting Members Present: Secretary Brian Rogers.

Advisors Present: Tony Spicci.

Chair Designee John Dougan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He then thanked everyone for participating and called roll, asking members to introduce themselves for new member Jon Taylor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2024

John Dougan presented draft minutes from the MOBGN's November 21, 2024, meeting, then asked if there were any additions or corrections. Carey Bridges replied that "slough" was misspelled as "sough."

Vice Chair Chris Barnett moved to approve the minutes with the spelling correction. Motion seconded by Melanie Hans. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.

Continued Sni-A-Bar Point Discussion

Chris Barnett reminded the board that this proposal was first considered at the November 21, 2024, meeting, but was tabled due to a lack of input from Jackson County. Secretary Brian Rogers then re-summarized the proposal, stating that Sni-A-Bar Point is a new name for a 940-foot summit in Jackson County. The summit is located at the north end of Monkey Mountain, in Monkey Mountain County Park in Sni-A-Bar Township. The proponent, a resident of Illinois who has submitted a number of other proposals for features in various states, reports that the name refers to Sni-A-Bar Creek that runs along the western edge of the feature, as well as the nearby Sni-A-Bar Farm, on which it was once located. He is not sure how long the name has been in local use, but notes that an individual with the same last name as the proponent has posted about it on Peakbagger.com .

Rogers continued that, since the board's last meeting, he had been in contact with Tina Spallo, Superintendent of Recreation with the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department, and she indicated that Jackson County is not in favor of the proposal.

Barnett said that it is difficult to move forward with the proposal without support from the county. Barnett then asked if any board members wished to offer a motion to approve recommending the proposal to the US BGN. None was forthcoming. Barnett then asked for a motion to deny recommending the proposal. So moved by Melanie Hans. Motion seconded by Scott Faenger. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.

Rogers indicated that he would inform the US BGN of the board's decision to deny recommending the proposal to the US BGN based on the lack of support from Jackson County.

Next Meeting Date Discussion

Barring any major conflicts, Brian Rogers stated that the board's next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. As always, there will be a virtual component, but in-person attendance is encouraged.

Adjournment

Carey Bridges moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Chris Barnett. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.