

**Oregon Geographic Names Board
Minutes of June 21, 2014 Summer Meeting
Crook County Library
Prineville, Oregon**

OGNB President Phil Cogswell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. President Cogswell then highlighted the information found in Oregon Geographic Names about the history of the name "Prineville."

OGNB Member Mike MacArthur introduced Crook County Judge Mike McCabe, who welcomed the OGNB to Prineville and Crook County.

OGNB Members then introduced themselves. Attending the meeting were the following members: Stuart Allan, Phil Cogswell, Bruce Fisher, Paul Levesque, Charles Kocher, Liz Lorenzen, Mary McArthur, Mike McArthur, Jim Meacham, Bob Melville, Sharon Nesbit, Chet Orloff, Guy Randles, Linda Roach, Dick Spray, John Terry, Kerry Tymchuk, Champ Vaughan, Melissa Minthorn Winks.

Also attending were OGNB Member Emeritus Tom McAllister and OGNB Advisors Mark Flannery and Corey Plank. Members of the public included Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton.

Minutes of the November 2, 2013 meeting were then reviewed. Board Member Vaughan suggested the following correction: Change the sentence that reads: "Motion: On matter of Grant County names, recommend the following names to the USBGN. Tymchuk/Gardiner (Aye-20; Nay-1; Abstain-0)" to read as follows: "Motion: On matter of reconsideration of ten previously approved CTIUR name proposals in view of competing proposals submitted by the Grant County Court, recommend no change in the Board's previous approval of five of the following CTIUR names and rescind the Board's previous approval of five CTUIR names in favor of approving five of the following competing Grant County Court names. Tymchuk, Gardiner (Aye-20| Nay-1; Abstain-0)"

With that correction, the minutes were approved.

President Cogswell then briefly reviewed the history, mission, and procedures of the OGNB.

President Cogswell announced that the United States Board of Geographic Names (USBGN) had approved the recommendations of the OGNB relating to Keas Corner in Benton County, John Brown Canyon in Jefferson County and Imnaha Gulch in Wallowa County.

President Cogswell then opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were offered.

President Cogswell then called upon Interim Committee Chair Bruce Fisher. Chair Fisher informed the board that OGNB Advisor Sheri Schneider of the United States Geological Survey was retiring on July 3. Chair Fisher praised her dedication and commitment to her

job. Chair Fisher requested that a letter on behalf of the OGNB be sent to Ms. Schneider thanking her for her work. The request was approved by acclamation.

The board then proceeded to the consideration of new names that had been forwarded by the Interim Committee.

Lake Patricia: Chair Fisher introduced Bill Clingman, who provided background on Lake Patricia. Mr. Clingman reported that both Lake Patricia and Lake Charline—two small lakes in Lane County—were proposed by Charles Thurston to honor his two daughters. Lake Charline was approved and entered in the GNIS in 1980. For some reason, Lake Patricia was not granted the same approval.

Board Member Tymchuk moved, and Board Member Randall seconded, to recommend to the USGNB the naming of Lake Patricia. The motion was approved on a 19-0 vote.

White River Falls/Celestial Falls: The board then moved to discussion of the names “White River Falls” and “Celestial Falls” in Wasco County. Though commonly used for a series of three water falls, the name “White River Falls” is not in GNIS. The Oregon State Parks Department has proposed officially naming the series of three falls as “White River Falls.”

Mark Davis, of the organization “American Whitewater,” spoke to his proposal naming the middle of the series of three falls as “Celestial Falls.” He explained that the name “Celestial Falls” is used widely by whitewater and kayaking enthusiasts, and is heavily referenced as such in a variety of guide books.

Interim Chair Fisher explained that that the Oregon State Parks Department is opposed to naming of any of the individual falls in the series of three “White River Falls.”

Guy Randles moved and Charles Kocher seconded a motion to approve both the names “White River Falls” for the series of falls, and the name “Celestial Falls” for the middle of the falls.

After brief discussion, President Cogswell ruled the motion out of order as it encompassed two separate proposals.

Paul Levesque then moved (seconded by Mike MacArthur) to recommend to the USNGB the name of “White River Falls.” The motion was approved 19-0.

Guy Randles moved (seconded by Jim Meacham) to recommend to the USBGN that the middle of the falls be named “Celestial Falls.” Discussion included that it is not uncommon for a complex of falls to have an overall name with individual portions having separate names, such as “Upper” falls. The motion was approved 14-5.

President Cogswell then called for a 10-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 3:05p.m.

Interim Chair Fisher announced that the USBGN has asked for an OGNB recommendation on two matters.

The first matter regarded the fact that the GNIS data base has two entries for names of a reservoir in Malheur County—"McEwen Reservoir" and "Cob Creek Reservoir."

Board Member Champ Vaughan explained that the name "McEwen Reservoir" has been used since 1980, and "Cob Creek Reservoir" has been used since 1986. Mr. Vaughan moved, and Chet Orloff seconded, to recommend to the USBGN that the name "McEwen Reservoir" be approved, with "Cob Creek Reservoir" listed as a variant. The motion was approved 16-3

The second matter regarded a possible spelling error. The GNIS currently lists a "Bennet Peak" and a "Bennet Creek" in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Baker County. Evidence makes it clear that the proper spelling should be "Bennett Peak" and "Bennett Creek" for Frank Bennett, an early rancher who grazed sheep in the area. Board member Linda Roach moved (seconded by Chet Orloff) to recommend the spelling "Bennett Peak" and "Bennett Creek" to the USBGN. The motion was approved 19-0.

Interim Chair Fisher reviewed the items that will be on the agenda for the fall OGNB meeting, which will be held on Saturday, November 1, at the Hillsboro Public Library in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Champ Vaughan reported on his attendance at the annual meeting of the Council of Geographic Names, which was held in Austin, Texas.

Corey Plank reported on the ongoing process of updating the GNIS system.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.