

Oregon Geographic Names Board
Minutes of Electronic Mail Board Meeting
February 28, 2020

Pursuant to Article III, Sections 2 and 3 of the Bylaws of the Oregon Geographic Names Board, the President, after consultation with the Vice-President and Secretary, decided to conduct a board meeting by electronic mail to ensure that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names receives timely recommendations regarding new name proposals identified herein.

An advance notice of the electronic mail board meeting was submitted to all board members on January 29, 2020, with instructions to submit their votes on the motions identified herein no later than March 14, 2020. The following twenty board members responded by electronic mail with their votes: Bruce Fisher (President), Champ Vaughan (Vice-President), Kerry Tymchuk (Executive Secretary), Gwen Carr, Doug Decker, Cynthia Gardiner, Charles Kocher, Jeff LaLande, Liz Lorenzen, Mary McArthur, James Meacham, Robert Melbo, Malissa Minthorn-Winks, Mary Oberst, Sharon Nesbit, Chet Orloff, Guy Randles, Linda Roach, William Robbins, and John Terry.

1. Minutes of Past Board Meeting: The minutes of the June 15, 2019, board meeting held in Roseburg were approved as published.

2. New Name Proposals for Unnamed Features:

A. Batch of 26 proposed names within the Newberry Volcano National Monument. All are located within Deschutes County, except for three in Lake County so noted:

Ada Buttte	Kayuc Draw
Atsa Cone	Kide Butte
Balbali Butte	Lalish Draw
Bosbosli Butte	Nota Butte
Dukdukwasam Butte	Puku Butte
Galo Butte	Qdai Dome
Gekgekli Butte	Sabas Butte
Gogaka Draw	Saiga Hill
Goge Draw	Skoksam Hill (Lake County)
Hokisam Cones (Lake County)	Taba Butte (Lake County)
Huna Butte	Taktakli Butte
Huudi Draw	Wacam Draw
Issa Draw	Wasam Butte

The proponent, Dr. Julie Donnelly-Nolan, Research Geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, submitted the batch of 26 proposed indigenous names after thorough coordination with the Klamath and Paiute Tribes. The proposal has the support of the Deschutes National Forest and Deschutes and Lake Counties. The motion made by Champ Vaughan and seconded by Bruce Fisher to approve all 26 proposed names was passed, 20 aye, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

Note: On March 18, 2020, the OGNB Forest Service advisors reported that the Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. will soon announce its response regarding the proposed names before they are submitted to the USBGN for final action.

B. Prowell Springs, Deschutes County: The proponent, Paul Rheault, Public Works Director, City of Bend, submitted the proposal to commemorate Roger Prowell, long-time resident of Bend, who for 24 years was a water quality supervisor for the City of Bend. Mr. Prowell was deceased in 2014. The feature proposed for naming is a series of springs, which are the primary source of water for the City of Bend. The City of Bend and Deschutes County support the proposed name and the Deschutes National Forest is neutral on the proposal. No comments were received from the tribes. The motion made by Champ Vaughan and seconded by Bruce Fisher to approve the proposed name Prowell Springs was passed, 18 aye, 2 nay, and 0 abstentions.

3. Announcements:

A. The Summer Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2020, to be conducted in conjunction with the Council on Geographic Names Authorities conference at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland.

B. Due to the uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic situation, there is a possibility that the COGNA conference scheduled for Portland June 23-27, 2020, may be cancelled or postponed for later in the year. A final decision will likely be made by April 20.

Respectfully submitted:
Champ Vaughan, Vice-President