

**Oregon Geographic Names Board  
Minutes of November 8, 2014 Meeting  
Oregon Historical Society  
Portland, Oregon Historical Society**

Chair Cogswell called the meeting to order at 1:00.

Chair Cogswell introduced Doug Deur, who was attending his first meeting as a member of the OGNB.

Chair Cogswell welcomed Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary of the Washington State Committee on Geographic Names, and his wife, Erica Maki.

Chair Cogswell called upon OGNB members for self-introduction. The following OGNB members were in attendance: Stuart Allan, Phil Cogswell, Doug Deur, Bruce Fisher, Charles Kocher, Paul Levesque, Liz Lorenzen, Mary McArthur, Mike McArthur, James Meacham, Bob Melbo, Sharon Nesbit, Chet Orloff, Linda Roach, William Robbins, John Terry, Kerry Tymchuk, Champ Vaughan, Steve Wilson. Also in attendance were OGNB advisors Corey Plank, Mark Flannery, Bob Harmon and Jesse Nett.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the June 21 meeting held in Prineville, Oregon. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Chair Cogswell opened the floor for public comment. No comments were received.

Chair Cogswell called upon Bruce Fisher, Chair of the OGNB Interim Committee, for a report on items forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

**Calanthe Creek:** The first item forwarded by the Interim Committee was a proposal to name a small perennial stream on private land near Brightwood, Oregon as “Calanthe Creek.” Mr. Fisher explained that Calanthe is the middle name of the grandmother of Diana Partin, the proponent of the proposal. Mr. Fisher reported that Clackamas County had no objections to the proposal, and that the Clackamas County Historical Society registered a “no preference,” expressing concerns that the name “Calanthe” had no historic ties to the county, and that “Calanthe” also is the name for an orchid, which does not grow near the creek. Native American tribes were informed of the proposal, and did not respond. Local landowners gave written or oral responses in support of the proposal.

Diana Partin said her grandparents had owned land along the creek and had subdivided it into lots.

Mr. Allan expressed concern that the creek was too small and too much on private land to merit an official name. Ms. Partin noted that the Oregon State University fish survey had classified the stream as a “significant stream.”

Mr. Kocher moved (seconded by Mr. Orloff) that the proposal be forwarded to the United States Board of Geographic Names with a recommendation for approval. The motion carried by a vote of 16-3.

**Elder Creek and Little Elder Creek:** Mr. Fisher reported that the United States Board on Geographic Names was requesting the recommendation of the OGNB on a communication they received from Grant County, Oregon, withdrawing their proposal of Slickear Creek and Little Slickear Creek for GNIS ID # 1150239 and 1145264, and substituting the proposed names of Elder Creek and Little Elder Creek. The OGNB had previously forwarded to the United States Board of Geographic Names a recommendation for approval of the names of Škáypiya Creek and Little Škáypiya Creek, as proposed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for those features, currently named Squaw Creek and Little Squaw Creek.

Gregg Smith, speaking on behalf of Grant County, stated that the names “Slickear and Little Slickear” were “not supported by local residents. He also stated that the Škáypiya names were in the Nez Perce language, when the Nez Perce had not used that area. Chair Cogswell noted that the Cayuse Tribe had also spoken the Nez Perce language.

Bobbie Conner, speaking on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, urged the Board to retain its recommendations for Škáypiya Creek and Little Škáypiya Creek. Mr. Terry expressed his belief that Mr. Smith’s comments had inflame the situation in Grant County toward the tribal proposals and OGNB.

Mr. Allan moved (seconded by Mr. Robbins) that the OGNB forward to the USBGN a recommendation that the Elder Creek and Little Elder Creek names be disapproved and reaffirming the previous recommendation for approval of the names Škáypiya Creek and Little Škáypiya Creek. Mr. Allan stated that the OGNB is seeking to maintain, not ignore, local history by preserving the American Indian connection while removing the offensive word.

Motion carried by a vote of 16-1, with two abstentions.

Mr. Terry explained that he voted “no” because of his belief that with the previous recommendation of the Skaypiya names, there was no need to consider the new competing proposals.

**Wewa Creek:** Mr. Fisher brought forward the proposal to attach the name “Wewa Creek” to GNIS ID 1150255, a creek that is approximately six miles long located in Grant County. The proponent of the proposal is Wilson Wewa, Chief of the Northern Paiute Tribe. The name honors his great-great-grandfather, who was known as We-You-We-Wa and Weyawewa. The proposal has the support of Grant County and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla. No local opposition has been received.

Ms. McArthur moved (seconded by Mr. Orloff) that the proposal be forwarded to the USBGN with a recommendation for approval. The motion carried by a vote of 19-0.

**Kaseberg Canyon:** Mr. Fisher explained that this proposal corrects a misspelling of the name “Kaseberg” which has incorrectly been spelled as “Keseberg” for GNIS ID # 1122712 in Umatilla County. The canyon is named after Wilhelm (Billy) Kaseberg, who homesteaded there.

Ms. Nesbit moved (seconded by Mr. Fisher) that the proposal be forwarded to the USBGN with a recommendation for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 18-0.

**Campbell/Ingebrand Reservoir:** Mr. Fisher explained that this proposal results from the fact that two names have been recorded for the same body of water, a small reservoir located in Polk County, GNIS ID #'s 1163433 and 1163600. The first time recorded in 1931 was Campbell Reservoir, named after the original landowner, J.A. Campbell. In 1976, the Oregon Water Resources Department issued a new water right to Wallace Ingebrand to withdraw water for irrigation. The name “Ingebrand Reservoir” was entered into the Army Corps of Engineers database. Mr. Ingebrand subsequently lost the property to foreclosure. The current landowner prefers the name “Campbell Reservoir.”

Mr. Fisher moved (seconded by Mr. Allan) that the name of “Campbell Reservoir” with a variant name of “Ingebrand Reservoir” be forwarded to the USBGN with a recommendation for approval. Motion carried by a vote of 17-0.

Chairman Cogswell announced that the tentative date of the summer 2015 meeting of the OGNB would be Saturday, June 27, 2015, in Newport. Mr. Vaughan was appointed to arrange nametags for that meeting.

Chairman Cogswell adjourned the meeting at 2:35.