

## Oregon Geographic Names Board Minutes of Summer Meeting September 8, 2018 Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office Bend, Oregon

President Bruce Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

One more than a quorum of OGNB board members was present for voting purposes.

OGNB board members in attendance: Bruce Fisher (President), Champ Vaughan (Vice-President), Bob Melbo, Charlie Koucher, Steve Wilson, Jim Meacham, Bill Robbins, Paul Levesque, Mike McArthur, Jeff LaLande, Malissa Minthorn Winks, Liz Lorenzen, Chet Orloff, and Mary McArthur. Board member John Terry participated by speaker telephone from Portland. OGNB advisors in attendance: Frank Lahm (BLM), Scott Nebeker (OPRD), Jesse Nett, (USFS), Maxine Kline (USFS), Mike Flannery (private section), and Doug Decker (private sector).

OGNB board member emeritus in attendance: Dick Spray.

Also in attendance were Betsy Kanalley (USBGN & USFS), Julie Donnelly-Noland (USGS), Bart Wills (USFS), Eric Lupien (name correction proponent), Bob Burgan, and Michael Winks.

1. Welcome, Introductions, & Announcements: By motion and unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was dedicated to Tom McAllister and Lewis L. McArthur who both passed away in 2018. Each person present gave a self-introduction. Retirement of OGNB board members Stuart Alan and Phil Cogswell was announced. New OGNB board members Jeff LaLande and Gwen Carr and new OGNB advisors Frank Lahm, Scott Nebeker, and Liz Dent were announced. President Fisher thanked the Forest Service for hosting the board meeting and the field trip of the Newberry Volcano.

Minutes of Past Board Meeting: The minutes of the October 7, 2017, board meeting were previously approved as published.

2. Competing Replacement Names Proposals:

Trail Creek/Taytáy Creek, Grant & Umatilla Counties (competing replacement names for Squaw Creek [GNIS FID 1150256]) Action was deferred until the next board meeting regarding USBGN's request that the OGNB make a recommendation on both competing names.

3. Name Correction Proposals (two creeks):

Wiley Creek/Wyllie Creek and Wiley Creek/Wyllie Creek, Grant County [GNIS FID 1152371 & 1161592]: Proponent Eric Lupien of John Day, Oregon, presented oral comments and evidence that the two creeks (located several miles apart) were named for the Wyllie family, early settlers of the area, and the names were misspelled on maps. The motion to approve the name correction to Wyllie Creek for both creeks was passed, 14 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

4. New Name Proposals:

Westview Island, Lane County. The feature is an unnamed and unsurveyed island located in the Willamette River to the west of the City of Springfield's Island Park, which is on the eastern shore of the river. The motion to defer further action until the next board meeting passed unanimously because of cardinal direction issues and the two pending competing name proposals, "Honk Island - Westview" and "Bridgebend Island," which still need to be processed.

Nelscott Creek, Lincoln County. Proponent: Steven Griffiths of Nelscott, Oregon, recommends the name "Nelscott Creek" for the unnamed creek located within the City of Nelscott. Tillamook

County government, the tribes, the City government, and Lincoln County Historical Society all support the proposal. The motion to approve the proposed name “Nelscott Creek” was passed, 14 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Blink Creek, Lane County. Proponent Ted Curphey of Cheney, Washington, recommends the name “Blink Creek” for the unnamed creek, which is located within the Willamette National Forest and flows under the Union Pacific Railroad mainline track through the Cascade Range. The proponent claims while riding the Amtrak’s Coast Starlight train – if you blink, you will miss it. Hence the name “Blink Creek.” Lane County government supports the name and the U.S. Forest Service, Tribes, and Lane County Historical Society have no objections. The motion to approve the proposed name “Blink Creek” was passed, 14 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

Batch of 25 Names within the Newberry Volcano National Monument, Deschutes and Lake Counties (none of the 25 features are in Klamath County). Proponent Dr. Julie Donnelly-Nolan, Research Geologist (USGS), gave a presentation on the geology and geographic location of the unnamed 25 features and justification for the following recommended 25 names – all within the Newberry Volcano National Monument and the Deschutes National Forest:

Deschutes County Lake County Abacus Buttes Alignment Butte Camp Abbot Buttes Dogleg Butte Camp

Butte Waterfall Rim Corner Butte Deadfall Butte Doublet Cones Erratic Butte Grade Butte Huntington

Butte Jackpine Butte Lakeshore Domes Lithic Butte North Canyon North Kawak Butte Pine Cone Butte

Round Hill Shaped Hill Shoulder Butte Skunk Rim Split Butte Transit Butte Washed Butte

None of the 25 features are located within a designated Wilderness Area. The U.S. Forest Service has no issue with the proposed names. No comments were received from the tribes. No objection was received from the county governments or local historical societies. The motion to approve all 25 of the above listed proposed names as a batch was passed, 14 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstentions.

5. USBGN Interim Policy on Tribal Geographic Names: Betsy Kanalley (USFS and a member of the USBGN and the Domestic Names Committee) gave a presentation on the interim tribal geographic names policy as contained in Chapter 3, Policy X of the USBGN Principles, Policies, and Procedures for Domestic Names. Ms. Kanalley explained the purpose and content of the interim policy, answered questions, and addressed concerns. Malissa Minthorn Winks expressed concern regarding the failure of USBGN to timely notify tribal proponents of new or replacement names when other tribes submit competing name proposals.

When name proposals are received by the USBGN, the proposals are included in their quarterly Review List for public notice. The USBGN will then forward a link to the new Review List to the governments of all 573 federally recognized tribes and to the approximately 175 Tribal Historic Preservation Officers for which they have an email contact. The notice will invite the tribes to comment on any proposal in which it has an interest. The tribes are asked to respond, or request additional time to research the matter, within 60 days. When competing name proposals are received by USBGN, all interested parties will be notified and invited to comment.

State names authorities are advised to read and become familiar with said Chapter 3, Policy X, which is available under the Domestic Names category of the website <https://geonames.usgs.gov/index.html>.

6. Possible future new name proposals: The OGNB has been advised that it will likely receive new name proposals in the near future for nine streams located in the vicinity of Marys Peak in Benton County. The OGNB will meet with the proponents, (Marys Peak Alliance and others) sometime in the late fall to discuss the proposals. New name proposals are also likely to be submitted for “Origin Creek” in Tillamook County, a spring in Harney County, and a rock formation located in Mule Creek Canyon near the Rogue River in Curry County.

7. Date and Location of the next OGNB board meeting: The date for the next OGNB board meeting has been suggested for some time in June 2019. Board meeting location suggestions received from board members include Coos Bay in Coos County, Heppner in Morrow County, Roseburg in Douglas County, and Spray or Fossil in Wheeler County. President Fisher will contact all board members by e-mail within the next month or so to determine the majority location preference.

8. 2019 and 2020 COGNA conferences: The 2019 Council of Geographic Names Authorities in the United States (GOGNA) will hold its 2019 conference during March in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The OGNB has offered Oregon as the location for the 2020 conference in late June. The last time Oregon hosted the COGNA conference was in 2005. President Fisher asked for volunteers to serve on a planning committee for the Oregon conference, and the following individuals so volunteered: Bill Robbins, Chet Orloff, Maxine Kline, Malissa Minthorn Winks, Mary McArthur, Mark Flannery, Doug Decker, Champ Vaughan, and Bruce Fisher.

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM followed by an on-site buffet dinner at 6:00 PM, compliments of the Oregon Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted: Champ Vaughan, Vice-President Frank Lahm (BLM Advisor)