



ARIZONA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC NAMES



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Tuesday April 23, 2019

The members of the Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names (“ASBGHN” or “Board”) convened at meeting on April 23, 2019 at 1700 W. Washington St., 7th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

MINUTES

1) **Call to Order** 10:01 A.M.

2) **Roll Call and Introductions**

Dawn Hawley has joined the Board as the representative for Northern Arizona University

Board Members Present: D. Preisler, P. Hanson, K. Ber, J. Leveille, A. Pearce, D. Hawley(via phone)

Staff Present: N. Jasculca, R. Erfurth, L. Wilson

3) **Approval of Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings.**

April 2, 2019 Special Meeting –

Motion to approve the minutes by Pearce, seconded by Hanson.

Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Preisler, Hanson, Pearce

Abstain: Leveille

January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Pearce, seconded by Hanson.

Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Leveille, Hanson Preisler, Pearce

November, 16, 2018 By-law Review Committee Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Hanson, seconded by Pearce

Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce

Abstain: Leveille

4) **Chair’s Correspondence and Activity Report, For Information Only**

Chairperson updated that House Bill 2315 has passed through the Senate and is back in the House awaiting vote in committee, then on the floor.

5) **ASBGHN Staff Report, For Information and Discussion Only**

R. Ehrfurth responded to a members question concerning the name of Blue Ridge Reservoir/C.C.Cragin Reservoir, an artificially created reservoir in Coconino County. His research showed that the name Blue Ridge Reservoir was entered into the federal database in 1980. The ASBGHN was not created until 1982. The name change to C.C. Cragin Reservoir was by an act of federal legislation in 200, Public Law 108-451. Blue Ridge Reservoir is in the database as a variant name.

R. Ehrfurth presented to the board the process that occurs when an application is received to name a geographic feature that will be sent to the United States Board on Geographic Names. When a name is approved at the state level, it is filed with the Secretary of State, and the clerk of the board of supervisors at the county level, and can be used on state maps. Most other states do not do this; they review and send to the federal board for final approval. This is unique as even if the name is rejected at the Federal level, it will continue to be used at a State level. When an application is received R. Ehrfurth reviews, he reviews to see if the geographic feature is already named, if it has historical merit, and whether a commemorative name has been deceased for at least five years. He then contacts interested parties at local level and all tribes located within Arizona.

R. Ehrfurth presented to the board that if the application is to name an artificial object, it is checked to see if the object is already named. This type of name request doesn't follow the five year rule due to it not going to the federal board. This is an administrative name change to places of historical significance. An applicant could petition Google or Apple to make the change to their mapping software after approval. This name will not appear on any federal maps. He is waiting for further direction once it is clarified how the board will deal with the new changes on July 1, 2019 with the naming of highways, parkways and scenic highways.

6) **ASBGHN Sunset Review Update**

No letter been received as of meeting.

7) **Consider/Act Upon Dockets**

New Dockets

- Docket 2018-09 *Robert A. Vaughan Expressway*, proposed new name for a built expressway, State Route 195, in Yuma County (applicant: Andrew B. Metz)
This application is to commemorate Robert Vaughn, who was the head of the board for fifteen years. He was responsible for the expressway being completed. Paul Ward from the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization spoke in support of the application and provided information as to the historic significance of Vaughn's impact to Yuma. Board is waiting for authority for naming to take effect in July. Motion to defer docket 2018-09 to next meeting by Pearce, seconded by Hawley. Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Leveille, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce
- Docket 2019-01 *Congressman Ed Pastor Freeway*, proposed new name for a segment of a built freeway, Loop 202, in Maricopa County (applicant: Representative Diego Espinoza)
This is a built highway and will be the new 22 mile extension of the Loop 202 known as South Mountain Freeway, between the intersection of I-10 and the Santan Freeway (existing Loop 202 segment) to the intersection of I-10 and 59th Ave. The family supports the application. This is an artificial object so the five year does not apply. There has not been any tribal response as of meeting. Board is waiting for authority

for naming to take effect in July.

Motion to defer docket 2018-09 to next meeting by Pearce, seconded by Hawley.

Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Leveille, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce

- Docket 2019-02 *Hualapai Veterans Highway*, proposed name change for a segment of a built highway, Historic Route 66, located between Seligman, Arizona and Kingman, Arizona, in Mohave County and Yavapai County (applicant: Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)

R. Ehrfurth presented on the location of this segment and that this name could possibly overlay the current historic designation. This application was received recently so there not has been responses recorded. Senator Peshlakai spoke to the board about the history of the Hualapai tribe's contribution to Arizona and the US military. She provided information on support for the name change through the Senate Joint Resolution 1003. This docket needs to have the research completed.

Motion to defer docket 2019-02 to a future meeting by Hanson, seconded by Pearce

Ayes: Hawley, Ber, Leveille, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce

➤ **Member Hawley left the meeting at 11:04 A.M.**

Deferred Dockets

- Docket 2018-04 *Navajo Code Talker Highway*, proposed new name for segments of a built highway, State Route 64, in Apache County, Coconino County, and Navajo County (applicant: Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)
- Docket 2018-05 *Hopi Code Talker Highway*, proposed new name for segments of a built highway, State Route 264, in Apache County, Coconino County, and Navajo County (applicant: Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)
- Docket 2018-06 *Native American Veterans Highway*, proposed new name for a segment of a built highway, United States Route 89, in Coconino County (applicant: Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)

- Docket 2018-07 *Native American Women Veterans Highway*, proposed new name for a segment of a built highway, United States Route 160, in Apache County, Coconino County, and Navajo County (applicant: Senator Jamescita Peshlakai)

Senator Peshlakai presented documentation of support for Senate Joint Resolution 1002, which includes dockets 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-6, and 2018-07. Discussion by the board on the location of these name requests and needing enhanced maps for clarification. Board is waiting for authority for naming to take effect in July. Board is waiting for input from ADOT.

Motion to defer dockets 2018-04, 05, 06, and 07 to next meeting by Pearce, seconded by Hanson.

Ayes: Ber, Leveille, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce

- Docket 2018-01, proposed new name for a geographic feature, *Keating Peak*, in Maricopa County (applicant: Ken Vonderscher)

Motion to reject docket 2018-01 by Pearce, seconded by Hanson

Ayes: Ber, Leveille, Hanson, Preisler, Pearce

8) Suggested Future Agenda Items

Update on House Bill 2315

9) Comments from the Public

None

10) Upcoming Meeting Date(s)

The next scheduled meeting date is July 23, 2019.

11) Adjournment 11:16 A.M.

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By Dennis Preisler, Chair