



**ARIZONA STATE BOARD
ON GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC NAMES**

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Tuesday January, 22, 2019

MINUTES

1) Call to Order 10:03 AM

2) Roll Call and Introductions

*Members: Phil Hanson, Arthur Pearce, Dennis Preisler, Chuck Coughlin, Lisa Atkins
Attorney: Nancy Jасulca*

New Member: L. Atkins introduced Jenna Straface, Deputy State Cartographer. She will be the new Land Office member. Her appointment will provide constant contact for the board.

3) Elect Board Chair and Vice Chair

*Motion to keep current chair and vice chair for 2019 by Pearce, seconded by Coughlin
Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins*

4) Approval of Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings.

*Motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted by Coughlin,
seconded by Pearce*

Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins

Removed from agenda: November 16, 2018 By-law Review Committee Meeting

5) Chair's Correspondence and Activity Report, For Information Only

Nothing to report

6) ASBGHN Staff Report, For Information and Discussion Only

Ryan Ehrfurth updated the board on the following issues:

- *Designation of Old U.S. Route 80 as Historic Roadway- Action taken by Arizona State Transportation Board*
- *Update on ASBGHN's Research Support Research Process for contacting interested parties and prepares the docket review list.*

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- *United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN)-Action taken on ASBGHN approved dockets*
 - *Docket 2017-05 Walkabout Mesa – USBGN voted to not recognize the name for this geographic feature. The result will be that it would not show on any U.S. government geographic survey maps, but could show on a State map. The ASBGHN provides recommendations for the US maps. The board requested further input from the Attorney General’s office as to the legal impact of a name approved by ASBGHN, if the USBGN can still reject a proposal approved by ASBGHN.*
 - *The Arizona Department of Transportation member resigned due to job change. Awaiting notice from the Director of the new appointee.*
 - *According to Statute, the representative from a state university only serves for two years before it moves to the next institution. Northern Arizona University has been sent notice that it will need to make an appointment to the board.*

7) **Bylaws Review**

The proposed by-laws were presented to the board. A motion was made to approve the proposed by-laws by Coughlin, seconded by Atkins.

Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins

8) **Changes to BGN’s Policy X: Tribal Geographic Names**

Ryan Ehrfurth provided an update on changes to naming of features on Tribal land by the federal board. If a tribe proposed a name to a geographical feature on tribal nation land, the federal board will note the receipt of the request and automatically approve the request. The impact to the ASBGHN will be if an application is received then it would be automatically approved and sent along to the federal board as the board operates under the rules of the USBGN.

9) **Sunset Review Update**

No further information has been received as of the meeting.

10) **Dockets- Review, discussion and possible action on the following dockets. The Board may take action designating the name requested in the docket or deferring action on the docket to a future meeting date to allow staff to further research the docket.**

New Dockets

Member Atkins noted that none of the dockets listed have impact on state land.

- **Docket 2018-02 Veterans’ Bridge, proposed new name for an artificial bridge**
This item falls under place of historical significance. Councilman Remley from the City of Surprise spoke in support of the proposed name as there are no places of historical significance named in the city. Motion made to approve Docket 2018-02 to name Veterans’ Bridge by Hanson, seconded by Atkins

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Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins

- **Docket 2018-03 Governor Rose Mofford Memorial Highway, proposed new name for a built highway**

Ryan Ehrfurth provided a historical overview of the current docket; this is revision of the mile posts to be for the area. No new responses from interested parties. The applicant, Mr. Reveles spoke on the significance of the Governor Mofford traveling the route during her career working at the State of Arizona as a civil servant and elected official. The mile posts on the US 60 will be 250-240.5, then resuming at 214.5 to 200.

*Motion made to approve Docket 2018-03, to name Governor Rose Mofford Highway under the mile posts 250-240.5, then 214.5 to 200 by Pearce, seconded by Hanson
Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins*

Motion made to defer Dockets 2018-04, 05, 06, and 07 to the next meeting and ask staff to reach out to the Senator Peshlakai or her designate, to come to speak on the applications by Coughlin, seconded by Pearce.

Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins

- **Docket 2018-04 Navajo Code Talker Highway, proposed new name for a built highway**
- **Docket 2018-05 Hopi Code Talker Highway, proposed new name for a built highway**
- **Docket 2018-06 Native American Veterans Highway, proposed new name for a built highway**
- **Docket 2018-07 Native American Women Veterans Highway, proposed new name for a built highway**
- **Docket 2018-08 Wildcat Wash, proposed new name for a geographic feature**
*This feature is a wash and has been designated the longest fork. The students at New River Elementary School cross over this wash daily as it bisects the school property. Motion made to approve Docket 2018-08 to name Wildcat Wash by Coughlin, seconded by Pearce.
Ayes: Hanson, Pearce, Preisler, Coughlin, Atkins*

11) Suggested Future Agenda Items, For Discussion Only

Board members may wish to suggest a topic or topics to be placed on a future Board meeting agenda. The below list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of items that may be placed on a future agenda:

Docket 2018-09 Robert A. Vaughan Expressway

Attorney General information on board naming geographic features and when it is denied by the federal board.

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12) Comments from the Public

None

13) Upcoming Meeting Date(s)

The next scheduled meeting date is April 23, 2019.

14) Adjournment at 11:08 am

Dated

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By Dennis Preisler, Chair

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