

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Nevada Revised Statutes 327.110

**Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission
March 27, 2012**

Meeting Packet

March 13, 2012

Linda Newman, Chair
Nevada State Board on Geographic Names
Bureau of Mines and Geology
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Dear Ms. Newman:

I am writing to inform you that your board has been scheduled for a public hearing concerning its termination, modification, consolidation or continued operation pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 232B.240. The Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct the public hearing. The meeting is in Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building at 555 East Washington Avenue in Las Vegas with a simultaneous videoconference to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building in Carson City.

We have received the materials that you sent concerning your board. In addition, the Sunset Subcommittee will be provided with any other materials submitted by members of the public, as well as copies of applicable laws and regulations. Please present any other materials to the Sunset Subcommittee that you feel would be helpful to this review. Keep in mind that pursuant to NRS 232B.240, “[a] board or commission has the burden of proving that there is a public need for its continued existence.” However, the purpose of the Sunset Subcommittee is not solely to determine whether to “sunset” an entity. The reviews conducted by the Subcommittee must also include:

(a) An evaluation of the major policies and programs of the board or commission, including, without limitation, an examination of other programs or services offered in this State to determine if any other provided programs or services duplicate those offered by the board or commission;

(b) Any recommendations for improvements in the policies and programs offered by the board or commission; and

(c) A determination of whether any statutory tax exemptions, abatements or money set aside to be provided to the board or commission should be terminated, modified or continued.

(subsection 1 of NRS 232B.220)

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning the review of your board.

Sincerely,

Lorne J. Malkiewich, Director
Legislative Counsel Bureau

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Sunset Subcommittee Review Form

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Attachments

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
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**Information concerning Board or Commission
Subject to Review by the
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission**

as required by section 10 of S.B. 251 of the 2011 Legislative Session



Board or Commission Name:	NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
Members' Names:	The Nevada Board consists of a representative from each of the following agencies: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, University of Nevada Reno, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Nevada State Library and Archives, Dept. of Transportation, Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources, Hi
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Created by what Authority:	NRS 327.100-150
Authority to adopt regulations (NRS) and citation to regulations (NAC):	NRS 327.140 ss2a
Any required regulations that have not been adopted:	None
Governing structure of the Board or Commission:	The Board has an Executive Secretary who is a nonvoting member. This position is filled by the State Resident Cartographer if there is one, or is elected by the Board. A Chairman and Vice Chairman are also elected. The Board serves at the pleasure of the Legislature. The Board can be abolished by revising the Statute that created the Board. The Legislative Statute provides strict and precise operating rules but does not place the Board under the administrative authority of any state agency or official. By law the Board is limited to a maximum of four meetings per year. No compensation or expenses are allowed except as voluntarily contributed by the member's agency. A simple majority is quorum and the Board functions under Robert's Rules of Order "Procedures for Small Boards"

**Information concerning Board or Commission
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Duties of the Board or Commission:

1. The Board shall: (a) Receive and evaluate all proposals for changes in or additions to names of geographic features and places in the State to determine the most appropriate and acceptable names for use in maps and official documents of all levels of government; (b) Make official recommendations on behalf of the State with respect to each proposal; (c) Assist and cooperate with the United States Board on Geographic Names in matters relating to names of geographic features and places in Nevada; (d) Maintain a list of advisers who have special knowledge of or expertise in Nevada history, geography or culture and consult with those advisers on a regular basis in the course of its work. 2. The Board may: (a) Adopt regulations to assist in carrying out the functions and duties assigned to it by law. (b) Initiate proposals for changes in or additions to geographic names in the State. Any proposal initiated by the Board must be evaluated in accordance with the same procedures prescribed for the consideration of other proposals.

Dates of the Immediately Preceding Six Meetings:

May 12, 2009, May 11, 2010, September 14, 2010, January 11, 2011, May 10, 2011 (meeting cancelled), September 13, 2011, January 10, 2012

Statement of the objectives and programs of the Board or Commission:

The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names was created to coordinate and approve geographic names within the State for official recommendation to the United States Board on Geographic Names, which is responsible by law for establishing and maintaining uniform name usage throughout the Federal Government. Working in cooperation with State names authorities, the U.S. Board develops policies, principles, and procedures governing the spelling and application of geographic names on Federal maps and other publications. It also rules on name controversies, new names, and name changes. The charge of the State Board is to evaluate all proposals for changes or additions to names of geographic features and places in the State; then to make official recommendations to the U.S. Board. Additionally to assist and cooperate with requests from the U.S. Board. Any person, group, or agency, federal, state, or local, may submit a naming proposal or change request. The board notifies those affected by the naming proposal to get their comments, conducts research and/or field investigations as necessary and submits its decision to the U.S. Board as official recommendations.

Statutory tax exemptions, abatements, or money set aside for the Board or Commission:

None

Conclusion concerning the effectiveness of the objectives and programs of the Board or Commission:

The State Geographic Board through its member agencies is the most effective way to coordinate a Nevada response to the U.S. Board's requests for input from state, local and tribal governments and the state offices of the federal agencies that produce maps and manage public land in the State of Nevada. The agencies represented can research historical maps and names from national, state and local sources for proposed names for unnamed places or name changes. The Board's secretary can inform cities, counties and tribal governments of proposed name changes and get local responses to forward with Nevada's recommendations to the U. S. Board.

**Information concerning Board or Commission
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Any duplication of services with those offered by another Board or Commission or recommendation for consolidation with another Board or Commission:

None

Any recommendations for statutory changes which are necessary for the Board or Commission to carry out its objectives and programs:

Because Nevada has a National Park and two National Monuments within its boundaries, the board recommends the addition of a representative from the National Park Service.

If additional space is necessary, please attach additional pages and refer to the attachments on the form. Please include with this form:

- 1. The operating budget of the Board or Commission.**
- 2. A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the Board or Commission for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the Board or Commission submits this form, including the balances of any fund or account maintained by or on behalf of the Board or Commission.**
- 3. The most recent legislative audit or other audit of the Board or Commission, and any efficiency studies or constituent or staff surveys conducted in the past 3 years.**
- 4. Any reports required to be filed with the Legislative or Executive Branch over the past 3 years. Please indicate if any reports were filed late or have not been filed.**
- 5. The minutes of any meetings of the Board or Commission in the past year, if any.**

Please forward all documents to: jeanne.peyton@lcb.state.nv.us

Peyton, Jeanne

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Subject: Nevada State Board on Geographic Names
Attachments: 9-14-2010_minutes.pdf; 1-11-2011_minutes.pdf; 9-13-11_minutes.pdf

Dear Ms Peyton,

I represent the Nevada State Library and Archives on the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names. Linda Newman, the board's Chair, asked me to complete the Sunset Committee Review Form and all requested documentation to you. I have submitted the form and here is the accompanying documentation. If you or the committee have any questions or if there will be a public meeting, please contact the Chair and the Secretary:

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Answers to questions:

1. The operating budget of the Board or Commission. [None to submit.](#)
2. A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the Board or Commission for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the Board or Commission submits this form, including the balances of any fund or account maintained by or on behalf of the Board or Commission. [None to submit.](#)
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Nevada State Board on Geographic Names Meeting Minutes

[September 14, 2010](#) (Attached)

[January 11, 2011](#) (Attached)

May 10, 2011 (meeting cancelled)

[September 13, 2011](#) (Attached)

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Minutes

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NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

September 14, 2010

The meeting began at 10:35AM, Thunderbird Lodge, Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Board members and guests introduced themselves:

Board Members Present:

Robert [Bob] Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management, retired.

Michael Maher , Nevada Historical Society, Reno

Jeff Kintop, State Archivist, Nevada State Library & Archives

Jordan Hastings, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

Marianne Farretta, Cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Peg Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

David McMorran, US Forest Service

Skip Canfield, Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary of the Board; Cartographer, Nevada Bureau of
Mines & Geology

Linda Newman, Chair; University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus

Guests:

Larry Schmidt

Mr. & Mrs. John P. Davidson, residents, Incline Village, Nevada [Lake Tahoe]

Eric Moody, Nevada Historical Society, retired

Guy Rocha, Nevada State Archivist, retired.

David Antonucci, resident, Tahoma, California, [Lake Tahoe]

Ghost of Mark Twain [McAvoy Lane, noted Twain impressionist]

Agenda:

1. Minutes of May 11, 2010
Minutes were not complete; no action taken.
2. Announcements, Chair or Executive Secretary:
Chair thanked the administrators of the Thunderbird Lodge for extending the invitation to meet here, especially Mary Fisher, Meredith Fischer
And Jeff Kintop of the Board for his assistance with the arrangements.
Board members and guests introduced themselves.
A tour of the Thunderbird Lodge will follow the meeting.
3. Announcements from Board members or public: None.

4. Anniversary Peak, Washoe County, first hearing. Documents emailed to Board. Proposed by guest John Paul Davidson, Incline village, to name a particular peak. Mr. Davidson presented his proposal based on his 20th anniversary hike and many return hikes. Tahoe Rim Trail passes about 4 miles from the peak; no actual trail at this time to Peak; view of Lake and Mt. Rose, a worthwhile destination point. Not naming it specifically for a person. Naming criteria as designated by the US Board on Geographic names discussed [can be found through the NV Board web site]: ‘...appropriateness, acceptability, need...’ are primary considerations for naming a feature.

Does the proposal meet the criteria? Consideration by relevant authorities including: Washoe County Commission, US Forest Service, Inter-Tribal Council and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

The GNIS was checked and no Anniversary Peak was identified in Nevada or in California.

5. Sam Clemens Cove, Washoe County, second hearing.

Nomination to name was initiated by Bob Stewart, US BLM retired and member of the Nevada Board.

David Antonucci, resident and retired civil engineer residing at Tahoma, California [Lake Tahoe], presented a detailed opposing view at the May 2011 meeting. At this meeting he presented an extensive PowerPoint statement detailing his opposition to the naming as based on his extensive research. He intends to present his points in a formal publication [book] at some time in the future.

Primary points as he determined based on research of the historic publications, geology, topography, biology, and history of the times:

Clemens’ publications sometimes contradict themselves, have inconsistencies and Twain was known for exaggeration.

Historic evidence and documentation of possible paths to the area of the cove at Lake Tahoe where Clemens’ group camped.

Clemens went to Lake Tahoe to scout for timber claims which were filed with a map; this is relatively undisputed. But, was this the location of the cove where he camped?

The only documentation about naming the cove for him comes from Clemens’ 1861 letter stating that the Territorial Governor Nye [brother of his traveling companion] was going to name it for him.

Exactness of location of Clemens’ travel is difficult to verify given lack of historic documentation of the area [e.g. maps]. Their terminology may not match what we would use today with our full knowledge of the geography of the Lake.

Mr. Antonucci believes for many reasons including the stated boat trip involved that the site most likely was along the NW corner of the Lake which would be in California. He concludes with the statement that the Board should not pick a place in haste for the sake of naming a place. To name a place wrongly just to name a place would be an injustice.

He has not presented this as a proposal to the California state geographic names board.

Mr. Antonucci’s complete statement may be found at:

<http://cid-9468fc569e723d15.office.live.com/self.aspx/Public/NBGN%20mtg%2009-14-10.pdf>

Considerable discussion and questions relevant to documentation of trails, cabins, timber and saw mills and other cites mentioned by Clemens in his writings followed with some disagreement. Guests Guy Rocha, retired Nevada State Archivist and Eric Moody, Director, Nevada State Historical Society, Reno, retired and former member of the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names both spoke in favor of the naming.

A map of composite historic cartography of area indicating [as well as known and marked] trails of area involved in Sam Clemens' travels relevant to the cove proposal was presented to Board by Marianne Farretta, cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation.

Larry Schmidt then discussed his research on the trails in the area which he has done on site and finding a rock which fist the description of 'table rock' – as mentioned by Clemens in *Roughing It* on the shore of Lake Tahoe. Rocks of various colors are located at the proposed cove. The location, at the proposed Sam Clemens Cove, would be contrary to Mr. Antonucci's statement. Mr. Schmidt feels that the details mentioned in *Roughing It* and Clemens' letter match the local; locating a rock which matched the description was an incidental bonus.

The Ghost of Mark Twain then appeared [without prior knowledge of the Executive Secretary or Chair] and briefly addressed the group commending the presentations and stating that naming something for him in the area [which bears nothing with his name] would be appropriate and appreciated.

Chairman Newman asked if the Board was ready to vote or if discussion should be continued at the next meeting of the Board.

Discussion continued especially with reference to the literal use of Clemens' works to locate an area not exactly known to Clemens himself.

Chairman Newman read from the US Board *Principles & Procedures* relevant to commemorative naming: Policy 3, Sections 1-3, regarding significant contribution to the area, association with the area and local support. Solving the controversy of the exact location may never be possible but does not prohibit naming a site.

Daryl Crawford representing the Inter-tribal Council, stated that the Council had not made objections. The director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency declined to make comment. The supervisor of the US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Area, had voiced objections by email; however, the US Forest Service representative to the Nevada Board [eventually] voted in favor of the name.

The motion was then made to call the vote in favor by Skip Canfield, Nevada State Lands, Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources. Seconded by Marianne Farretta, Nevada Dept. of Transportation. Peg Rees, UNLV, proposed that the statement to the US Board specifically mention Section 3. Chair Newman stated that a full statement and all documents would be submitted with the actual proposal even though not required.

Vote taken: eight in favor, two abstentions [J. Hastings & R. Stewart].

6. Waking Spring to Watkins Spring, White Pine County.
Not a voting issue at this meeting. Discussed and asked for additional research on Mr. Watkins prior to presenting this proposal at the next meeting [Jan 2011].
7. Buckbrush Spring, Water Tank Spring, Abraham Spring, all in Mineral County.
Not a voting issue at this meeting. Chair Newman presented photos of the springs and US Bureau of Land Management markers taken just a week prior to this meeting of 3 of the springs. The photos clearly show discrepancies in the names as labeled on the topo sheets and as pointed out by the submitter to revise the names. The photos indicated additional conflicts regarding the naming. Inquiry has been sent to the US Bureau of Land Management national office with no response as yet. Contact with the Nevada BLM office had been made and the Board is now awaiting further information.
This will probably be a voting item at the next meeting.
8. Ex. Secretary J. Hursh reported on an inquiry on a possible future submission for naming of 'Mt. Irish,' Lincoln County.
9. Next meeting: January 11, 2011, 9:30AM, Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library, Desert Research Institute campus, 2175 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV.
10. Adjournment: approximately 2:30pm

These minutes were condensed by Linda Newman, Chair, from transcription of tapes of meeting and her notes, and subject to approval by the Nevada Board.

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The meeting began at 9 AM, Great Basin Science Sample and Records conference room, Desert Research Institute campus, Reno, Nevada.

Board members and guests introduced themselves:

Board Members Present:

Robert [Bob] Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management, retired.
Michael Maher, Nevada Historical Society, Reno
Jeff Kintop, State Archivist, Nevada State Library & Archives
Jordan Hastings, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology
Marianne Farretta, Cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation
Margaret Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
David McMorran, US Forest Service
Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary of the Board; Cartographer, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology
Linda Newman, Chair; University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus

Absent:

Skip Canfield, Nevada State Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Guests:

Steve Pellegrini, Yerington, NV
Art Shipley, Yerington, NV

Agenda:

1. Minutes of September 14, 2010 meeting. Approved. Motion by McMorran, second by Kintop.
2. Announcements:
Chair:
May 2009 Minutes ready for posting to NV Board site [noted correction of Peg Rees name].
May 2010 minutes were approved by the Nevada Board by email.
Request for alternates to be identified.
Update on Sam Clemens Cove proposal: awaiting response from Tribal Units before concluding statement for the U.S. Board

Noted 100th anniversary of Pres. Ronald Reagan's birthday shortly and inquiry from journalist with the *Los Angeles Times* asking about a proposal; no such proposal has reached the Chair or Executive Secretary.
Executive Secretary: no announcements.

3. Announcements from Board or general audience. No general announcements made.

4. Waking spring / White Pine County, Nevada to Watkins Spring. Second Hearing. Submitted by Mr. Weisbrot

Noted additional documents specifically linking the Watkins Spring to Mathis spring and location of both in the same Township, Range and Section.

Letter to White Pine County sent 26 March 2010; no response.

Letter to local resident, Mr. Dave Eldridge; no response.

The US Board notified the national office of the US Bureau of Land Management; no objection.

No other Watkins Spring of NV can be located in the GNIS.

Application of Principles, Policy and Procedures, Chapter 4.

The motion was called for a vote by Rees and seconded by Stewart.

VOTE: In favor of change; unanimous.

Letters to Tribal Units to be sent out shortly and, assuming no negative response, a statement will be sent to the US Board.

5. Mineral County, Nevada, name changes. Second Hearing.

Proposal made by Mr. Steve Pellegrini, guest present, outlines the mis-labeling of a series of springs along the base of the Wassuk Range:

The now labeled Buck Brush Spring should have no name and each subsequent spring labeled should be adjusted in sequence > Summit Spring should be Buck Brush, Abraham Spring should be Summit Spring, and Water Tank Spring should be Abraham Spring.

Chair reported on a field trip to location taken on 1 Sept. 2010, in which the information and details of Mr. Pellegrini's report were further confirmed. Chair noted that, in addition to the marker cited and photographed by Mr. Pellegrini, another BLM marker located at site of [now labeled] Buck Brush Spring was found, photographed and inquiry made to both the national BLM office and the NV BLM, for identification. Cheryl Davis, GIS specialist in the NV BLM office further verified the mis-labeling. She verified the mis-labeling through existing BLM records in Carson City office and concurs that this second marker located [for the pipeline] was the likely source of the mis-labeling of the other springs.

Photos presented from field trip of 1 Sept. 2010 including the second marker.

The motion to vote on the proposal was called by Stewart and second by McMorran.

VOTE: In favor of change; unanimous.

Letters to the Mineral County Commission and local Tribal units will be mailed; assuming there is no objection or further discussion, a statement will be sent to the US Board.

6. Anniversary Peak, Washoe County. Second Hearing.

The presenters, Washoe County residents, were present at the Sept. 2010 meeting. The couple had made a regular occasion of observing their anniversary by hiking with friends to this, now unnamed, peak. This is not a personal name consideration but, noted that the US Board does not usually accept names of 'personal significance' – but there have been exceptions.

'No comment' from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Dave White, cartographer US Forest Service, UT, does object.

No response from the US Forest Service, Tahoe Basin. There are no specific naming principals of the US Forest Service.

The motion was made by Stewart for a vote, second by McMorran.

VOTE: The motion did not pass; unanimous.

As the NV Board does not recommend the naming of this peak, letters will not be sent out to the Tribal units.

7. Judge Beal Promontory, Clark County. First Hearing.

Noted substantial material forwarded from nominator, Richard Taylor, to members of the NV Board in support of naming a promontory for the late Judge Beal who was instrumental in having the Mt. Charleston area designated a US Forest in 1906.

Local support: included in the materials including support from the Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board, and the Clark County Commission. NV Board members Rees and Kintop noted Mr. Taylor's involvement in promoting local history.

The chair requested further documentation, *of the time* the area was designated a US Forest which notes, or in some way documents, Judge Beal's efforts and involvement.

Chair asked if there was any interest in meeting at the site. Discussion followed including need to have sufficient quorum present.

Motion was made by Hastings to look into the possibility of having a meeting at Mt. Charleston. Second by Rees.

8. Hursh, Ex. Secretary, reported on several inquiries:

A. Winnemucca Lake – should it also be labeled [variant] Winnemucca Dry Lake? Input from USGS representative, Jennifer Runyan, states that the historical and locally established name is Winnemucca Lake and that individuals do not have the right to call it anything else just because they like another name better. Discussion also noted that it often is not dry in the spring.

B. Mount Grosh, Lyon County and Asshole Canyon, Lyon County.

Bob Stewart has a manuscript on the Grosh Brothers and will share this with Ron Moe.

9. Meeting site for May 10, 2011. If the Mt. Charleston site is not confirmed, the meeting will be held at today's site.
10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Rees, second by Stewart, at 11:15AM.

These minutes were approved by the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names on September 13, 2011.

NEVADA STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

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September 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM, Great Basin Science Sample and Records conference room, Desert Research Institute campus, Reno, Nevada.

Board members and guests introduced themselves:

Board Members Present:

Robert [Bob] Stewart, US Bureau of Land Management, retired.

Michael Mayer, Nevada Historical Society, Reno

Jeff Kintop, State Archivist, Nevada State Library & Archives

Jordan Hastings, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

Marianne Farretta, Cartographer, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Skip Canfield, Nevada State Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

Daryl Crawford, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

Alyce Branigan, US Forest Service

Jack Hursh, Executive Secretary of the Board; Cartographer, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology

Linda Newman, Chair; University of Nevada, Reno, Emeritus

Absent:

John Burgess, Nevada Dept. of Transportation

Margaret Rees, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Guests:

Steve Pellegrini, Yerington, NV

Art Shipley, Yerington, NV

Dan Taylor, Nevada Division of Water Resources

Agenda:

1. Minutes of January 11, 2011 meeting. Approval motion by Bob Stewart and Second by Jordan Hastings. Approved unanimously.
2. & 3. No announcements from Board or guests.
4. Sam Clemens Cove – noted that the US Board had officially rejected the NV Board's recommendation. Heated discussion followed.
5. Judge Beal Promontory. US Board Quarterly Review List # 406.

Reported that the primary submitter, Dick Taylor of Mt. Charleston, had passed in March 2011. Just before the scheduled meeting at Mt. Charleston, it was learned that the nominated site is *just within* the Wilderness boundary [contrary to the impression given to the submitters]. Noted the US Board rules, Policy IV Sec 1 & 2, regarding the rules on naming within Wilderness and that it would be unlikely the US Board would approve such a nomination. Comments followed with a motion to table the proposal by Daryl Crawford with second by Jeff Kintop. The motion to table carried.

6. Mineral County Springs. US Board Quarterly List # 406

Proponent Steve Pellegrini, again present, at request of NV Board.

Reported that in response to the NV Board's letters to local authorities and tribal units, the NV Board was informed of the Mineral County Museum objections. At encouragement of the NV Board, Mr. Pellegrini met with Sue Silver of the Mineral County Museum for further discussion and resolution if possible.

Today Mr. Pellegrini reported to the NV Board that Ms Silver acknowledged misinterpretation of the spring locations and she is now in agreement to support Mr. Pellegrini's original proposal.

Bob Stewart offered to contact Ms Silver and ask her to submit a statement in support of Mr. Pellegrini's proposal.

Dan Taylor, guest from the NV Division of Water Resources, stated that the NDWR had researched the spring locations and the Division is in agreement with Mr. Pellegrini's proposal. He noted that state permit records from the 1940's and 1950's had been found which support Mr. Pellegrini's proposal.

Skip Canfield made a motion, seconded by Michael Maher, that no further action be taken by this Board until a letter from Ms Silver is received. Unanimous vote.

7-9. Greenwing Springs, Clark County. US Board Quarterly Review List # 406.

Includes Greenwing, Maidenhair and Stomp Springs. Noted that these are mostly or entirely within the Black Canyon Wilderness possibly making this proposal moot.

Proposed, for administrative clarity, by GIS data manager, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, NPS, however, the springs are within the jurisdiction of the US Bureau of Reclamation.

Chair read letter from Wm Dickinson, Superintendent, LMNRA, NPS, in support based on the need to have springs named given the 'considerable management attention due to their unique environment and sensitivity to disturbance. The park coordinates work at the springs...'

Bob Stewart made a motion to proceed with the standard letters to county and relevant tribal units requesting response to the proposal. Second by Marianne Farretta.

Daryl Crawford supplied some updated tribal listings.

10. Sheep Flat, Washoe County.

An inquiry reported by Jack Hursh regarding use of this name as a variant of Tahoe Meadows [GNIS] which lies roughly in the saddle between Mt. Rose and Slide Mountain.

Jack Hursh led discussion noting use: Skip Canfield found newspaper references in the 1950's. Incline Fire Dept. uses this name as does NDOT. No Sheep Flat appeared in various place name books checked by Jeff Kintop. Board agreed that this should be submitted as a variant following additional research:

Marianne Farretta will research NDOT sources as will Alyce Branigan at US Forest Service; Michael Maher will ask local historians/authors Phillip & Jean Earl, Bob Stewart will research survey records for use of the name Sheep Flat and Skip Canfield will search for a publication in which he saw it used.

11. San Emidio Desert, Washoe County. Origin of name inquiry reported by Jack Hursh.

On 1894 and 1923 USGS topo maps, Jeff Kintop found the name referring to the area as Mud Flat. The area was labeled San Emidio Desert on a 1954 USGS map along with a San Emidio Creek which flows through a canyon of the same name and into the desert. The usage of the name San Emidio could originate from an early settler paying homage to a patron saint.

12. Meeting site for January 10, 2012 meeting.

Members present expressed support and appreciation of the GBSSRL location for meetings noting convenience.

The NV Board accepted the offer of the GBSSRL to again host the meeting in January.

13. Bob Stewart motioned to adjourn, Alyce Branigan seconded, 11am.

Notes compiled by Chair & Executive Secretary and approved by the NV Board
10 Jan 2012.