

**MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**MSPS Office, Jefferson City, Missouri  
February 11, 2015, 12:00 noon  
M I N U T E S**

President Adam Teale called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Adam Teale, Jerry Bader, Chris Wickern, Richard Howard, Jim Mathis, Susanne Daniel, Joe Clayton, Chuck Quinby, Earl Graham, Mike Gray, Dan Govero, Jim Anderson, Darrell Pratte, Stan Emerick, Ron Luecke, Shane Terhune, Gene Basinger, Don Bormann, Ray Riggs, Rich Norvell, Bob Volz, Jon Cole, Ron Heimbaugh, Mo McCullough and Sandra Boeckman.

Those absent were: Robert Ubben, Troy Hayes, Rich Barr, Norman Ellerbrock, Mike Freeman, Loyd Todd, John Stevens, Mike Flowers, Kevin DeSain, Robert Anderson, and Don Martin.

**Minutes of the December 6, 2014** Board of Directors meeting was reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. On a vote, this motion was approved.**

**Financial Report:** The financial report through February 10, 2015 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$31,794.00 with total assets in the amount of \$173,699.92. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

**Legislative Report:** Mo McCullough reported on the activities of the morning where members visited their Representatives and Senators to discuss the proposed bill by the Electric Coops that would ease the restrictions on writing easements. If this bill progresses, he will contact the entire membership and provide talking points so that more members can contact their legislator(s) to educate them on the harmful effects of such a bill. It was suggested that members contact their local electric coops and discuss the proposed bill and easements. McCullough reported that he would watch for any bills that would effect Chapter 327.

Other bills of interest were SB16 and SB88 dealing with Board vacancies and SB103 dealing with confidentiality of complaints to the Registration Board. **A motion was made and seconded to oppose this bill. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT:** Dan Govero reported that the last meeting was almost entirely spent on writing the Rule on proposed changes to Chapter 327. They did deal with normal complaints and other Board business.

**LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Stan Emerick had no report.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT:** Darrell Pratte reported on personnel issues facing LSP. He has hired two new people - a Land Survey Specialist for the Repository and an LSIT who will join the Field Survey Section. The LSP has 14 full time positions allocated but only 11 positions are filled. He announced the retirement of a LS Specialist and a Technical Assistant. He reported that maps continue to be refurbished by the office of Secretary of State. The Cooperative Corner

Restoration program is moving forward with 30 counties participating with 225 corners being monumented. There are also 25 Land Survey investigations ongoing with eight concerning LSP monuments. He reported that the MOU with the Registration Board and the Department of Agriculture would be signed later on 2/11. This action will start the rule making process for new Standards on Property Boundary Surveys, First and Second Order Horizontal and Vertical Control, Restoration and Reestablishment of US Public Land Survey System Corners, Mapping Standards and Standards for Digital Cadastral Parcel Mapping.

He reported that so far this fiscal year the LSP has brought in \$540,691 and there is a little over \$400,000 in the Land Survey Revolving Fund.

**NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT:** NSPS Governor Troy Hayes sent a report through President Teale that reported April 12-17 as the next meeting of the Governors which is 2-3 longer than the normal meeting and he would not be able to attend the entire meeting. He asked if Rich Barr could be appointed a proxy to attend this meeting. **A motion was made and seconded for Rich Barr to serve as proxy for Troy Hayes at the next Board of Governor's meeting. On a vote, this motion was approved.**

#### **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

Kansas City: No report.

St. Louis: Chuck Quinby reported that Darrell Pratte had attended their annual banquet and installation of officers. He also reported on a project of Bob Myers where he has lined out a course and survey parties would set pins - if correctly accomplished - they would be entered into a drawing.

Ozark: It was reported that the chapter had a luncheon meeting where PDUs were given for the luncheon presentation.

Southeast: No report.

Southwest: It was reported that the chapter would have an August 20 seminar and have retained Wendy Lathrop to speak - it will be worth eight PDUs. It was also reported that they held a dinner and installation of officers and President Teale attended to preside over the installation. The Chapter donated \$250 to a memorial fund for David Crockett, an Oklahoma surveyor who was struck and killed by a car while surveying. The chapter also awarded a \$250 scholarship to Steven Dombroski, Anderson Survey, to take surveying classes at MSSU in Joplin.

Central: Jon Cole reported that the chapter met and invited the Boone County Commissioner to attend to discuss a local problem. The chapter meets three times per year.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Annual Meeting Committee:** It was reported that the 2015 annual meeting would feature

the Joseph Brown surveys and establishment of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

**Awards/Nominating Committee:** Robert Ubben, absent. No report.

**County Surveyors:** Loyd Todd absent. No report.

**CST Committee:** Kevin DeSain absent. No report.

**Education Committee:** Dan Govero reported that the Spring Workshop would be “The Surveyor in Court” and that Sharon Herman had been helping him with the exhibits . . . he is in need of an attorney and a surveyor to complete the cast for the trial. It was announced that a 2-hour minimum standards session would be held; however, a speaker is needed as Darrell Pratte is not available on these dates.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton, Chairman, reported that the Missouri GIS Conference was being held on February 17-19 in Springfield.

**Handbook Committee:** Norman Ellerbrock absent. No report.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick and Chuck Quimby discussed plans for the 200-year celebration of the Fifth Principal Meridian. They discussed the plans for a coin that could be sold at the Spring Workshop. **A motion was made and seconded to spend \$800 for a dye for the coin. This motion was voted on and approved.**

Stan reported that they were going to have a meeting with the cemetery staff to discuss the monument for Joseph Brown and he was working on a logo and trying to plan a re-enactment. He also discussed the plans for a special publication of maps and drawings. He reported that he is in need of a speaker for the Santa Fe portion of the program, he needs help with a proclamation language and the plans for a time-line for the press release(s).

**Membership Committee:** Robert Anderson, absent. A written report was distributed showing memberships to date. More membership dues will be coming in as the deadline approaches.

**MoDOT Committee:** Earl Graham reported that he was in contact with Pete Decker who recently retired from MoDOT where they discussed the destruction of monuments and section corners. A committee meeting will be held soon.

**Newsletter Committee:** Don Martin, Editor, absent. A written report was distributed that talked about what type of news articles, announcements, advertising he would like to see in the newsletter. He discussed plans for the Fifth Principal Meridian articles in the September issue and discussed pricing for a special edition based on Joseph Brown and the Fifth Principal Meridian. After discussion, **a motion was made and seconded that the Board be prepared to allocate funds up to \$5,000 for the special publication of the anniversary. This motion was approved.** The publication will also be used as a handout at the annual meeting.

**PAC Committee:** There was discussion on a Virtual Fishing Tournament to raise funds for the PAC fund that would be held in July. The committee will research this possible fund-raising event.

**Public Relations/Sales Committee:** Chairmen Rich Howard and Charles Quinby discussed the coin, as well as acquiring new denim shirts and hats to be sold at the Spring Workshop.

**Scholarship/Trig-star Committee:** Chairperson John Stevens, absent. Boeckman reported that the scholarship applications were emailed to the schools and the deadline for the applications are March 31. She also reported that there are two members who will present Trig-Star.

**Standards Committee:** Chris Wickern reported that his committee would compile incidents where bad descriptions can do harm to the public. These will be presented to House and Senate if needed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Young Surveyors Committee:** Adam Teale reported that he and Troy Hayes would chair this committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NONE.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.