

DNR Survey Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Zoom Format

801 88th Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA. 98501

Board Members Present:

Tim Kent, PLS, Rural (**Chair**)
Paul Galli, PLS, Government,
Bruce Dodds, PE/PLS, Multi-Discipline
Gary Letzring, PLS, Urban
Martin Paquette, PLS, Education

Staff Present:

Pat Beehler, PLS
Bob Knuth, PLS
David Icenhower, PLS
Dennis Studeman

Invited Guests:

Sam Mutt, PLS, WCCS liaison
Tom Barger, PLS, LSAW liaison (Excused)
Casey Kaul, WSACA liaison (Excused)
Kim Eisenbacher, WSACA
Richard Larson, Deputy Director, Washington Board of Registration

Audience Guests:

Alex Sellman: Retired DOT
Edward Ranck-Copher, PLS: City of Pullman
JPWarren: City of Bellevue
Walt Dale: Benthin and Assoc.
Kris Horton: City of Olympia

Meeting called to order 8:02

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- 1 **Chair Tim Kent called the meeting to order.**
- Tim announced Walt Dale
 - Tim will end his tenure on this board in June, please spread the word for a replacement
 - Roll Call, all members were in attendance.

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- Tim announced meeting format

2 The minutes of the July, 2020 meeting as presented were unanimously approved.

3 Monument Removal/Destruction Permits update

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- David Icenhower (PLSO) reported 266 LCRs, 184 permits, and 322 completion reports were indexed to WebXtender since the last meeting.

b PDH Program

- Four surveyors worked with PLSO for 29.5 hours.

4 Report from Auditor's Recording Committee liaison to the SAB

Kim Eisenbacher reported:

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- No report

b Gary Letzring Liaison to WSACA:

- Conversation and acknowledgement of Recorders grace period on the graphic index requirement. Kim E. will discuss educating and updating surveyors on the WAC update with the Recording Committee.

5 LSAW Liaison to SAB

Tom Barger not in attendance for report.

6 WCCS Liaison

a Sam reported:

- WCCS has not met since the last meeting.
- Anticipate a meeting in April 2021
- Sam is working on a newsletter
- Attendance is down. Sam will pursue WCCS membership increase.
- Sam is working with stakeholders for records donations to the PLSO. PLSO is grateful.

DNR Report

7 Public Land Survey Office

a Pat B. reported:

- The 02A account revenue, is \$900,000 biennium to date. The account is subject to admin overhead. Balance is anticipated to continue decline unless SB 5224 passes or the Natural Resources Board increases the recording fee.
- LSAW webinar will take place on how stakeholders can support SB 5224

PLSO Staff

b Bob K. reported:

- Himself, five and one quarter full time staff.
- A new non-perm employee will soon be added for warehouse records processing.

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- County chip seal MOU has full participation.
- Beginning a working group to prepare a RCW 58 update.
- AppXtender search field for indexed by ??? is being added.
- Gary L. asked how many total records in the warehouse and expected process time to post them on WebXtender. Bob reported 23 pallets in the warehouse with many additional extensive collections waiting to be picked up around the State. This work is estimated as between eighteen and twenty person years.

c Records

- Aramaki Borden and Sam Jolly collections have been received.
- Ramer Collection from LSAW Inland Chapter is pending.
- Thalacker collection is being preprocessed by Bob Wilson.
- Mike Marshal collection located. It is held by Troy Marshal.
- McGinnis collection contact has been lost.
- Harmsen records are available as soon as the PLSO has processing capacity.
- Greg Juneau of DEA has control of the Triad collection. This collection 50'x80' in area.

Note from outside of the meeting by Bob K.: All records in danger of being lost will be recovered expeditiously without regard to processing.

d Outreach\Training

- PLSO\PDH outreach has begun. More outreach is anticipated soon.

Ongoing Needs

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 - i “Did you know” article on graphic indexing sparked a conversation on government lots, homestead entry surveys, townsites, and other non quarter-quarter areas. SAB voted to hold the “Did you know” article on this subject at this time. Tim K has committed to produce a DYK on “Physical description of a monument” before he leaves the Board.
 - ii GPS guidebook update conversation resulted in a call for a taskforce which will be lead by Martin Paquette.

f Update on the Survey Monument Preservation Program (SMPP) legislation

- Pat Beehler reported SB 5224 outreach and preparation for legislative hearings is well underway.

9:00 Ten minute break

8 Updates to WAC 332-130-050

- Pat explained completed updates.

9 Pending 2021 WAC 332-130 updates

- a. DNR\PLSO is considering dropping index graphic as a requirement in the next update to WAC 332-130-050. Kim E. concurred. Pat will work on draft.
- b. Bob explained a point of confusion with the recent update of RCW 58.20. A definition of

Relative Accuracy in relation to State Plane coordinates will have to be added to WAC 332-130.

10 **Outreach concerning monument destruction**

Paul reports

- Several groups including WSDOT and smaller agencies are participating more consistently for road projects.
- Public utilities, ports, cities, and businesses are in need of education.
- After communicating with several counties few if any have franchise agreements.
- He would like SAB to partner with DNR\PLSO to enforce permit removals.
- Bob suggested changing RCW 58.20 creating enforcement for monument replacement costs including government enforcement costs. SAB disagrees.
- Paul G. volunteered to continue and evolve his education efforts.

11 **Book and Page in the Auditor's Certificate**

- Removing RCW and WAC reference to book and page filing is on hold until WSACA makes a statewide determination to move to AFN filing only.

12 **Proposal by PLSO to convert the "Boundary Line Adjustment" standards from a Draft model ordinance to RCW change.**

- Bob feels that RCW 58.17 updates should include monumentation for all BLA updates.
- Walt provided background on the model ordinance v1.3.
- The current version of the model ordinance allows for exhibit maps in lieu of recorded surveys. No authority, office, or officer is identified for determining boundary survey requirement in the model.
- Walt asked for comments from the SAB for forwarding to the taskforce.
- Bruce would like to see this model be submitted to local agencies. Walt agrees. After a v1.4 is produced.
- Pat and Martin agree that a BLA needs a definition in RCW 58.17.
- Kris will provide a Washington Association of Cities contact.
- Bob has been assigned to compile a list of local agency groups.

13 **Discussed earlier**

14 **Holistic update to RCW 58 (2023)**

a. List of necessary updates

- Bob provided a list of possible updates to RCW 58 with a background of technology revolutions and outdated processes.
- The SAB is asked to provide review and input by the SAB by the next meeting.

b. Active participants, SAB and selected professional surveyors

- Other participants will be asked for input in the future.

Good of the Order Discussion

15 National archives Seattle is possibly being moved

- Information only. The move is being challenged in court.

Inventory of the County Archives of Washington

16 Background on evolution of County Surveyors and County Engineers provided by Paul Galli. Paul is working with the County Engineers he knows. Link to the information is:

[History of County Offices in Washington](#)

17 Meeting tentatively scheduled for 4/15/2021.

Meeting closed 11:27

Assignments

Tim will work on monument DYK Article for Physical Description of a monument

All members will provide input on RCW 58 updates

Bob will produce a list of local agencies for the Model Ordinance

Pat will work on draft language for relative accuracy

Martin will assemble a GPS Guidebook update team