

# Survey Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

**Meeting held at the Public Land Survey Office  
801 88th Ave SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 and via Teams Conference**

## **SAB Members Physically Present:**

Bruce Dodds, PE-PLS, Chair – **Multi-Discipline**

Paul Galli, PLS – **Government**

Gary Letzring, PLS – **Urban Surveying**

Bob Morse, PLS – **Education**

## **SAB Members Present Via Teams:**

None

## **PLSO Staff Physically Present:**

Pat Beehler, PLS – State Surveyor

David Icenhower, PLS – Manager, PLSO

Ann Alves, LSIT – PLSO Staff

Dennis Studeman – PLSO Staff

## **PLSO Staff Present Via Teams:**

Lynn McCauley – PLSO Staff

Ryan Tessier – PLSO Staff

Matthew Walck – PLSO Staff

## **Liaisons Physically Present:**

Casey Kaul – WSACA (Pierce County Auditor)

Kim Eisenbacher – WSACA (Pierce County Auditor)

## **Liaisons Present Via Teams:**

Thomas Barger – LSAW Liaison

## **Guests Physically Present:**

Kris Horton, PLS – City of Olympia

## **Guests Present Via Teams:**

Brett Flippo, PLS – Kennewick Irrigation District

Tamara King, PLS – Snohomish County  
Selva Lukatah – WSDOT  
Bud Brewer  
Larry Signani, PLS – NV5

## Call to Order

1. Chair Bruce Dodds called the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 a.m.
  - o The Board members introduced themselves.
2. Guests were asked to self-introduce.

## Brief Items and Reports

- **Approval of July 28, 2022 meeting minutes** - The minutes of the July 28, 2022 Survey Advisory Board meeting were approved without exception.
- **Monument Removal/Destruction Permits and Records update:**

Ann Alves reported that since the July 28th meeting:

- **56** LCRs have been submitted
- **115** Permits to Remove or Destroy have been submitted
- **102** Completion reports have been submitted
- **Records**
  - **Records donated**
    - Picked up records Sadler & Barnard (Puyallup).
    - Picked up digital records of Foresight Surveying (Chehalis).
    - Acquired about 1,000 digital records of Weyerhaeuser from Kevin Schinnell.
  - **Record collections waiting to be donated:**
    - City of Bremerton – Gunner Fridriksson, PLS, has maps and field books. We are coordinating between him and State Archives.

Dennis Studeman reported that since the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- **Indexes since last SAB meeting:**

- 3,389 current surveys
- 1,819 Back files
- 114 Historic files
- WebXtender upgrade

David Icenhower reported that since the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Record Donations still in the wings...
  - Contacted Bob Wilson of San Juan Surveying who has the **Thalacker collection**. He is in the process of digitizing all (or a large portion of) those records and he wants to give them to us when he is finished. He is continuing work on this project.
- 2 - PDH Program participants:
  - Robert DeVink – naming/filing records of Ruskin-Fisher by Section, Township, Range
  - John Hoxeng – naming files from Whatcom County area by Section, Township, Range
- Outreach/Training – David Icenhower reported:
  - News and information sent via Mail Chimp:
    - NGS Webinar Series:
      - a. Progress of GEOID2022
      - b. GNSS Orbit Determination
      - c. Multi-GNSS Positioning with the New M-PAGES Software
    - NGS News: New Manual on Surveying Available
    - PLSO announcement of revised Application to Remove or Destroy a Survey Monument
    - LSAW Fall Seminar registration announcement
  - LSAW
    - David met with Inland Empire chapter meeting visit – August 11 (talked mostly on permits)
    - David attended Board of Directors meeting in August
    - David is scheduled to speak at Fall Seminar November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - WSACA
    - David spoke at WSACA conference to Recorders group along with Aaron Blaisdell of BRPELS - September

- David and Pat made minor edits to the “Did You Know” article regarding colored ink on recorded survey documents but are awaiting comments from Vicky Dalton before posting on the PLSO website.
- **Washington State Association of County Auditors (WSACA) report** – Kim Eisenbacher and Casey Kaul
  - Kim and Casey recommended that the PLSO prepare a guide for the recorders regarding the acceptance of colored ink on recorded maps, especially for counties which do not scan their own maps.
  - Kim and Casey mentioned that King and Thurston County Record sections are changing their physical locations.
- **SAB Liaison to WSACA report** – Gary Letzring
  - Gary reported that he had no new information to share.
- **Report from Land Surveyors’ Association of Washington (LSAW) Liaison** – Tom Barger
  - Tom Barger had no new information to share.
- **Report from Washington Council of County Surveyors (WCCS) Liaison** – Sam Mutt
  - Sam Mutt was not in meeting attendance and no report was given.
- **Status of the *Did you know?* article on monument descriptions and history**
  - Gary Letzring reported that an article about physical description and history of found and/or replaced monuments is complete. The Board was in agreement that the email address shown in the article should be changed from SAB@dnr.wa.gov to [plso@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:plso@dnr.wa.gov) and that language be added to address the need for surveyors to submit an **Application and Permit to Remove or Destroy a Survey Monument** in cases where survey monuments are in jeopardy of destruction. Pending these revisions, the article was unanimously approved.
- **Update of GPS Guidebook 2004** –
  - Bob Morse indicated that since Martin Paquette is no longer on the SAB, that he is willing to be a project manager for the creation of this guidebook and rely on the expertise of others. Bruce Dodds asked Bob Morse to continue as he had suggested.
  - Paul Galli mentioned that WSDOT is working on low distortion projections and so it might be a good idea to coordinate with WSDOT personnel.

## **DNR Report**

### **2. 02A Account report**

- Pat Beehler reported that the DNR budget office projects that the 02A account will be depleted by 2026.
- Pat announced DNR's intention to raise the survey map recording fee surcharge from the current \$64 to \$100.
- DNR has begun the process by submitting a CR-101, which is an announcement that we are planning to make a change to the rules, and the CR-101 will be published November 2<sup>nd</sup>; then, after 30 days DNR will submit a CR-102, which contains the actual language of what DNR intends to do. After an additional four weeks, the issue will be heard at a public meeting January 12, 2023. Final consideration will be by the Board of Natural Resources on February 7, 2023. If the Board approves to make the new fee permanent, then a CR-103P will be produced. If approved, the effective date is scheduled to be July 1, 2023.
- Pat requested the Board's support for DNR's proposal. The Board voted to support the proposed survey map recording fee.
- The reported accounting information is attached to these meeting minutes.

### **Active Items (Working)**

- **Outreach concerning monument destruction**
  - Discussion took place regarding the best way to disseminate monument preservation laws and methods. No resolution was reached.
- **Model BLA Ordinance**
  - Bruce Dodds requested that the Model BLA Ordinance be revised to remove a portion that allows for title companies to prepare BLAs.
- **Monument Preservation Legislation**
  - Pat Beehler reported that the Monument Preservation Legislation will not be a legislative request by DNR. LSAW will need to find legislative sponsors for a bill in next year's session.
- **Multiple PLS numbers on boundary marker caps**
  - Following discussion, Bruce Dodds stated that this issue should be closed as it does not

appear to be a problem at this time.

- **Questions to Board of Registration**

- The BRPELS met and discussed the questions posed by the Survey Advisory Board regarding whether certain situations trigger the requirement for filing a Record of Survey. Paul Galli reported that BRPELS, and their AAG, believes that the DNR has the authority to decide what goes on a Monument Removal Permit and whether a Record of Survey is required.

## **New Items**

- Kris Horton asked if there has been any discussion regarding the creation of a new form that would be similar to an LCR but would be applicable to non-PLSS corners. Discussion took place without resolution.
- Pat Beehler announced that Bruce Dodds is in his final term of service on the SAB. Pat has begun a search for a replacement of the PE-PLS position on the SAB.

## **Next Meeting Date**

- The next meeting will be held January 26, 2022. The location is tentatively set to be at the PLSO facility in Tumwater.

## **Adjournment**

- Bruce Dodds adjourned the meeting at about 11:47 a.m.