

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY  
GLADES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

<b>SUBJECT: Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Summary</b>	
<b>DEPT/DEPT REQUEST:</b>  Chair, Tim Stanley	
<b>BACKGROUND/DETAIL OF REPORT:</b>  <p>U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government. A resident of LaBelle has submitted a proposal to the BGN to correct the spelling of the town called <u>Muce</u> in western Glades County to <u>Muse</u>.</p> <p>Because local opinion is important to the BGN, we would like the opinion of the Glades County Commissioners concerning this issue. We ask that you please share this request with any offices or others who might have an interest in this proposal.</p> <p>The proponent reports that the spelling Muse is in current local use. The proposal is to correct the spelling on Federal maps and in Federal documents.</p> <p>This proposal is listed on the BGN's Review List #434, which is posted at <a href="http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/quarterly_list.htm">http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/quarterly_list.htm</a>. The case summary is attached for your review and convenience. Also attached are the original proposal, a map showing the location of the town, and a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation form to facilitate a response from your office. Once we receive your response, we will ask the Florida State Names Authority (Stephen Hodge, <a href="mailto:shodge@fsu.edu">shodge@fsu.edu</a>) for their recommendation.</p>	
<b>BUDGET IMPACT: Yes / No – If Yes, how much? From where?</b>  None	
<b>COORDINATION WITH:</b>  County Staff	
<b>MOTION(S):</b>  <b>I Move to Approve/Disapprove the name change from Muce to Muse and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.</b>	
<b>REQUEST BY:</b>  Chair, Tim Stanley	February 12, 2019
	Business Agenda

**DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL SUMMARY****PROPOSE NEW OR CHANGE NAME****Name Proposal ID:**

9541

**Date Created:**

13-NOV-18

**Date Submitted:**

13-NOV-18

**Proposed Name:**

Muse

**Action Requested:**

Change an existing name

**Existing Name:**

Muce

**Unnamed Evidence:**

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**Locally Used:**

Yes

**Locally Used Years:**

70

**Local Conflict:**

No

**Local Conflict Detail:**

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**Additional Details:**

Please see the following... <http://www.myglades.com/residents/communities/muse.php> Wright & Ratzlaff (1985). Glades County: Florida History. 2299 Riverside Drive, P.O. Box 1069, Moore Haven, Florida 33471: Rainbow Books / Betty Wright. <http://swflorida.blogspot.com/2012/09/glades-countys-forgetten-muse.html> <http://www.visitglades.org/event/muse-honey-festival/> [http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZ2NB\\_Jim\\_J\\_Greer\\_Muse\\_Florida\\_USA](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZ2NB_Jim_J_Greer_Muse_Florida_USA) <https://www.questia.com/newspaper/1G1-96989406/pool-effort-makes-a-big-splash> And any local newspaper for the last 100 years

**FEATURE INFORMATION****GNIS Feature ID:**

295469

**Feature class:**

POPULATED PLACE

**Descriptive information:**<https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=130:20151:6506889839322:::YES>

Located directly north of LaBelle, between the Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area and State Road 29, along County Road 720, fifty-three miles east of Punta Gorda, and twenty-nine miles east of Babcock Ranch.

**Meaning or significance:**

Gov. Jeb Bush announced Muse as winning the Florida's Outstanding Rural Community of the Year 2002 award. According to the Glades County visitor website, it's the fastest growing community in Glades County. More people are moving into the area. Muse is also located near the intersection of Charlotte, Lee, Glades, and Hendry counties, at 26°49'39"N 81°29'46"WCoordinates: 26°49'39"N 81°29'46"W (26.8275, -81.4961).

**Commemorative:**

No

**Biographical information:****Supporting materials:**

No

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

No information entered.

**STATES AND COUNTIES**

State Name	County Name
Florida	Glades

**GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES**

Obtained From	Describe Other	Lat Deg	Min	Sec	Long Deg	Min	Sec	Decimal Lat	Decimal Long	Details
Other	Google Maps	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.8275	-81.4961	-

**ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS**

Administrative Area Type	Administrative Area Name	Details
Incorporated Town or Village	Located directly north of LaBelle, between the Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area and State Road 29, along County Road 720, fifty-three miles east of Punta Gorda, and twenty-nine miles east of Babcock Ranch. Muse is also located near the intersection of Charlotte, Lee, Glades, and Hendry counties, at 26°49'39"N 81°29'46"WCoordinates: 26°49'39"N 81°29'46"W	Muse

**MAPS AND DOCUMENTS WITH NAME**

Source Type	Details	Source Date
Web Site	<a href="http://www.myglades.com/residents/communities/muse.php">http://www.myglades.com/residents/communities/muse.php</a> Wright & Ratzlaff (1985). Glades County: Florida History. 2299 Riverside Drive, P.O. Box 1069, Moore Haven, Florida 33471: Rainbow Books / Betty Wright. <a href="http://swflorida.blogspot.com/2012/09/glades-countys-forgetten-muse.html">http://swflorida.blogspot.com/2012/09/glades-countys-forgetten-muse.html</a> <a href="http://www.visitglades.org/event/muse-honey-festival/">http://www.visitglades.org/event/muse-honey-festival/</a> <a href="http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZ2NB_Jim_J_Greer_Muse_Florida_USA">http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMZ2NB_Jim_J_Greer_Muse_Florida_USA</a> <a href="https://www.questia.com/newspaper/1G1-96989406/pool-effort-makes-a-big-splash">https://www.questia.com/newspaper/1G1-96989406/pool-effort-makes-a-big-splash</a> And any local newspaper for the last 100 years	2015
Other	Book written by Glades County Commissioners in 1985 Wright & Ratzlaff (1985). Glades County: Florida History. 2299 Riverside Drive, P.O. Box 1069, Moore Haven, Florida 33471: Rainbow Books / Betty Wright.	1985

**OTHER (VARIANT) NAMES AND THEIR SOURCE**

No information entered.

**AUTHORITIES**

No information entered.

**SUBMITTERS AND PREPARERS**

Role	Last Name	First Name	Phone	Email Address	Physical Address	City	State	Zip	Company	Title
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DGNP Guest

Approved

Promulgation authorized  
Executive Secretary  
Domestic Geographic Names

UNITED STATES  
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

**Muse:** populated place (unincorporated); elevation 46 ft.; located 11 mi. W of Linden Pens Marsh; Glades County, Florida; Sec 11, T42S, R28E, Tallahassee Meridian; 26°49'40"N, 81°29'45"W; USGS map – La Belle 1:24,000; Not: Meuse, Muce.

[https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesrimap?p\\_lat=26.8278409&p\\_longi=-81.4959102&fid=295469](https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesrimap?p_lat=26.8278409&p_longi=-81.4959102&fid=295469)

Proposal: change name to recognize longstanding local use

Map: USGS La Belle 1:24,000

Proponent: Anthony A. Narehood; LaBelle, FL

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Muce (FID 295469)

Local Usage: Muse (proponent)

Published: Meuce (Southwest Florida Online website 2018); Muce (USGS 1958, 1981, 1985, 1987, 2012, 2015 2018; Florida DOT 2007; Find-a-Grave website), Muse (Glades County website; *Glades County Democrat* 2018; Florida County Maps website; Glades County FLGenWeb 2011; Find-a-Grave website; misc. real estate websites)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of the small unincorporated community of Muce in Glades County to Muse to recognize longstanding local use. The proponent reports that the proposed name is a corruption of Meuse.

Muse is listed as a community on the Glades County website, and several websites and online publications use that spelling. Muse Community Park, Muse Community Center, Muse Cemetery, Muse Road, and Old Muse Road are all located in the community and labeled as such on Google and Bing online maps. Google shows the community as Muce, while Bing shows it as both Muse and Muce.

The name Muce was verified on the USGS Name Check card in 1957 and has been labeled on USGS topographic maps since 1958.

The original name of the community was reportedly Meuse. Meuse is the name of a river that flows through France, Belgium, and the Netherlands; some Belgian families reportedly settled in Glades County east of Muse.

Proposed by: Anthony A. Narehood; LaBelle, FL

Submitted by: same

Prepared by: Julie-Ann Danfora

Case ID: 4970

Reviewed by: M. O'Donnell

Date: 11/13/18

Date: same

Date: 12/21/18

Quarterly Review List: 434

Date: 12/21/18



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Names \_\_\_\_\_ Muse \_\_\_\_\_

This is to notify the U.S. Board on Geographic Names that the:

\_\_\_\_\_ Glades County Commissioners  
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

recommends that the U. S. Board on Geographic Names:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Approve the Proposed Name**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Reject the Proposed Name**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Take Action as Specified Below**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

Comments (the following factors contributed to this recommendation; attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

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(Title)

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(Telephone)

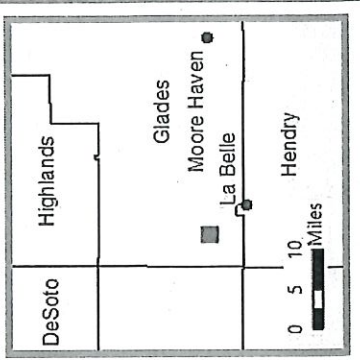
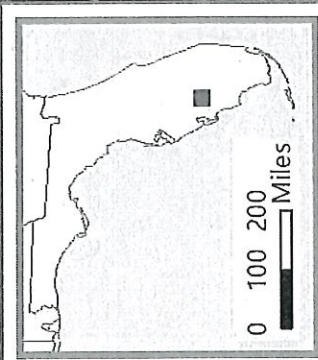
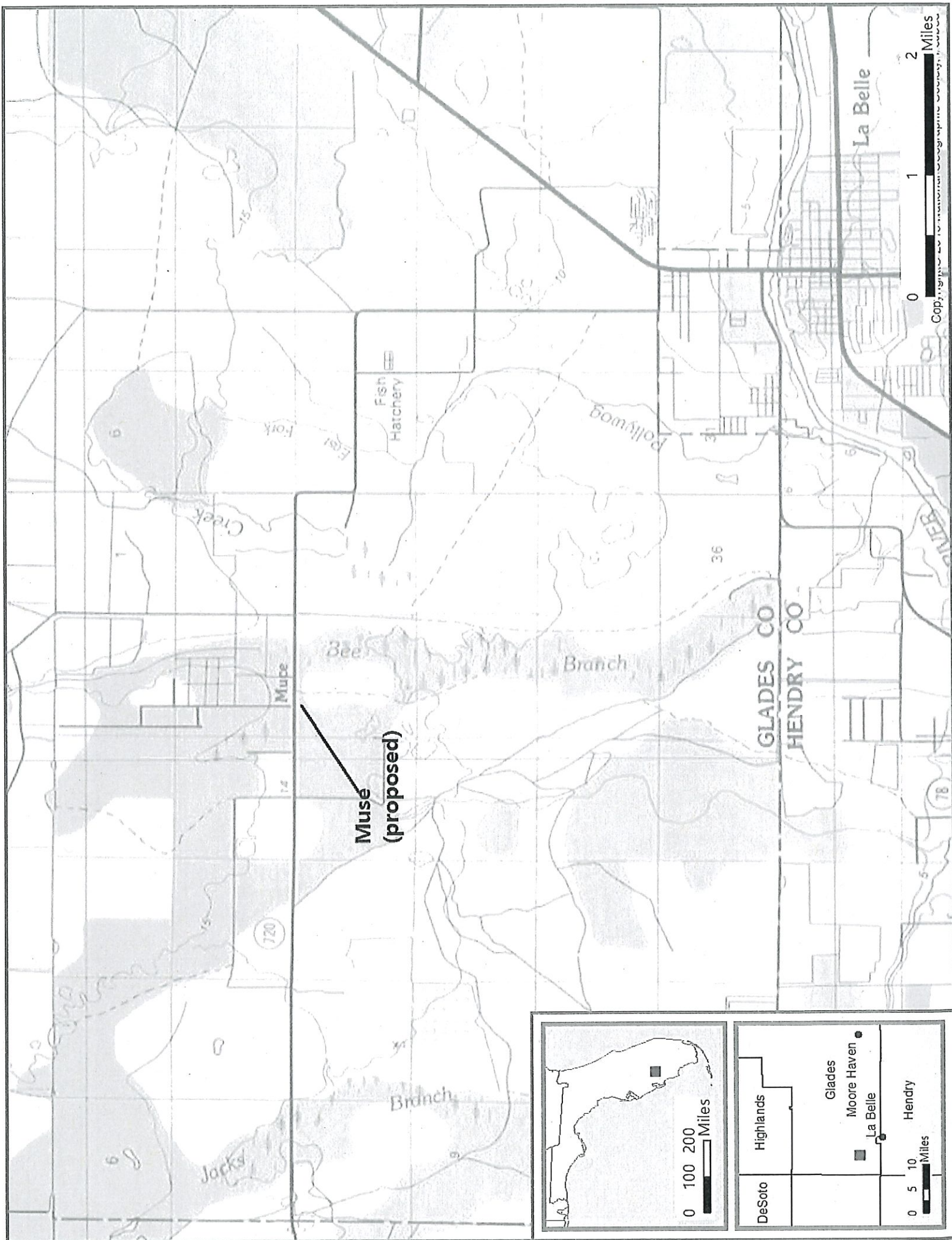
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