

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Digital Data Committee

Meeting of July 15, 2021

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. A quorum was present for the meeting which was held in the Capitol View Conference Room in the Louisiana State Library.

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana Chapter Emergency Numbering Association (NENA)
David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)
Warren Kron – Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)
Darryl Mack – Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)
Josh Manning – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Others Present:

Phillip Breaux – LSU Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety (CARTS)
Josh Chatelain – Arcadis US, Inc. (Arcadis)
Clinton Cooper – GeoAcquity (GeoA)
Lynn Dupont – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)
Casey Johnston – Dewberry, Inc. (Dewberry)
Greg Thompson – Geographic Computer Technologies, LLC (GCT)

3. Meeting Summary

Mr. Kron (LMA) asked members to review the minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting. On a motion by Kathrine Cargo (NENA) with a second by Josh Manning (PDD) the June minutes were unanimously approved.

Following approval of the minutes, Mr. Kron (LMA) asked committee members to review the final draft of the Land Cover classification systems table. Committee members did not have any additional edits for the table, and on a motion by Ms. Cargo (NENA) with a second by Mr. Manning (PDD) the Land Cover classification systems table was unanimously approved. Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Manning (PDD) are continuing to work on the Land Cover data designation document. Also, the definitions of the nine land cover classes need to be inserted into the LSDI Wiki site. These definitions were copied from the Anderson Classification System documentation which is accessible at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/0964/report.pdf>.

There was a brief discussion about the Land Use narrative document, but no changes were made.

For the remainder of the meeting, the focus was on developing the Parcels feature class within the LSDI 1.6 Cadastral framework. Mr. Kron (LMA) introduced guest Greg Thompson of Geographic Computer Technologies, LLC. Mr. Thompson's company GCT provides parcel mapping services for nearly half of the parish assessors in Louisiana. Mr. Thompson (GCT) offered insights into the many ways that assessors manage their parcel data. Only a few assessors have staff that create the data in-house. Most assessors pay a contractor to create and update the data. Mr. Thompson (GCT) clarified that assessors retain ownership of parcel data, and contractors such as GCT provide access to the data through viewers or portals. When necessary, GCT extracts parcel data to fulfill data

requests submitted to assessors. In such an event, GCT charges a nominal fee for time spent to extract the data. Darryl Mack (DOTD) described that DOTD would use parcel data for locating rights-of-way, and as such, only the shape of the parcel and the assessment number are necessary. Mr. Manning (PDD) added that parcel data is useful for land use planning purposes. Mr. Thompson (GCT) stated that it is very feasible to obtain parcel data from the 64 assessors, but a memorandum of understanding (MOU) would be necessary. The committee suggested using a standard MOU would be more efficient than creating 64 individual MOUs.

Mr. Mack (DOTD) mentioned that the Louisiana Municipal Association and the Louisiana Assessors' Association are both having their annual conferences in Baton Rouge during the last week of July. Mr. Mack (DOTD) would look for opportunities to speak at these conferences about the LSDI and the efforts of the Digital Data Committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee agreed to focus its next efforts on developing the minimal schema and data designation documents for parcels.

4. Action Items

Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Manning (PDD) will continue working on data designation documents for the address point and land cover datasets.

5. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 and the location will be determined later.

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 1:00 PM after the committee voted unanimously on a motion made by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Ms. Cargo (NENA).