

# Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

## Digital Data Committee

Meeting of January 17, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Montana Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### 2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana Chapter Emergency Numbering Association (NENA)  
Collin DeGueurce – Louisiana Police Jury Association (PJA)  
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:

Christopher Ard – City of New Orleans (CNO)  
Kevin Breaux – Governor’s Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)  
Phillip Breaux – Planning Acadiana  
David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)  
Anthony Summers – West Baton Rouge Parish (WBRP)  
Andy Venuto – GOHSEP and DEQ

### 3. Meeting Summary

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) informed the committee that he had spoken to Craig Johnson (St. Tammany Parish) about his seat on the Digital Data Committee (“DDC”). Dr. Johnson stated he regrettably had not been able to attend DDC meetings and would step down. Mr. Kron (LMA) asked Mr. Ard (CNO) if he would be willing to serve on the DDC and Mr. Ard agreed to accept the appointment which would be brought up for approval during the full Council meeting.

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting. With a motion by Collin DeGueurce (PJA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate), the Committee unanimously approved the minutes without changes.

Mr. Kron (LMA) and Darryl Mack (DOTD) presented the latest version of the local road schema worksheets. Since the last meeting, changes were made to the Louisiana Roadways section of the schema. Red font indicated new information from the NENA standard; whereas purple font represented information that was already included in the schema, but had been modified per the NENA requirements. Josh Manning (PDD) asked for more information about the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) fields, and Kathrine Cargo (NENA), Mr. Ard (CNO) and Anthony Summers (WBRP) explained its use. This led into further discussion about the Emergency Service Number (ESN) fields. Mr. Kron (LMA) suggested that the descriptions for the LA Roadways fields needed to be more detailed, and Mr. Mack (DOTD) explained they had been simplified based on the NENA standard. However, Mr. Mack (DOTD) agreed to provide more information for the descriptions, and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) noted this will aid greatly when preparing the metadata. Mr. Mack (DOTD) also stated that DOTD had decided to adopt the NENA standard field names for use in Roads and Highways.

There was a brief discussion about the script that Ms. Cargo (NENA) had acquired to create a file geodatabase schema of the NENA standard. Mr. DeGueurce (PJJ) confirmed he had executed the script on his computer. Ms. Cargo (NENA) informed the committee that the NENA standard will be implemented Nationwide.

Mr. Ard (CNO) asked Mr. Mack (DOTD) if honorary street names enacted by the State Legislature will be used as the official name in the Roads and Highways database, or would the locally adopted street name be used. Mr. Mack (DOTD) responded that locals approve street names and those would be recorded as the official name. All other names would be considered aliases.

Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) asked Kevin Breaux (GOHSEP) and Andy Venuto (GOHSEP/DEQ) about their Virtual Louisiana II (“VLA II”) implementation. Mr. Breaux (GOHSEP) assured the committee that there is no duplication of effort occurring between the DDC and VLA II. He proceeded to inform the committee that VLA II is meant for first responders and there will be no public facing access to the maps and data. Mr. Breaux noted that GOHSEP receives its data from DOTD, and it would adopt the data schema standards implemented by the DDC and DOTD. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) remarked that this is another reason for local government agencies to share its data with DOTD, because it will be used in VLA II and ultimately in the hands of first responders. Mr. Venuto (GOHSEP/DEQ) stated that current work on VLA II is to resolve minor issues in the beta application before the initial deployment. Mr. Breaux (GOHSEP) indicated that the first deployment will be in the next two weeks to local emergency operation centers and GIS managers. There was also a brief discussion led by Mr. Breaux and Mr. Venuto regarding the adoption of the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure (LSDI) framework that was used in VLA II.

Committee members Cargo (NENA), DeGueurce (PJA) and Kron (LMA), as well as David Gisclair (Senate) agreed to work together to develop the guidance documents for the Local Roads Schema.

The committee agreed to begin focusing on developing an address point schema at future meetings. As such, Mr. Ard (CNO) offered to provide a presentation at the February meeting to review various aspects of the City of New Orleans address data. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) raised a question about the City’s approach to addressing and Mr. Ard (CNO) explained the types of addresses and associated anomalies. Committee members agreed that the presentation would be an appropriate lead-in to developing the address point schema.

#### **4. Action Items**

Ms. Cargo (NENA), Mr. DeGueurce (PJA), Mr. Kron (LMA), and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) will work on the guidance documents. Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Mack (DOTD) will work on the local roads descriptions.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Claiborne State Office Building, Room 1-153 (Iowa) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 12:54 PM after the Committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Ms. Cargo (NENA) and seconded by Mr. Kron (LMA).