

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Digital Data Committee

Meeting of October 17, 2019

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Iowa Room (1-153) of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana Chapter Emergency Numbering Association (NENA)

Warren Kron – Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Josh Manning – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Others Present:

Michael Bernard – Acadiana Planning Commission (APC)

Phillip Breaux – Acadiana Planning Commission (APC)

Jason Carr – Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

Lynn Dupont – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)

3. Meeting Summary

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) asked committee members to review the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting. Revisions were made to the minutes with clarifications made by Phillip Breaux (APC) and Jason Carr (DOTD). Josh Manning (PDD) made a motion and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (NENA) to approve September meeting minutes as amended, and the committee unanimously approved.

Mr. Kron (LMA) identified two additions that were made in Steps 1 and 3 of the “Guidance Document for Designating Data for Inclusion into the LSDI.” Committee members were given copies of the template to review and provide comments at the next meeting. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) commented that the Transportation framework of the LSDI was obtained from the US Department of Homeland Security, because it was more robust than the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). This will be revised in the guidance document’s introduction section. Lynn Dupont (PDD) and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) commented that the Environmental framework was not as strong as other components of the LSDI and should be reviewed thoroughly.

Mr. Breaux (APC) asked the Committee about the status of writing the Local Roads – LA Roadways data designation document. Mr. Kron (LMA) responded that he had edited Collin DeGueurce’s (PJA) first draft, but it lacks details from the February to September 2019 meeting discussions.

A discussion revolving around the Local Roads – LA Roadway schema was initiated by Ms. Dupont (PDD) and Jason Carr (DOTD) who talked about sharing road construction cost data between their agencies. Oftentimes, the completion cost of these projects far exceed the original estimated cost at conception due to the lengthy nature of planning, designing, and building roads. Sharing this information would be very useful for both transparency and tracking purposes. Ms. Dupont (PDD) added that the metropolitan planning organizations have been mandated to begin keeping track of this information, but currently there is no process in place to submit the data to DOTD. Mr. Kron

(LMA) noted that the Local Roads – LA Roadways schema will be up for approval by the full council during its meeting following the Digital Data Committee (DDC). Mr. Gisclair (Senate) asked Mr. Carr (DOTD) to confirm that DOTD calls this layer “Louisiana Roadways,” because some consumers will search for the data as “State Highways” or something similar. Mr. Carr (DOTD) did confirm that DOTD calls the layer “Louisiana Roadways,” and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) suggested that a chronology of the feature class names be captured in Step 4 of the data designation document. Further, Mr. Gisclair (Senate) noted that the metadata can include tags, usages, and other details about the dataset to assist end users in finding the required data.

Committee members concluded the meeting with a quick review of the Address Point schema. Mr. Kron (LMA) noted that the NENA Globally Unique Identifier (RCL_NGUID) field had been added, and pointed out that many of the field names are consistent with the Local Roads – LA Roadways schema. At the next DDC meeting the committee will cross-reference the Address Point schema with the NENA NextGen911 standard to assure all mandatory fields in the NENA standard are included.

4. Action Items

Committee members will review the “Guidance Document for Designating Data for Inclusion into the LSDI” and provide their comments at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting

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

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 12:58 PM after the committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Kathrine Cargo (NENA) and seconded by Jason Carr (DOTD).