

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Digital Data Committee

Meeting of November 21, 2019

1. Call to Order

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

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Chris Ard – City of New Orleans (NOLA)

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)

Others Present:

Phillip Breaux – Acadiana Planning Commission (APC)

David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)

3. Meeting Summary

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) asked members to review the minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting. Kathrine Cargo (NENA) made a motion with a second by David Gisclair (Senate) to approve the October meeting minutes and the committee unanimously approved.

Mr. Kron (LMA) asked the committee to review the handouts of the “Guidance Document for Designating Data for Inclusion into the LSDI.” There was only one change since the previous meeting where it was noted that the LSDI Transportation framework was obtained from the US Department of Homeland Security. Committee members suggested no other changes, and at this point Mr. Kron (LMA) asked if the guidance document was suffice and all members agreed.

Mr. Gisclair (Senate) initiated a discussion about methods for keeping track of the layers that are designated. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) mentioned there is a file named “LAdata.txt” on the last DVD produced by LOSCO which lists over 400 feature classes, and suggested it be used as the starting point for building a master list for tracking purposes. Ms. Cargo (NENA) asked Mr. Gisclair (Senate) if this is still valid and he concurred. However, he mentioned there may be several layers which might be added or dropped from the list. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) also suggested reusing as much of the metadata from the DVD as possible rather than writing new metadata from scratch. Collin DeGueurce (PJA) remarked how the USGS tool for writing metadata is very helpful, but it will be too difficult to capture attribute field metadata. A discussion ensued between Darryl Mack (DOTD), Mr. DeGueurce (PJA), and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) about the method for creating the LA Roadways metadata. Mr. Mack (DOTD) stated that the metadata should be mostly done and X-Ray could be used to generate a PDF. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) asked for the PDF to be shared with the Committee, and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) suggested using the USGS tool to complete the remaining metadata components.

Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) offered to create an LGISC Gmail account to more easily share Digital Data Committee documents and collaborate between members. Mr. Kron (LMA) reminded the Committee that the existing LGISC website has a menu item for the LSDI, and this webpage could host the data

designation documents as they are approved. There was a consensus among members that the documentation and minimal schemas should both be approved prior to publishing any information. This led to a brief discussion between Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) on the idea of adding appendices to the existing LSDI Adobe PDF for each layer that is designated. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) added the possibility of creating a Wiki site within the LGISC WordPress website to share the information.

Mr. Mack (DOTD) asked the local government Committee members about the status of sharing their local road data with DOTD. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) and Mr. Kron (LMA) are still comparing geometries, and Ms. Cargo (NENA) said that the City of New Orleans is about to initiate their review of the required attributes and geometry comparison.

During the remaining of the meeting, there were discussions surrounding the new ArcGIS Online Open Data Portal that DOTD released on November 13th. Also, Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) informed the Committee about an ongoing conversation he was having with the Esri Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) group. The group offers extract, transform, and load (ETL) capabilities to assist organizations with compiling data and publishing it in open data portals. The states of Indiana and North Carolina both have open data sites for sharing statewide GIS data.

There was not enough time left at the meeting to review the Address Point schema. As a result, this item was tabled for the next DDC meeting.

4. Action Items

Committee members will review the “LA Roadways Data Designation” in Google Drive and provide their comments at the next meeting.

5. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Capitol Park Welcome Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 1:10 PM after the committee voted unanimously on a motion made by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (NENA).