

# **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

## **Digital Data Committee**

**Meeting of April 19, 2018**

### **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 at the Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room (1-153) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **2. Attendance**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana NENA**  
**Collin DeGueurce – Police Jury Association of Louisiana**  
**Jack Gardner – South Central Planning and Development Commission**  
**Warren Kron – Louisiana Municipal Association**  
**Darryl Mack – Department of Transportation and Development**

**Others Present:**

**Christopher Ard – City of New Orleans GIS**  
**Jason Carr – Department of Transportation and Development**  
**Chris Cretini – US Geological Survey**  
**Carrie Demay – City of New Orleans GIS**  
**Lynn Dupont – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**  
**David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate**  
**Greg Hymel – City of New Orleans GIS**  
**Josh Manning – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**  
**Anthony Summers – West Baton Rouge Parish Government**

### **3. Meeting Summary**

Committee members reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 meeting with a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and seconded by Collin DeGueurce (PJA).

Following the previous meeting, Darryl Mack (DOTD) and Jason Carr (DOTD) provided committee members with an Excel file containing local road data descriptions. This included 29 of the 39 Fundamental Data Elements in the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) that the Federal Highway Administration has determined for roadway safety. During the meeting, the worksheet was projected on the screen for all attendees to view and discuss. Chair Warren Kron (LMA) recorded all notes and comments in a copy of the worksheet during the meeting. This involved adding columns to record whether each data element has an associated domain (yes/no); the attribute data type (text/number); the geometry type (point/line/polygon); and a needs priority level (1/2). Also, any specific comment about each data element was recorded.

Mr. Mack (DOTD) noted that all data is collected in the direction of travel within the State Road and Highways database. He also commented that DOTD already has data for all of the fields provided in the worksheet that was collected by Fugro and completed in 2016. The posing question is whether local government authorities can verify and maintain this data moving forward. DOTD has the resources to keep the state highways updated, but will have to rely on locals to keep the city, parish, and private road data up to date.

There was a brief discussion led by Christopher Ard (NOLA) specifically concerning special characters for cultural and alias road names in the DOTD Roads and Highways database. Mr. Mack (DOTD) and Mr. Carr (DOTD) both participated in this discussion.

Lynn Dupont (PDD), Darryl Mack (DOTD) and others discussed the MIRE requirements, and how the data is used to prioritize local road projects.

**4. Action Items**

Mr. Kron (LMA) will finish recording all of the committee additions and comments in the Local Road Data Descriptions worksheet that was provided by DOTD. This will be provided to the Committee for further discussion at the next meeting.

**5. Next Meeting**

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018, in the Iowa Room (1-153) at the Claiborne State Office Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**6. Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 1:13 PM after the Committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).