

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Digital Data Committee

Meeting of June 21, 2018

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Claiborne State Office Building, Jefferson Room (1-136A) in Baton Rouge, LA.

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana NENA (NENA)

Collin DeGueurce – Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJA)

Warren Kron – Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Darryl Mack – Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

Others Present:

Jason Carr – Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

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

David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)

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

Jackson Matthews – Lincoln Parish GIS (Lincoln)

Rhonda Rogers – Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters (ROV)

Devonua Simmons – Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters (ROV)

Erin St. Pierre – Louisiana Secretary of State (SOS)

3. Meeting Summary

All attendees introduced themselves for the sake of new attendees from Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters and Louisiana Secretary of State. David Gisclair (Senate) and Collin DeGueurce (PJA) discussed the purpose of the LGISC Digital Data Committee, the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure, and current work being done with the Local Roads schema.

Committee members reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting with a motion by Darryl Mack (DOTD) and seconded by Collin DeGueurce (PJA).

Committee members reviewed the updated version of the Local Roads schema spreadsheet and provided feedback. Mr. Mack (DOTD) stated he is working on domains for certain fields in the Local Roads schema, and he will add new column to the table for capturing the domain names. Also, Mr. Mack will provide an HTML document with the domain values.

Mr. Mack also asked Kathrine Cargo (NENA) to obtain the FGDC/NENA standard address schema. There was an ensuing discussion led by Ms. Cargo about parish level addressing and data sharing with DOTD to create a statewide master address repository. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) noted the LA Office Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not currently have a way to validate addresses when a citizen applies for a driver license. Rhonda Rogers (ROV) explained that the Registrars obtain electronic data from the DMV which contains incomplete and incorrect information with no way to contact the citizen who is trying to register to vote. This led to further discussion about the possibility of DOTD housing a statewide address database compiled from locals' data that agencies like the DMV could access.

Mr. Gisclair (Senate) made a point of clarification that DOTD could create a statewide master address repository, but would not be maintaining the information. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) noted that once an address schema is adopted it would be easier for DOTD to acquire address data by building an interface for locals to submit their data. Ms. Cargo (NENA) commented about another benefit of statewide addressing for dispatching first responders across different jurisdictions. Mr. Gisclair summed up the discussion by stating the message from the state to local entities should be about “centralized distribution” as opposed to a centralized database held by the state.

Erin St. Pierre (SOS) passed out copies of a letter sent from the Secretary of State to locals about acquiring their voting precinct and other political boundary data for the purpose of reapportioning voting precincts that are either below 300 or over 1,200 registered voters. The Secretary’s Office is working with local Registrar of Voter offices to resolve the voting precinct issues in advance of the 2020 Census which will lead to political boundary reapportionment in 2021. Their goal is to have the State’s voting precinct layer updated by the end of 2018, and then begin working with the registrars in 2019 to make the necessary precinct changes.

Ms. St. Pierre noted that the Secretary of State has all of the registered voters’ addresses, and the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives district boundaries. Shapefiles of those political boundaries are available for download from the Legislature’s website, but currently there is no web server for sharing this data as web services.

Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) invited the attendees from the Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters and the Louisiana Secretary of State to the next Digital Data Committee meeting for further in-depth discussions about the address and voting precinct datasets.

4. Action Items

Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Mack (DOTD) will update the Local Road Data Descriptions worksheet for review at the July meeting.

5. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, July 19, 2018, in the Iowa Room (1-153) at the Claiborne State Office Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 1:15 PM after the Committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Ms. Lynn Dupont (PDD) and seconded by Mr. Gisclair (Senate).