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Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council  
Meeting of February 27, 1997

Attendance

Members or Alternates:

Scott Leachman, LA Police Jury Association  
Bob Hagstad, DOA, State Land Office  
Gene Stephens, Dept. of Economic Development  
Sharon J. Balfour, Dept. of Transportation and Development  
David Keith Cascio, Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Philip Meric, Dept. of Health and Hospitals  
Kathleen Randall, House of Representatives  
Zella Scheve, LA Municipal Association  
Sherrel Martin, LA Assessors Association  
Sgt. Ronnie Mayeaux, Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections

Others:

James Antoon, Dept. of Health and Hospitals  
Bobby Savoie, Dept. of Health and Hospitals  
Joshua D. Kent, DOA, State Land Office  
Mattie Coxe, Baton Rouge Office of Community Development  
Lynda Wayne, LSU, Coastal Studies Institute  
Marv Kav Henderson, Dept. of Transportation and Development  
Sharon Kleinpeter, LA Police Jury Association  
Lei Tim, Dept. of Transportation and Development  
Marty Beasley, Dept. of Natural Resources  
Joel Register, LSU, Coastal Studies Institute  
Richard Carley, Dept. of Natural Resources  
Chris Swahn, Tulane Medical Center  
C. "Pat" O'Neil, U.S. Dept. of Interior  
Scott Bridges, Intergraph  
David Gisclair, LA Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Sharon Balfour called the meeting to order at 1:35 as a committee of the whole since a quorum was not present,

Chairman's Report / Summaries of Past Meetings:

The Chair reported that the summaries of past meetings were not available and will be presented at a later date by the past chairman, Glen Diagre. There was nothing new to report.

Status of Demonstration Project:

Scott Leachman, chair of the demonstration project, reported that a dry run will take place at the

Police Jury Association Annual Meeting on March 14, in Baton Rouge at the Centroplex. Joe Holmes from DEQ and Jane Goodman, consultant with DOTD, will be available to demonstrate GIS capabilities.

#### Status of Land Surveying Definition Issue:

Joe Holmes, chair of the subcommittee, was unable to attend the meeting. The chair reported that a letter was sent to all members of the Council requesting comments on the proposed new definition for the practice of land surveying. No responses had been received. Zella Scheve then handed out the position of the LA Municipal Association opposing the new definition and will also be notifying the Governor's Office. Ms. Scheve also reported that the LA Conference of Mayors passed a resolution opposing the same. Ms. Scheve indicated that the LMAA411 oppose any legislation in any form redefining land surveying that included GIS.

#### NOTE:

The meeting was convened as a Council with a quorum at 1:50 P.M.

It was suggested that each agency write to the Louisiana Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (LBP-PELS) opposing the legislation in addition to the letter being sent from the Council.

Bob Hagstad reported that the East Baton Rouge Parish Surveyor's Association voted to oppose the proposed legislation. (NOTE: Bob Hagstad later reported by telephone his error in making that statement. The Association did not vote to oppose the legislation.)

Bobby Savoie of DHH voiced his department's displeasure with the proposed new definition.

Lynda Wayne, LSU, made a good point that there is currently no training requirements within a surveyor's curriculum for GIS.

A motion was made by Scott Leachman and seconded by Zella Scheve for the Chair to send a letter to the LBRPELS opposing the proposed legislation. The motion passed unanimously.

Zelia Scheve reiterated that we should not negotiate with the land surveyors on language but oppose any change in definition. This was made part of the motion.

It was noted by the Chair that this is also being proposed on a national level nationwide and we need to keep watch as to what develops. The Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS) is lobbying hard.

#### Old Business:

The Chair reminded everyone of the 13th Annual Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems Workshop to be held in Lafayette in April. The Council's session is on April 16 from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

#### New Business:

Sharon Kleinpeter, LPJ, promoted the Louisiana Police Jury Association Annual Meeting on

March 14 and 15 in the Baton Rouge Centroplex.

The Chair presented draft standards from the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). She asked for volunteers to review the standards.

- 1) Bob Hagstad will review the proposed Geospatial Standards.
- 2) Philip Meric will review the proposed Spatial Data Transfer Standards - Part 6: Point Profile.
- 3) Brad Spicer will review the proposed Soil Geographic Data Standard for review.

Joel Register requested an updated list of Council members and attendees. A list will be handed out at the next meeting for updating.

Sharon Kleinpeter mentioned a survey that the Police Jury Association sent to all parishes.

The Chair reported on the funding for LAGIC. Glen Daigre provided Bob Keaton (Data Base Commission) a budget estimate for LAGIC. DOA has included funds in their budget request for staff for the Data Base Commission. Bob Keaton will work toward an amendment on floor of the Senate if LAGIC budget item is not in original bill.

Kathleen Randall reported that the House of Representatives now has a home page on the Web and will have bill tracking and full text versions to search.

The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 9, 1997 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.