

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of April 9, 1997

Attendance

Members or Alternates:

Scott Leachman, LA Police Jury Association
Glenn Daig're, Division of Administration
Gene Stephens, Department of Economic Development
Sharon J. Balfour, Department of Transportation and Development
Kabrina Smith, Department of Health and Hospitals
Zella Scheve, LA Municipal Association
Sherel Martin, LA Assessors Association
Joe Holmes, Department of Environmental Quality
Brad Spicer, Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Bo Blackmon, Department of Natural Resources
Virginia Smith, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Others:

Bob Hagstad, DOA, State Land Office
Joshua D. Kent, DOA, State Land Office
Richard Carley, Department of Natural Resources
David Gisclair, LA Oil Spill Coordinator's Office
Michael Boudreaux, LA State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Steve Jaffe, EarthSat
Joel Harrell, East Baton Rouge Parish, Office of Community Development

Sharon Balfour called the meeting to order at 1:37. A quorum was present with I I members and /or alternates.

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 Daigre. The summary of the February 27, 1997 meeting was approved. Ms. Zella Scheve made the motion to approve and Glen Daigre seconded,

Chairman's Report:

Appointment letters for alternates and members; and mailing lists.

A letter has been sent to the President of the Senate asking him to name a representative to the Council. Members who have not named an alternate were asked to do so. The mailing lists were passed around for corrections, deletions or additions to be made.

Status of Land Surveying Definition Issue.

Mr. Michael Boudreaux representing the Louisiana State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors reported that the Board and the land surveyors will not pursue

legislation for the redefinition of the practice of land surveying and requested that the Council work with them on a new definition. Mr. Bo Blackmon moved that we take this issue under advisement and work with the issue at a committee level and respond in a timely manner. Ms. Zelia Scheve seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Joe Holmes stated that we need a reason for the redefinition of land surveying from the Board. Mr. Brad Spicer agreed that we request a reason for the redefinition. The motion was amended to include a request for the rationale and reasoning for the change. The motion passed. The Chair was directed to send the resolution to the Board and thank them for listening to our concerns. Ms. Zella Scheve expressed the thanks of the Louisiana Municipal Association to the Council for its sensitivity to the land surveyors issue. The Council directed Mr. Joe Holmes to place on the NSGIC web site a summary of what has happened in Louisiana as far as the redefinition of the practice of land surveying and the negative response it produced to alert the other states.

NSGIC / NACO Memorandum of Understanding The Chair passed out copies of the MOU for informational purposes. FGDC Meeting The Chair reported that she had been invited to attend an FGDC Steering Committee meeting "in Washington, D.C., to represent the Council. She passed out the draft agenda.

Remote Sensing / GIS Workshop The Chair reminded all that the Council I's session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. The conference runs from Tuesday through Thursday in Lafayette.

Status of Demonstration Project:

Police Jury Meeting.

Scott Leachman, chair of the demonstration project, asked Mr. Joe Holmes to report on the Police Jury Association Annual Meeting demonstration. Joe Holmes reported that DEQ, DOTD, State Land Office, and East Baton Rouge Office of Community Development were present at the meeting to demonstrate GIS capabilities. All went well.

Rotunda Day.

Scott Leachman reported that the Rotunda Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 1997, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Current Mapping Projects:

Scott Leachman submitted a letter for discussion (see attached). During the discussion, the duties of LAGIC and a new inventory of technical holdings initiative by the Division of Administration were mentioned. Sherel Martin reported that voter registration for St. Mary Parish will be put on his GIS. He is working with the House and Senate to accomplish this. After further discussion, the Council requested a rewrite of the proposal to request new projects be brought before the Council with the intent of discovering who has data sets required for a new project. The Council members are to fax comments to Scott Leachman before the next meeting at (318) 251-8697.

Police Jury Association Survey Results of Parish Government GIS Activities:

Scott Leachman handed out the results of the survey (see attached). The discussion focused on the need to respond to the parishes that requested additional information. The need for a brochure for the parishes that would explain GIS and the **Council's** responsibilities was discussed.

Old Business:

Status of draft FGDC standards.

Brad Spicer reported that the draft standards for Soils were okay. Philip Meric of the Department of Health and Hospitals was to review the Spatial Data Transfer Standards - Part 6: Point Profile. Kabrina Smith reported that he no longer works for the Department and she would look into the status of the standards review. Bob Hagstad reported that he was still reviewing the Geospatial Standards. The Chair handed out new draft standards for review: Brad Spicer will review the Digital Elevation Standards and Bo Blackmon will review the Orthoimagery Standards.

The Chair reported on her trip to the GIS-T (transport, @ition) conference in North Carolina. North Carolina's technology was first rate.

Glen Daigre reported on the status of LAGIC. \$135,000 for LAGIC is in the budget request for the Data Base Commission staff in the Division of Administration. He next brought up the question, "What do we want LAGIC to do?" A committee was established to look into this question. The old LAGIC Funding Committee was disbanded and a new LAGIC Committee was created with Glen Daigre as chair. Sharon Balfour, Brad Spicer and Bo Blackmon were appointed as members. A meeting date was set for the committee for Monday afternoon at 1:30 in Brad's office.

New Business:

Bo Blackmon reported that the Digital Raster Graphics for the 1:24,000 quads for the whole state were ready and are available for copying.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 12, 1997, at 1:30 at Wildlife and Fisheries.

Special Presentation on Statewide Coverage Plus (Latidsat TM Data) by Earth Satellite Corporation, Steve Jaffe:

Mr. Jaffe reported on the availability of a special rate for statewide coverage. (EarthSat's flyer was included in the last meeting's mailings)

The meeting adjourned about 5:00 P.M.