

# **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of June 18, 1999

## **1. Call to Order**

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. in the First Floor Louisiana Room, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A quorum was presented with eleven agency/organization representatives present.

## **2. Roll Call**

### **Agency/Organization Representatives Present:**

Scott Leachman, Louisiana Police Jury Association, **Member**

Joe Holmes, Department of Environmental Quality, **Member**

Bo Blackmon, Department of Natural Resources, **Member**

Glen Daigre, Division of Administration, **Member**

Sharon Balfour, Department of Transportation and Development, **Member**

Jim Patton, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, **Member**

Brad Spicer, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, **Member**

Jay Isacks, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, **Alternate**

Rich Bailey, Louisiana Assessor's Association, **Alternate**

Truman McDaniel, Department of Health and Hospitals, **Alternate**

Bill Blair, House of Representatives, **Alternate**

### **Others Present:**

Lynda Wayne, Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Joshua Kent, Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Ed Leachman, Office of the Data Base Commission (ODBC)

C.P. O'Neil, US Geological Survey (USGS)

Marty Beasley, State Land Office (SLO/DOA)

Rob Cunningham, LSU/LOSCO

Jim Pratt, Sabine River Authority

Carl Chance, Computer Data Service

## **3. Approval of April 28, 1999 Minutes**

The minutes were submitted and approved on a motion made by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Brad Spicer (DAF).

## **4. Approval of May 27, 1999 Minutes**

The minutes were submitted and approved on a motion made by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Brad Spicer (DAF).

## **5. Approval of 1999 Strategic Plan**

The 1999 Strategic Plan was submitted and approved on a motion made by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Brad Spicer (DAF).

## **6. Chairman's Report**

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) reported that he had drafted a letter to encourage all member agencies to take a more active role within the LGISC. The letter will be sent to member agency Secretaries next week.

## **7. LAGIC Report**

### **1999 GeoData Forum**

Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) reported on the GeoData Forum sponsored by the USGS and the FGDC in Washington DC June 7-9, 1999. The focus of the forum was to explore issues of livability and how the GIS community might foster this national effort. General focus was placed on the need for improved access to local data better methods for locating and applying data. More information is available at: <http://www.fgdc.gov/99Forum>

### **GIS Resource Inventory**

Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) presented the final format for the online presentation of the GIS Resource Inventory Results. The LGISC approved final posting of the results to the web on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Glen Daigre (DOA). The inventory is available via the LGISC homepage (<http://www.state.la.us/lgisc/>) and select Activities.

### **NSDI Node**

The NSDI node is established at LAGIC, however, declaration of the node is pending the acquisition of state metadata records. LAGIC will hold a metadata workshop in mid-July in an effort to assist agencies in further developing metadata records. To jumpstart this effort, LAGIC would like to host the metadata recently compiled by the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office as part of their recent data collection effort. However, since the much of the data was edited to a common projection for the LOSCO initiative, the metadata records produced reflect the revised rather than the original data source. As such LAGIC hopes to work with both LOSCO and the source data providers to host metadata for multiple versions of each data set in a manner that clearly indicates primary differences

## **8. Old Business**

### **DOQQ Status**

Scott Leachman (LPJA) reported that, to his knowledge, 50% of Phase I was completed and that Phase II was slated to begin. Pat O'Neil (USGS) provided a current project status report that will be distributed to LGISC members. Glen Daigre (DOA) asked about the LIDAR initiative and Mr. Rob Cunningham (LSU/LOSCO) stated that Year One funding had been secured from state and federal agencies but that funding had yet to be committed for the remaining 3 years. The \$350,000 in state funds secured in the current budget are for Year One only and additional state funds will be needed to complete the project.

### **NGS Advisor**

Pat O'Neil (USGS) reported on the meeting recently convened to discuss the continued funding of the State's NGS Advisor position. Mr. Bo Blackmon (DNR) provided additional information about the suggested roles and responsibilities of the position. Mr. Blackmon indicated that a consortium of state agencies would most likely fund the position and that commitment and timing were the critical factors. To secure federal participation for October 1999, a draft agreement must be in place by mid-July. LGISC members agreed to pursue support within their individual agencies and to encourage the Louisiana Data Base Commission (DBC). The following resolution was adopted on a motion by Glen Daigne (DOA) and seconded by Brad Spicer (DAF).

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### **RESOLUTION**

June 18, 1999

The Louisiana National Geodetic Survey Advisor provides geodetic surveys in accordance with national standards and specifications, promotes partnerships in surveying and other spatial data needs, provides survey data in support of GIS, guides maintenance of Louisiana's survey monument system, trains and advises on the use of survey equipment including GPS, and provides critical information on horizontal and vertical datum systems and coordinate conversions.

Be it resolved on this 18th day of June 1999, that the Louisiana Geographic Information Council recommends to the Louisiana Data Base Commission that it pursue the continuation of the Louisiana National Geodetic Survey Advisor program in Louisiana.

Be it further resolved that the full role, tasks, and accomplishments of this position be clearly defined; that the supervision of this position be established; and that this position be located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and housed in a Louisiana state agency.

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### **NSGIC Conference in New Orleans August 27- September 2, 1999**

Sharon Balfour (DOTD) needs LGISC support in addressing several NSGIC Conference logistics:

- AudioVisual equipment – The contractor to the Monteleone Hotel is very expensive, charging as much as \$450/day for a computer projection device. Though it is realized that features such as microphones must be rented via the facility, it was hoped that LGISC member agencies might be able to provide: computer projection devices, slide projectors, laser pointers, easels, markers and other general A/V equipment. In addition, there is a need for staff/students to 'man' the equipment.

- Gifts for the speakers – As the host state, we need to identify a small gift for speakers that reflects Louisiana.
- Tshirt Design – Ideas are needed for a T-shirt design that reflects the theme, 'Jazzed about the NSDI'
- Sponsors are needed for refreshments and socials.

Anyone able to assist in any of these matters is asked to contact Sharon at 225.379.1477.

#### Other NSGIC-related info

- The availability of Rockin Doopsie (Jr.) is being investigated for the social to be held at the Audubon Zoo Tuesday evening, August 31, 1999. 3001, Inc. has agreed to cover the cost of the band though an additional sponsor would help greatly.
- Speakers - Dr. Chip Groat, former Director of the Louisiana Geological Survey, current Director of the US Geological Survey will serve as keynote speaker. Dr. Don Davis of LSU will also serve as a guest speaker.

#### **NSGIC 'credited' funds**

The LGISC has a \$1000 credit with NSGIC and must decide how to use the money. After discussion, Glen Daigre (DOA) proposed and Brad Spicer (DAF) seconded a motion that \$500 of the money should be used to pay Chairman Scott Leachman's NSGIC membership and conference registration. The motion passed unanimously. Expenditure of the remaining \$500 was left to a future meeting.

## **9. New Business**

#### **Louisiana Federal/State GIS Working Group**

Pat O'Neil (USGS) announced that the Fed/State GIS Working Group will meet August 24, 1999 in Alexandria, Louisiana. Jerry Daigle and the Natural Resource Conservation Service will host the meeting

#### **John Freeman to leave LAGIC**

Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) announced that John Freeman had accepted an assistantship in his new academic department and would be leaving LAGIC in late June. LAGIC expects to fill John's graduate assistantship quickly.

#### **LAGIC's role in providing GIS technical assistance to State agencies**

Glen Daigre (DOA) asked that LAGIC staff draft guidelines regarding the type and extent of technical consulting services available to LGISC member agencies. The purpose of the document is to better inform agencies/organizations as to the services LAGIC provides and to define the limit and obligation of those services.

## **9. Determine Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> 1999 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) at

1:30 in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 P.M. on a motion by Brad Spicer (DAF) and seconded by Glen Daigre (DOA).