

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of December 15, 1999

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M at the Louisiana Assessors' Association Building, 3060 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A quorum was present with nine agency / organization representatives in attendance.

2. Roll Call

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Office of the Governor, Division of Administration

Glen Daigre, **Member**

Department of Economic Development,

Gene Stephens, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality,

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department Health and Hospitals,

Truman McDaniel, **Alternate**

Military Department, Office of Emergency Preparedness,

Sean Fontenot, **Alternate**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Sharon Balfour, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors' Association

Sherel Martin, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Scott Leachman, **Member**

Others Present:

Office of the Governor, Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, State Land Office

Department of Economic Development,

Andrew Kuyoro, **Alternate**

Department of Transportation and Development

Pam Coffey

Mark Suarez

Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

David Gisclair

Louisiana Assessors' Association

Rich Bailey, **Alternate**

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Lynda Wayne

Joshua Kent

Office of the Louisiana Database Commission

Ed Leachman
Karen Paterson

USGS / National Wetlands Research Center

Pat O'Neil
Larry Handley
Steve Hartley

USGS / Water Resources Division

Trish D'Arconte

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Brent Yantis, NASA Regional Applications Center

National Geodetic Survey

Bob Zurfluh

3. Approval of November 18, 1999 Minutes

The minutes were submitted and approved on a motion made by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Sharon Balfour (DOTD).

4. Chairman's Report

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) thanked the Louisiana Assessors' Association for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

5. LAGIC Report

Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) reported that design of the geospatial metadata catalog continued and that the DOQQ data server at the LSU CADGIS Lab would be available online by January. LAGIC also hired Ms. Dina Sa as a GIS analyst.

6. Old Business

Nominating Committee

Joe Holmes (DEQ) asked that all LGISC members return nominations for LGISC 2000 officers by Friday, January 14, 2000.

DOQQ Update

Mr. David Gisclair (LOSCO) reported that Phase One of the DOQQ initiative was complete and that the MOU for Phase Two was under development with the US Corps of Engineers. Once the DOQQ server is established at LSU, LOSCO will make an official press release regarding DOQQ availability.

NSG Advisor Status

Sharon Balfour (DOTD) reported that she is working with NGS to resolve difficulties associated with establishing a multi-party agreement.

LA RS/GIS Status

Bo Blackmon (DNR) reminded LGISC that the Louisiana RS/GIS Workshop would be held May 2-4, 2000 and would sponsor a special session on local

government. In addition, he encouraged members to submit their abstracts to Larry Handley by the January 14, 2000 deadline.

State GIS Job Specification Changes

Bo Blackmon (DNR) reported that he is continuing to work with Civil Service to improve the GIS job specifications so that viable candidates are able to qualify.

Blessing the DOTD Parish Boundary Data Set

Joe Holmes (DEQ) and Glen Daigre (DOA) proposed the following statement in support of the DOTD boundary file –

“The Louisiana GIS Council recognizes the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the custodial agency for the Louisiana parish boundary digital data and recommends use of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development boundary files in GIS applications.”

The wording was accepted unanimously as a proposed resolution on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Joe Holmes (DEQ).

7. New Business

Digital Delta Workshop, February 2000

Sue Smith (DEQ) announced plans for the February 8-10, 2000 meeting in Memphis, TN and asked for volunteers to participate as panel members in a special state session regarding the lower Mississippi River Valley. Larry Handley (USGS>NWRC) provided additional information regarding meeting content and logistics.

Louisiana State/Federal Geographic Information Working Group

Pat O’Neil (USGS/NWRC) announced that the Louisiana State/Federal Geographic Information Working Group will convene at the US Army Corps of Engineer’s office in New Orleans, February 28, 2000 to discuss the collection and use of LIDAR data.

DOTD GIS Featured in Professional Magazine

Sharon Balfour (DOTD) announced that GIS activities at the Louisiana DOTD and the LGISC were recently featured in ‘Business and Industry Connections’ magazine.

NSGIC Management Changes

Glen Daigre (DOA) announced that NSGIC will not renew its contract with the Women Executives in State Government . In addition, NSGIC will likely ask states to relinquish outstanding funds due them in an effort to improve the organizations financial status. The LGISC is currently due approximately \$500.

Lynda Wayne Announces Resignation

Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) announced that she is leaving LSU and her position with LAGIC at the end of January 2000 to begin work with the FGDC and the state of North Carolina. She thanked the LGISC for the opportunities and support they

had provided. Scott Leachman (LPJA) appointed Bo Blackmon (DNR), Glen Daigre (DOA), and Sharon Balfour (DOTD) to serve as the search committee to replace the LAGIC Director.

8. Determine Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2000 at 1:30 in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 P.M. on a motion by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Sharon Balfour (DOTD).