

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of October 18, 2000

1. Call to Order

Chair Bo Blackmon (LDNR) called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. in the First Floor Louisiana Room, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A quorum was declared at 1:40pm as ten agency /organization representatives were present.

2. Roll Call

Attendance was confirmed by Roll Call. Council members indicated their presence to the chair for confirmation.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Economic Development,
Gene Stephens, **Member**

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

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Dennis Eilers, **Member**

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

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

Division Of Administration
Glen Daigre, **Member**

House of Representatives
Kathleen Randall, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors' Association
Rich Bailey, **Alternate**

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

Louisiana Municipal Association
Joel Harrell, **Alternate**

Others Present:

Amite River Basin Commission
Dietmar Rietschier

Applied Technical Services (ATS)
John Speice

City Of Shreveport
Ron Norwood

Department of Labor
Martin Levert

Department of Transportation and Development

Mary Kay Henderson, **Alternate**
Eric Jeansonne

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson
Josh Kent
Dina Sa

Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness

Jim Wilks
Terry Thompson

Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office (LOSCO)

David Gisclair

Louisiana State University

John Snead, LGS
Hampton Peele, LGS

New Orleans City Planning Commission

Kathrine Cargo

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

Lynn Dupont
Jeff Roessel

Office of the Louisiana Data Base Commission

Ed Leachman

US Geological Survey

Angela Davis, **NWRC**
Helena Schaefer, **NWRC**

University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Suzanne Harrison

3. Approval of September 2000 Minutes

The September 2000 minutes were submitted and reviewed by the council. A motion to approve the September 2000 minutes was made by Ms. Glenn Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Mr. Denis Eilers (CRT). The September minutes were approved and will be available on the LSGIC website within a week.

4. Chairman's Report

Chair Bo Blackmon urged all members read and comment on the report of the Digital Data Committee. Chairman Blackmon praised the work of the Committee and said a number of difficult data issues were resolved.

Chairman Blackmon discussed the problem that many state agencies have in finding university students to work in their GIS labs. Among the problems that

agencies have experienced in trying to hire students is their ability to pay comparable salaries with LSU and their need to verify the experience level of students before they are hired.

Chairman Blackmon recommended that the GIS Council initiate a study of University policies concerning the hiring of students off-campus. He also suggested that we develop a mechanism for locating and certifying the competency of students doing GIS work for state and local governments.

5. LAGIC Report

LAGIC Director Craig Johnson discussed how to register for the Intro. to Metadata Workshop to be held at the LSU CADGIS Lab on December 15th. Registration forms and information will be available on the LAGIC and LSGIC websites within two weeks. There is no charge for the workshop. Seating is limited to 18 with GIS Council members and alternates having first priority.

Mr. Johnson distributed a sample Survey of GIS Capability that will be faxed to all 64 parishes by the Police Jury Association. The survey will allow the GIS Council to identify those parishes that are currently creating GIS data and those parishes that are considering implementing GIS technology. Mr. Bailey (LAA) suggested we add a statement to the survey requesting the person filling it out to pass the survey on to anyone else in the parish using GIS technology.

Mr. Johnson notified the Council LAGIC would move from Room 307 to Room 313 in the Howe-Russell Bldg. The move will be complete by Thanksgiving

Mr. Johnson recommended that LGISC update its brochure, which was over two years old. Mr. Daigre suggested that if we list the member agencies rather than the individual member names we would not have to update the brochure as often.

The LAGIC Director notified the Council that LAGIC was cooperating with several other LSU departments to purchase Mr. Sid software for our Image Server.

6. Presentation: New State Transportation Map – by John Snead, Cartographic Manager, Louisiana Geological Survey

Chairman Blackmon introduced Mr. Snead to the Council. Mr. Snead recounted the history of the Official State Transportation Map. His mandate was to update the old map but give it the same look and feel as the original. Among the updates was a more recent coastal boundary derived from satellite imagery, and other data layers that originated from the Louisiana GIS CD. In addition to the Official State Map, Mr. Snead described a map of the Atchafalaya Basin that LGS recently produced.

7. Digital Data Committee Report

Committee Chair, Joe Holmes (LDEQ) described to the council some of the changes to the Draft Procedure for Formal Recognition of Digital Data made by the Digital Data Committee with input from a variety of agencies. Among the decisions made by the Data Committee were: the Committee will only evaluate publicly available data, complete metadata will be a prerequisite for review and the phrase digital data will be replaced by digital geospatial data. Chair Blackmon recommended that the Data Set Review Committee use DNR's Oil and Gas Well data set as a test set for developing data recognition procedures.

8. Old Business:

DOQQ/LIDAR Update

Mr. David Gisclair provided a brief update of the status of the DOQQ and LIDAR projects. Mr. Gisclair noted that there are now additional copies of the CD-ROM covering the southern half of the state. Chairman Blackmon asked about map indexes, which Mr. Gisclair said were available on the Louisiana GIS CD for three different scales: 1:100,000, 1:24,000 and 1:12,000. Mr. Gisclair projected that the LIDAR project completion date would be April 2001, not January 2001.

LGISC Archive Summary Report

Mr. Josh Kent, LAGIC noted that we are still missing 10 documents that should be located in order to complete the Archive for the period 1995 to the end of 1999. All other LGISC items have been archived. Mr. Kent explained how documents would be cataloged and that the intranet document search tool would be completed next week.

NOS/ NGS Advisor Status

Chairman Blackmon noted that Roy Dokka with the Louisiana Geoinformatics Initiative is looking at providing more permanent financing for the Louisiana NOS/NGS Advisor.

GIS Day Proclamation

Mr. Craig Johnson (LAGIC) is working with the Governors Office to secure a GIS Day Proclamation. The Louisiana GIS Council will have a booth in the Capitol Rotunda to celebrate GIS Day in Louisiana.

9 New Business

NSGIC Conference Report (www.nsgic.org)

Mr. Glenn Daigre (DOA) described the following two initiatives discussed at the Annual NSGIC Conference in Nevada; the federal Office of Management Budget is attempting to develop greater cooperation among federal agencies regarding geospatial data sharing and the President of MAPPS addressed the issues of data and personnel certification in light of the NCEES Model Law.

NASA Technology Summit

Mr. Johnson (LAGIC) mentioned that he would attend a NASA Technology Summit on October 23rd at Pennington Conference Center.

MAPPS – “Licensing Data Licensing People” Stakeholders Conference

The LAGIC Director, noted that he, Mr. DeWitt Braud (LSU) and Mr. Joe Holmes (DEQ) would be attending the MAPPS Conference in New Orleans on October 30th and encouraged all members to attend.

RS/GIS Workshop

Chairman Blackmon gave an update on the RS/GIS Workshop. The Workshop will be held at Pennington on April 2-4, 2001. He will check on status of the artwork for the poster and the RS/GIS website.

Division of Administration, Geospatial Portal

Mr. Ed Leachman noted that the Database Commission now has the resources available to start work again on the Geospatial Portal. Mr. Leachman would like to have a meeting of the Geospatial Portal Committee in the next two weeks to develop an overall focus and a list of data sets. Chairman Blackmon noted that all agencies should be documenting their data sharing efforts and compiling a list of their data sets to provide to the Database Commission. Chairman Blackmon also noted that further research needs to be done on automated methods of tracking data sharing.

GIS Software Offer

John Speice, with Applied Technical Services of Dallas, described a new sales promotion being offered by the Intergraph Corporation called the Geomedia Jumpstart Program. Users can get a free copy of Geomedia Version 3 and later upgrade to Version 4 with maintenance for \$495.

Miscellaneous New Business

Ms. Sharon Balfour (DOTD) mentioned an upcoming NASA Grant Workshop to be held in February and that the Federal Geographic Data Committee had just published spatial data transfer standards for CAD and drafting profiles (available on the FGDC website). Ms Balfour also noted the recent announcement of additional appropriations to the Corps of Engineers for research and development.

Mr. Glenn Daigre announces his retirement from the GIS Council effective immediately, citing his upcoming retirement from state service. Chairman Blackmon thanked Mr. Daigre for his efforts on behalf of the GIS Council and his work in setting up the original GIS Task Force starting in 1988.

10. Determine Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for November 15, 2000, at 1:30pm at the Capitol in House Committee Room #3. Chairman Blackmon noted Mr. Johnson's (LAGIC) recommendation to schedule meetings a couple months in advance. Mr. Johnson stated that it would be easier to schedule speakers for future meetings if we prearrange our meeting dates. Chairman Blackmon recommended that we schedule our meetings a year in advance and make changes as necessary. No vote was taken on the proposal.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned as a Committee of the Whole at approximately 4 pm.