

0Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of January 17, 2001

1. Call to Order

Chair Bo Blackmon (LDNR) called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M. in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Wildlife & Fisheries Building Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A quorum was declared at 1:40pm as ten agencies /organization representatives were present, two others arrived later.

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 Health and Hospitals
Truman McDaniel, **Member**

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

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

Division of Administration
Martin Beasley, **Alternate**

House of Representatives
Kathleen Randall, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association
Sherel Martin, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association
Mattie Coxe, **Member**

Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness
Terry Thompson, **Alternate**

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

Others Present:

Capitol Regional Planning Commission
Nancy Jensen

Department of Economic Development
Andrew Kuyuro, **Alternate**

Department of Health and Hospitals
Mark Wilson, **Alternate**

Department of Transportation and Development

John Wells

Lafayette Parish Assessor

Conrad Comeaux

Scott Thompson

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Richard Poche

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Josh Kent

Dina Sa

Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

David Gisclair

Louisiana State University

DeWitt Braud

Rob Cunningham, CCEER

Hampton Peele, LGS

National Geodetic Survey

Bob Zurfluh

Office of the Louisiana Data Base Commission

Ed Leachman

University of New Orleans

Aimee Preau

3. Approval of the November 2000 Minutes

The November 2000 minutes were submitted and reviewed by the council. A motion to approve the November 2000 minutes was made by Mr. Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Mr. Sherel Martin (LAA). The November minutes were approved and will be available on the LSGIC website within a week.

4. Approval of the December 2000 Minutes

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

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Bo Blackmon (DNR) congratulated DeWitt Braud, on his promotion to Director of the Geography & Anthropology GIS Lab. Chair Blackmon also congratulated Truman McDaniel on becoming the member from the Department of Health & Hospitals and welcomed the new alternate, Mark Wilson. Chair

Blackmon described the Brown Marsh Symposium that was held at the Radisson Hotel. Over 350 people attended the conference, which featured a variety of experts in concurrent sessions.

Chairman Blackmon asked if LAGIC would provide a list of students interested in working for state agencies. Mr. Johnson (LAGIC) described his experience with student interns at Ascension Parish. Mr. Johnson hired students through a contract with Farrell Jones at the Department of Geography, LSU. Mr. Jones would select candidates for the internships who had done well in his GIS Course and Mr. Johnson would select a candidate from that pool of pre-selected applicants. Foreign students, who otherwise were not able to work off campus, were able to under this particular arrangement. Mr. Johnson pointed out that this arrangement, which worked well for Ascension Parish, might not meet every state agency's student needs. Among those commenting on this arrangement were Mattie Coxe (LMA), who generally pays her students less than the amount described by Mr. Johnson (LAGIC), and Marty Beasley who also said his agency was limited in the amount it could pay students.

Chair Blackmon recommended that members read the Digital Data Committee Report and consider their data sets for inclusion in the "recognized" data sets. Chair Blackmon also recommended that the Council inventory "data sharing" arrangements between agencies.

Chairman Blackmon noted that the State CIO has not yet been hired, but that when he does reporting levels between the Council and the Data Base Commission may change.

6. Election of Officers

The Report of the Election Committee was presented by Kathleen Randall (House). The report listed those members who expressed a willingness to serve as Chair of the GIS Council. The Council accepted the Committee report; a vote to approve the report was made by Sherel Martin (LAA) and seconded by Dennis Eilers (CRT). A list of those willing to serve was read to all attending. The Committee then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, Scott Leachman (LPJA) moved that the nomination process be closed and was seconded by Joe Holmes (DEQ). A voice vote was taken on the nominees. Ms Sharon Balfour (DOTD) was unanimously elected Chair for the year 2001.

The Report of the Election Committee was presented by Kathleen Randall (House). The report listed those members who expressed a willingness to serve as Vice Chair of the GIS Council. The Council accepted the Committee report; a vote to approve the report was made by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Scott Leachman (LPJA). A list of those willing to serve was read to all

attending. The Committee then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, Mattie Coxe (LMA) moved that the nomination process be closed and was seconded by Terry Thompson (OEP). A voice vote was taken on the nominees. Mr. Joe Holmes (DEQ) was unanimously elected Vice Chair for the year 2001.

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC Director Craig Johnson discussed the recent group purchase of Mr. Sid software by researchers within various LSU units. LAGIC will test the latest version of Content Server.

Dina Sa (LAGIC) described the recent completion of the data layers for the GWIS Project. Dina asked the MMS Project Manager, Norman Froomer, if LAGIC could post this data with its metadata, after it had been delivered, reviewed and accepted by MMS later this spring. Mr. Froomer saw no reason it could not be released by LAGIC after MMS acceptance.

Josh Kent (LAGIC) described his recently completed network administration tasks, and the challenges of installing Widows 2000 Server.

LAGIC Director Craig Johnson discussed upcoming outreach projects including the Louisiana Assessors' Conference, the Louisiana Police Jury Association Conference and the Conference of Planning Councils.

8. Old Business

Appointment of New Members

Bo Blackmon (DNR) asked if anyone knew if the Department of Labor had been successful in obtaining a letter of appointment for Martin Levert. Mr. Blackmon mentioned the appointment of Truman McDaniels as a Member from DHH and introduced Mark Wilson the new alternate from DHH. Mr. Blackmon asked if anyone had spoken with the Division of Administration regarding the appointment of a new member to replace Glen Daigre. Marty Beasley said that he would inquire about it at DOA.

RS/GIS Workshop Update

Bo Blackmon (DNR) described RS/GIS Workshop preparations. He suggested that members look at the Workshop website rac.louisiana.edu to find paper titles and view the array of sessions, social events and professional meetings. Mr. Blackmon specifically mentioned the Brown marsh Session on Wednesday followed by a hands-on workshop using the new Earth search software.

NASA SE Regional Workshop

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) updated members on the upcoming SE Regional Workshop in Memphis sponsored by NASA that will be attended by the following members of the Louisiana GIS community: Sharon Balfour (DOTD), Lynn Dupont (NORPC), Scott Leachman (LPJA), Craig Johnson (LAGIC) and Windell Curole (S. Lafourche Levee District). The three-day workshop will allow NASA to better understand the needs of state and local governments.

Federal/State GIS Working Group

Bo Blackmon (DNR) mentioned the upcoming Federal/State GIS Working Group meeting to be held in Lafayette on February 13th. The purpose of the meeting, which occurs three or four times a year, is to develop coordination between Federal agencies and state and local governments. This meeting will include a tour of the Remote Sensing Applications Center in Abadalla Hall.

DOQQ/LIDAR Update

David Gisclair (LOSCO) gave an update on the status of the Digital Ortho Quarter Quad and the LIDAR efforts. The 1998 DOQQs for the central area of N. Louisiana are complete and have been made into Mr. Sid files. These will be available at ATLAS within the next week. Forty quarter quads of LIDAR data have been shipped to the Corps of Engineers for review. Only when all of the 1998 images are available will 128-quarter quads of 1999 data be added.

9 New Business

LGISC Strategic Planning Session

Mr. Johnson (LAGIC) proposed three possible dates for the LGISC Strategic Planning Session; March 16, 23 and 30th. It was decided that the 16th would be the best available date. Mr. Blackmon (DNR) agreed to assist with the agenda; he recommended that we have a moderator. Joe Holmes, our newly elected Vice Chair, agreed to get commitments to attend from at least 10 members.

GIS & Redistricting Workshop

In March there will be two workshops in Baton Rouge on Redistricting and GIS.

The first is sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter of URISA and will be held at Pennington on the afternoon of March 1st. This workshop will feature a discussion on the Do's and Don'ts of Redistricting and demonstrations from at least two different companies with Redistricting application software.

The other is a three day workshop being sponsored by the Organization of Planning Councils and will feature "hands-on" training in a specific redistricting software application (Maptitude) developed by Caliper. This workshop will be held at the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Baton Rouge on March 6-8.

Kentucky GIS Survey Request

Ed Leachman (ODBC) gave a brief description of some ongoing projects at the Office of the Database Commission. He requested assistance from the Council in complying with a request from the State of Kentucky for a description of GIS efforts, costs and agencies involved in the creation of spatial data in Louisiana.

Miscellaneous

A discussion followed, on formalizing election procedures as an Addendum to the LGISC Bylaws. No determination was made. This topic will be added to Old Business, to be discussed at the next council meeting.

10. Determine Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st 2001, at 1:30pm at the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building.

11. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by Mattie Coxe (LMA) and seconded by Scott Leachman. The meeting adjourned as a Committee of the Whole at approximately 4pm.

Filename: LGISC-M-20010117-00.rtf
Directory: \\Lagic0\Files\LGISC\Minutes\2001
Template: C:\Documents and Settings\jkent\Application
Data\Microsoft\Templates\Normal.dot
Title: Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Subject:
Author: jfreeman
Keywords:
Comments:
Creation Date: 2/28/2001 9:35 AM
Change Number: 2
Last Saved On: 2/28/2001 9:35 AM
Last Saved By: jkent
Total Editing Time: 0 Minutes
Last Printed On: 2/28/2001 9:35 AM
As of Last Complete Printing
Number of Pages: 6
Number of Words: 1,742 (approx.)
Number of Characters: 9,237 (approx.)