

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of March 18, 2004

1. Call to Order

Chair Bo Blackmon (DNR) called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. as a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room #212 in Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Brad Mooney, **Alternate**

Department of Culture Recreation & Tourism

Dennis Eilers, **Member**

Department of Economic Development

Gene Stephens, **Member**

Department of Education

Susan Gauthier, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health & Hospitals

Truman McDaniel, **Member**

Department of Labor

Ramona Robichaux, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Public Safety & Corrections

Rhonda Barber, **Member**

Department of Social Services

Pam Smith, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Jorge Icabalceta, **Member**

Division of Administration

Ed Leachman, **Alternate**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Alternate**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Mattie Coxe, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Aaron Norby, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Alternate**

Office of the Governor, Military Department

Mike Liotta, **Alternate**

Others Present:

Baton Rouge City/Parish Planning Commission

Mihwa Jang

Prakash Narayanan

Department of Health & Hospitals

Clay Trachtman

Department of Labor

Jonathan Helis, **Alternate**

Department of Social Services

David Jacobson, **Alternate**

Department of Transportation and Development

John Wells

Jimmy Wilson

Jefferson Parish Planning Department

Rene Maggio

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Dina Sa

Louisiana Municipal Association

Matt Cowart, **Alternate**

Louisiana State Police

Daphne Bencaz

Louisiana State University

Rob Cunningham

Elaine Evers

Jackie Mills

Regional Applications Center – ULL

Brent Yantis

USGS - NWRC

Calvin "Pat" O'Neil

3. Approval of February 2004 Minutes

The February 2004 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by David Gisclair (LOSCO).

4. Chair's Report

Chair Blackmon (DNR) noted that Truman McDaniel (DHH) would remain on the Council for a couple more months; his retirement has been temporarily delayed. Chair Blackmon noted that the Department of Justice was going to send a representative, but that he couldn't make this meeting.

Chair Blackmon noted that at the last Council meeting he had requested that the Council add a short monthly presentation (5 – 10 minutes) by an agency member each month on GIS activities within their department and new data sets that are being created. This would be an update to the GIS Inventory that was conducted by LAGIC in the past. He distributed outlines showing the format that should be used and the minimum information that should be covered. He noted that he would give the first presentation followed by Lynn Dupont representing the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LAPDD).

Chair Blackmon (DNR) asked if LAGIC would post articles about GIS activities taking place in Louisiana to its website. He specifically mentioned; awards, recognition, articles and conference proceedings. He asked Council members to let the Council know of any newsworthy items to post.

5. Presentation: "Baton Rouge City/Parish Maps Online", by Mihwa Jang and Prakash Narayanan, Baton Rouge City/Parish Planning Commission

Ms. Jang and Mr. Narayanan described the data and service available through the new online mapping capability available through the City of Baton Rouge website.

The City of Baton Rouge has initiated a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program as a part of the e-government goal to provide online information regarding properties throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. The public will be able to locate property information by searching for address, subdivision name, business name, North America Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code, or street name throughout the Parish excluding the City of Baker and the City of Zachary.

The maps may be viewed using any Internet browser as image files, suitable for both high speed and low speed Internet connections. The maps contain dynamic zoom in, zoom out, pan controls, print, measurement and aerial photo tools. Aerial photographs on this web site were produced in 1996.

Detailed information or data may be purchased through the City-Parish Planning Commission. You can contact the GIS Department at 225-389-3144 or you can request a form online at <http://gis.brgov.com/>.

6. Old Business

LouisianaMap Report

Ed Leachman (DOA) gave an update on LouisianaMAP activities. He noted that the website has received over 1.4 million hits and 25,000 user sessions where over 260,000 images were downloaded.

Mr Leachman noted that there are three areas in which he would like to expand:

- 1) Incorporate the boat launch and marina data set
- 2) Map showing the wide bandwidth internet coverage areas
- 3) Ability of users to create larger printouts

In addition he would like to eventually move the website into compliance with Open GIS Consortium standards on images and feature services. He is working with Joshua Kent (LAGIC) to draft a white paper detailing the functionality and services provided by the LouisianaMAP portal. The white paper will be a method of identifying needed improvements in the services and functionality provided by the portal.

LIDAR Update

David Gisclair (LOSCO) reported that Task 8 (Atchafalaya/Vermillion area) and Task 11 (Cameron Parish) are at the contractors for review. He noted that there were no other recent developments.

Mr Gisclair noted that there will be a new Louisiana GIS CD supplement this summer. Any agency that has data on the current CD and knows that it needs updating should talk with him soon, so that the new data can be incorporated.

DOQQ Update

Pat O'Neil (USGS) gave an update on the recent DOQQ aerial photography flight which was completed on March 9, 2004. He noted that the next phase will be the evaluation of the photography. Based on the results of the evaluation whatever needs to be re-flown, will be flown immediately. The priority areas to be re-flown will be the Louisiana coastline. The first photo products should be available in June of 2004. In response to a question regarding the boundaries of the flight, Mr O'Neil responded that the entire state was covered even the offshore areas. Updates on the progress of the project will be posted to the Regional Applications Center (RAC) ULL site, with a link to LAGIC.

I-Team Report

Joe Holmes (DEQ) noted that DEQ is working on the hydrography layer, one of the seven framework layers designated in the I-Team Report. The collection of the high resolution National Hydrography Data (NHD) is being partially funded by federal funds.

He noted that a group of I-Team Steering Committee members are drafting a presentation on the role of the Council and LAGIC in coordinating GIS efforts statewide. The presentation will explain the value of geospatial data in saving money, creating greater efficiencies and providing new services. This presentation will be shown to the acting Chief Information Officer, Alan Doescher on March 31st at the Claiborne Building.

RS/GIS Workshop

Chair Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS workshop will take place on April 20 – 22, 2004 at the Cajundome Conference Center in Lafayette. He noted that the agenda is available at: <http://www.rac.louisiana.edu/rsgis/index.html>. He noted that this year there are three or four pre- workshop training sessions that you can attend including LouisianaMAP Academy, ERDAS software training, and an IFSAR workshop.

The GIS Council will sponsor a session on “Web Enabled GIS among State Agencies”. Four state entities and the Division of Administration will each make 20 minute presentations. The state presentations would be followed by a session on “Web Enabled GIS among Federal Agencies”.

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC, in coordination with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension, is conducting eight full day Metadata Workshops throughout the state beginning in May and extending through July. These workshops are funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). At these workshops we will also discuss LouisianaMAP applications.

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) will be attending the National States GIS Council Mid-year meeting next weekend. NSGIC meetings are a good source of information on federal grant opportunities

LAGIC is assisting the RS/GIS Workshop, primarily in lining up vendors and vendor sponsors for the event.

The RS/GIS Workshop is considering a session on “Web enabled GIS applications” among state agencies. Mr Blackmon and Mr Johnson will be talking with Council members to see who would be interested in participating in these efforts.

Two relatively recent, Council members have been given national recognition for geospatial projects; DSS – has an article in Government Technology Magazine and the Department of Education will make a presentation at Geospatial World in Miami.

John Wells (DOTD) has been invited to give a presentation to the Council at our April Council meeting on the high resolution photography being acquired by DOTD of Louisiana's urban areas.

Agency GIS Presentations

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New Business

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the DOTD Water Well Service statewide data layer has been completed and is available at DOTD's website at:

<http://dotdgis.dotd.louisiana.gov/website/>

10. Determine Next Meeting Date and Location:

Chair, Blackmon (DNR) proposed the following date for the next GIS Council meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 1:30 in Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by to adjourn by Mattie Coxe (LMA) and seconded by Ramona Robichaux (Labor). The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

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