

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of August 18, 2005

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Pam Smith (DSS) called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Main Auditorium of the Department of Transportation and Development in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Culture Recreation & Tourism

Dennis Eilers, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve A. Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health & Hospitals

Dan MacDonald, **Member**

Department of Labor

Ramona Robichaux, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Social Services

Pam Smith, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Doug Albert, **Alternate**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Mattie Coxe, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Alternate**

Others Present:

East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office

Joe Thompson

Department of Environmental Quality

Paul Zundel, **Alternate**

Department of Health & Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Alternate**

Department of Natural Resources

Karim Belhadal

Mandy Green

Department of Transportation and Development

Ben Fernandez

Neil Hohman, **Alternate**

Darryl Mack

John Wells

Division of Administration, OIT

Bobby Collins

Karen Paterson

Neal Underwood

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Louisiana Sea Grant

John Davis

Justin Farrell

Louisiana State University

Dr Nina Lam

Rob Cunningham

St. James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

Ultra Computers Inc.

Jimmy Iles

US Army

Forrest Lamb

Weyerhaeuser Inc.

Scott Leachman

3. Approval of July 2005 Minutes

The July 2005 Minutes were accepted, with corrections, on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Dan McDonald.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair Bill Blair (House) could not attend the meeting due to a legislative meeting. Pam Smith (DSS) the Vice Chair presided over the meeting. There was no Chair Report.

5. Presentations:

UCGIS Role in GIS Education – Dr. Nina Lam, Louisiana State University

Dr. Lam is the current Chair of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS). Dr Lam noted that LSU was one of the founding members of UCGIS and still plays an active role in the organization.

UCGIS Mission

- To serve as an effective, unified voice for the geographic information science research community
- To foster multidisciplinary research and education; and
- To promote the informed and responsible use of geographic information science and geographic analysis for the benefit of society.

Goals

Provide ongoing research priorities for advancing theory and methods in Geographic Information Science.

Assess the current and potential contributions of GIS to national scientific and public policy issues.

Expand and strengthen Geographic Information Science education at all levels. for

Provide the organizational infrastructure to foster collaborative interdisciplinary research in Geographic Information Science.

Promote the ethical use of and access to geographic information.

Foster Geographic Information Science and analysis in support of national needs.

6. LAGIC Report

Workshops:

LAGIC completed an Intro to GIS Workshop in Houma on July 13th.

LAGIC has scheduled a Metadata Workshop at the Wetlands Center in Lafayette on August 24th. The workshop is funded by the Federal Geographic Data Committee and is the last of a series of five CAP grant metadata workshops.

LGISC Support

LAGIC is providing logistical support for two LGISC committees:

1. The GIS Strategic Planning Committee, which has met twice since the last Council meeting, will have a draft soon for the Council to review..
2. LGISC Executive Committee has also met twice, to craft the annual LouisianaMAP report to the Governor.

Joe Holmes (DEQ) and Craig Johnson (LAGIC) produced a State GIS Summary for the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) annual GIS survey. Joe Holmes and Craig Johnson will attend the NSGIC Annual Conference in late September.

Outreach

LAGIC is assisting the RS/GIS Conference Committee to begin preparation for the 2006 workshop in Baton Rouge at the Lod Cooke Conference Center at LSU.

7. Old Business

DOQQ Update – Was not available

LIDAR Report – Nothing new to report

Louisiana GIS Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Neal Underwood (DOA) noted that there are a number of groups working on the content of a statewide GIS strategic Plan. The goal was to have the information completed in August with an eye to the budgeting process in September.

LouisianaMAP Project

Neil Underwood (DOA) noted that the enterprise licensing agreement with ESRI is on its way to state purchasing. All political subdivisions of the state will be able to use this system to order software, including local government. The agreement should be finalized by mid August.

Budget requests are due in November for FY06. The Office of Electronic Services had put in a request for a substantial increase in the budget for LAGIC to fund the aggressive development of LouisianaMAP.

8. New Business

RS/GIS Workshop

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that planning for the 2006 RS/GIS Workshop is underway. The Workshop will be located at the Lod Cooke Conference facility on the LSU Campus. The conference is scheduled for the week of April 3-6, 2006. Conference planners are looking for a site to hold the Wednesday night crawfish boil. Let Bo know if you have any suggestions.

Housing for the Disabled

Mattie Coxe (LMA) noted that there is a need to create GIS maps for a project to locate housing for the disabled. Please see her if you are interested.

Parish Boundary Data Set

John Wells (DOTD) noted that the Parish Boundary data set project has been moving slowly due to a lack of funds to contract out the work. The only parish boundary lines that have been checked are those that cross a state highway. Mr Wells requested assistance from any other agency that could provide it.

9. Determine Next Meeting Date and Location:

Vice Chair, Smith (DSS) proposed the following date for the next GIS Council meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 1:30 in Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

LAGIC

LAGIC has scheduled a Metadata Workshop at the Regional Applications Center ULL in Lafayette on August 24th.

NASA/ULL RAC Summer Workshop Schedule

The following workshops will be sponsored by NASA/ULL and USGS: Metadata Workshop on August 24th and an NHD workshop in late August. Both workshops will be taught at the RAC/ULL facility in Lafayette.

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