

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of January 19, 2006

1. Call to Order

Chair Bill Blair (House) called the meeting to order at 1:51 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room #212 of Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Economic Development

Gene Stephens, **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

David Jacobson, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Doug Albert, **Alternate**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Louisiana House

Bill Blair, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Alternate**

Others Present:

Army Corps of Engineers

David McDaniel

Department of Transportation and Development

Sharon Balfour

Neil Hohmann, **Alternate**
David Ringuette
John Wells
Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent
Louisiana State University
Rob Cunningham
Bo Zhang

3. Approval of December 2005 Minutes

The December 2005 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Ramona Robichaux (Labor).

4. Chair's Report

The GIS Council had received a request from the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors to become members of the GIS Council. Chair Blair invited the Surveyors to come to this meeting and make a presentation to the Council.

5. Presentation:.

A scheduled presentation by Victor Leotta (CK and Associates) on Mapping Services Available at the FEMA-JFO was canceled due to illness.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC is providing logistical support for three LGISC committees:

- 1 The GIS Strategic Planning Committee, which is in the final editing stages of the Strategic Plan.
- 1 The LGISC Executive Committee (recommending changes to the Bylaws to reflect the new authorizing legislation. Drafts of those bylaw changes will be distributed to the membership for their comment.
- 1 Emergency Data Coordination Meeting – An ad-hoc committee to deal with the issue of state geospatial preparedness for any emergency event. Jim Mitchell has been spearheading this effort. The group has met at least once since the last Council meeting

Outreach Efforts

8) Old Business

DOQQ Update

LIDAR Report –

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that there are no changes in the status of the LIDAR Imagery from the last Council meeting. Many blocks are awaiting Quality Assurance review by a third party contractor.

Louisiana GIS Council Election Committee

Bill Blair (House) noted that the Election Committee is taking nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. Craig Johnson (LAGIC) has placed nomination forms on the table outside the room. Please take one with you, fill it out and bring it to the next meeting. Craig Johnson noted that the new legislation passed by the House and Senate (Act #68) allows alternates to be nominated for either Chair or Vice Chair of the Council. The election will occur at the February meeting.

9) New Business

Joe Holmes (DEQ) noted that there will be a National Hydrology Data (NHD) workshop on February 15th at the Regional Applications Center in Lafayette. USGS is hosting the event.

10) Next Meeting – February 16th at Louisiana State Library,

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3.35.

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of December 15, 2005

Summary of Action Items

Act #68

Act #68 of the Louisiana Legislature is awaiting the Governor's signature. The Act will better define the responsibilities of both the GIS Council and LAGIC. The Act will also allow LAGIC to enter into contracts and charge for services. Most importantly, the Bill will allow LAGIC to receive commercially sensitive, privacy protected and other data sets that will require special database security procedures.

DOQQ Update – N/A

The October DOQQ flight was flown. The product will be one meter pan sharpened CIR imagery. Pat O'Neil (USGS) is the contact point for the imagery. Jim Mitchell noted that there are some gaps in the mosaiced images.

LIDAR Report – no change

NHD Workshop – February 15, 2006

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LSPS Application for membership

The Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors has requested membership in the Louisiana GIS Council. The Council heard presentations from David Patterson (President of LSPS), and Tony Cavell (LSPS Board Member). The Council can not admit a new member that is not a state entity, until Act #68 is signed into law on January 22nd. The Council decided to debate the issue at their January meeting and vote at a later meeting.