

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of August 17, 2006
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair, Bill Blair (House) called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Louisiana State Library in downtown Baton Rouge..

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Education

Steve A. Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Daniel Mac Donald, **Member**

Department of Labor

Ramona Robichaux, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Doug Albert, **Alternate**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

Louisiana House

Bill Blair, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Mattie Coxe, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Alternate**

Others Present:

C-K and Associates

Case Ahr

John Evers

Victor Leotta

Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism

Mitchell Aleshire

Department of Health and Hospitals

Gary Balsamo

Kenneth Lanier, **Alternate**

Christine Scott

Clay Trachtman

Department of Transportation and Development

Neil Hohmann, **Alternate**

Harry Wilson

Division of Administration

Bobby Collins

Dominique Duvall-Diop

Charles Flanagan

Karen Patterson

Neal Underwood, **Alternate**

FEMA Geospatial Intelligence Unit, BR - JFO

Gary Atkins

Mary Bermudez

Rusti Liner

Governors Office of Homeland Security

Richard Deblieux

Gulf Engineers and Consultants (GEC)

Scott Knaus

IEM Inc.

Fran Harvey

Atri Sen

Lincoln Parish Government

Shane Breland

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Dennis Eilers, Past Chair LGISC

Louisiana State Police

Mark Richards

Louisiana State University

Jasmine James

Jackie Mills

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors

Tony Cavell

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

Stephanie Pedro

South Central Planning and Development

Scott Leger

St James Parish Government
Bobby Lear
USGS, National Wetlands Research Center
Pat O'Neil

3. Approval of June 2006 Minutes

The June 2006 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Mart Beasley (DOA)

Approval of July 2006 Minutes

The July 2006 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate)

4. Chair's Report

Chair Bill Blair (House) introduced two new alternate members of the GIS Council from the Department of Health and Hospitals, Ken Lanier with the Office of Public Health and Brandon Taylor with the Safe Drinking Water Program.

Chair Bill Blair noted that the GIS Strategic Plan is in final review and will be sent out to all the members of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee in the next couple weeks. A copy will be available for review by Council members at the September GIS Council Meeting.

Chair Blair noted that he had received a letter from USGS requesting that the GIS Council consider USGS for membership. Chair Blair noted that he would convene a meeting of the Membership committee (Chaired by Joe Holmes) to consider the request.

5. Presentation

"Energy Database: The Key Component in Post-Katrina Flood Damage Assessment and Residential Density Determination" – FEMA Baton Rouge AFO GIU Team

"Updates from the FEMA Geographic Intelligence Unit" – FEMA Baton Rouge AFO GIU Team

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC has been providing logistical support for a number of LGISC activities:

- The Strategic Planning Subcommittee, which David Gisclair and I will

discuss later in the meeting.

- LAGIC has been working with a number of Council member agencies on membership issues. We have provided Police Jury Association and the LMA with lists of potential candidates to represent their organizations on the Council. Also working with CRT on membership issues.
- Joe Holmes and I were asked by the National State GIS Council to give a summary of state GIS activities to post to the NSGIC site.
- LAGIC is applying for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program grant and has attended a number of FEMA Sponsored pre-grant application workshops.

Outreach

- LAGIC will be hosting a GIS Workshop for Utility Providers” at Entergy’s New Orleans facility on Friday, October 20th.
- LAGIC will be hosting a similar GIS Workshop in Lake Charles in early November .
- LAGIC assisted the Terrebonne Parish Govt. in conducting an Intro to GIS workshop for Public Safety officials at the Houma Sheriffs Office in July.

8) Old Business

DOQQ Update

LIDAR Report –

RS/GIS Workshop Report

9) New Business

10) Next Meeting –at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at

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Summary of Action Items