

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of October 19, 2006

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair, Bill Blair (House) called the meeting to order at 1:48 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held at Efferson Hall Room #214 on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Alternate**

Department of Education

Steve A. Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **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 Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Alternate**

Louisiana House

Bill Blair, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors

Paul Kocke, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Rachael Watson

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman

Department of Transportation and Development

Neil Hohmann, **Alternate**

Division of Administration

Neal Underwood, **Alternate**

Bobby Collins

FEMA Geospatial Intelligence Unit, BR - JFO

Michelle Jackson

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Scott Leger

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana Department of Public Safety, State Police

Mark Richards

USGS, National Wetlands Research Center

Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of September 2006 Minutes

The September 2006 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

4. Chair's Report

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Chair Bill Blair noted that the Council is in agreement that the GIS Strategic Plan needs major revisions. The LGISC Executive Committee will meet in the near future to decide how to proceed with the document.

Chair Bill Blair recommended that all Council members support the efforts of David Gisclair to collect updated data sets for the proposed DVD that will be released this spring.

5. Council Resolution of Support for ATLAS

Bo Blackmon (DNR) thanked Farrell Jones and the staff of the ATLAS website for the work that they have done in support of the Louisiana geospatial community by hosting the ATLAS website. Their services are provided free of charge as a public service. Farrell Jones accepted a certificate of appreciation from Mr Blackmon and thanked Council members for their support.

6. Presentations: USGS and GOHSEP presentations will be rescheduled

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC has been working with a number of Council member agencies on membership issues: LA. Police Jury Association, LMA , CRT and others LAGIC met with the Julie Vinson at the Governors Office of Boards and Commissions to discuss membership issues.

LAGIC assisted with the presentation to the Council of Information Service Directors (CISD). We want to thank all the Council members who contributed to that effort

All three Louisiana members of NSGIC attended the NSGIC Conference in Little Rock Ar.; Pat O'Neil (USGS), Joe Holmes(DEQ) and Craig Johnson (LAGIC).

Joshua Kent (LAGIC) has been experimenting with Microsoft's Vista Release and the new Internet Explorer (IE 7) release that works with Vista. He demonstrated some of the capabilities of the new operating system for Council members.

Outreach

LAGIC is hosting two workshops on Asset Management for Utility Providers" , one at Entergy's New Orleans facility and a similar workshop in Lake Charles both will occur in January. These were both funded by an FGDC CAP Grant. We will be working to get CEU credits awarded to registrants.

GIS Day Wednesday, November 15th, is the day that the Council works with a school to bring hands-on GIS to the classroom. This year's program will take place at the New Orleans Charter Math and Science High School. Their school was on the grounds of Delgado Community College across from City Park and they were badly flooded during Hurricane Katrina. They lost most of their laptops and other equipment. The project we have developed in coordination with the school administration is to use GPS units to inventory sites in City Park that could be used for replanting trees. We will use the post Katrina 2005 CIR imagery to select potential sites. If any Council members are interested we would appreciate your help

8) Old Business

DOQQ Update

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LIDAR Report –

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Emergency Data Coordination Committee

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that he has been working with the Secretary of State's office on identifying the location of buildings and matching that data with the building site database maintained by the Division of Administration.

9) New Business

NSGIC Report

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) noted that he attended the National States Geographic Information Council Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas in early October. He opened a PowerPoint presentation which showed the status of GIS coordination in 47 states around the country and how Louisiana compared to other states.

Hazardous Site Data

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that the parishes of St Bernard and Plaquemines are looking for any data that was collected during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that delineated the location of hazardous waste sites in their parishes. Please contact Lynn Dupont if you have any information that would be helpful to the parishes.

State Water Bodies

Marty Beasley (DOA, SLO) noted that the State Lands Office may be forced, by means of a lawsuit, to publicize the locations of all publicly owned water bodies in the state of Louisiana. The method of distribution for this data has not been decided.

10) Next Meeting –will take place in the State Library of Louisiana at 701 North 4th Street in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana on November 16, 2006.

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:18pm

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Summary of Action Items

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