

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of December 21, 2006

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair, Joe Holmes (DEQ) called the meeting to order at 1:46 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Economic Development

Gene Stephens, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Ken Lanier, **Designee**

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, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

FEMA – TRO

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Marta Naquin, **Designee**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Military Department (Louisiana National Guard)

Mike Liotta, **Member**

USGS

Calvin "Pat" O'Neil, **Member**

Others Present:

C-K and Associates

John Evers

Victor Leotta

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman

Department of Labor

Jonathan Helis, **Designee**

Department of Public Safety

Doug Cain

Tyler Williamson

Department of Transportation and Development

Sharon Balfour

Neil Hohmann, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Bobby Collins

Karen Patterson

Neal Underwood, **Designee**

Rodney Young

FEMA Geospatial Intelligence Unit, BR - TRO

Michelle Jackson

Governors Office of Homeland Security...

Richard Deblieux

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana State University, Police Department

Joe Thompson

Military Department (Louisiana National Guard)

Bryan Haviland

Orleans Parish Communication Districts

Kathrine Cargo

South Central Planning and Development

Scott Leger

USGS, National Wetlands Research Center

Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of November 2006 Minutes

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

4. Chair's Report

Chair Bill Blair (House) was not able to attend, Joe Holmes (DEQ), the LGISC vice Chair, attended in his place.

Vice Chair Joe Holmes noted that the Council would review the proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws. Mr Holmes summarized the proposed changes as:

1. Alternates would be renamed designees and would be appointed by their member.
2. The appointing authority within their agency would provide a letter of support for all new members and designees.
3. Only statutory members can be nominated as officers of the Louisiana GIS Council.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) suggested that we wait until the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions has had an opportunity to review our proposed changes. The Council agreed to postpone the vote on the Bylaw changes until the next Council meeting.

5. Presentation: GIS Implementation in the Louisiana National Guard by Mike Liotta, Louisiana National Guard - Camp Beauregard, Pineville, Louisiana

Mike Liotta, the LGISC member representing the Military Department described current geospatial activities at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, Louisiana. Mr Liotta listed a number of the data layers that are being collected and how those data sets are being used. He noted that 80% of the costs incurred by his organization are covered by federal funds.

7. LAGIC Report:

LAGIC is hosting two workshops on Asset Management for Utility Providers", one at Entergy's Lake Charles facility on February 6th and a similar workshop in New Orleans on February 7th. These were both funded by an FGDC CAP Grant. We CEU credits will be available for both workshops from URISA and GITA.

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

- LAGIC has been working with the Military Dept on membership issues.
- LAGIC worked with Joe Holmes (DEQ) and Pat O'Neil (USGS) on a quick USGS (end of the year money) grant proposal to photo revise the hydrology layer for approximately 300 coastal Louisiana quads.

LAGIC received a request from a federal contractor, Technographics, who is collecting infrastructure data in various states. They have worked with a number of states including Arkansas and Kansas (Fire Stations) and Rhode Island and Maine (Hospitals, clinics and EMS). The requested our help in collecting contact information for the following three data layers:

Public Safety: Fire and police stations
Medical Facilities: Hospitals, Clinics and EMS
Corrections: Jails and prisons

The Council voiced no objection to LAGIC assisting Technographics in this project.

LAGIC will be presenting at two local government conferences this winter: the Assessors conference in January, and the Police Jury Association Conference in February. Shane Breland (LPJA) and Craig Johnson (LAGIC) will describe the efforts of the state GIS Council and LAGIC to assist local governments and describe how one parish has dealt with the issue of funding GIS development... LAGIC will be applying for three grants due this January; OSRADP, FGDC, and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant.

8) Old Business

DOQQ Update – Joe Holmes (DEQ) gave an update on the most recent DOQQ flight. He noted that replacement frames for damaged scenes have been posted to the ATLAS Website.

Pat O’Neil (USGS) noted that USGS and other federal partners (USFS, NRCS, USF&WS, USACE and the MMS are planning a 2007/2008 flight to collect 1 meter imagery statewide. USGS is asking local governments that are interested in higher resolution imagery, to provide footprints of the areas that they are interested in.

LIDAR Report – David Gisclair (Senate) noted there are 2172 panels of LIDAR DEMS and Contours now completed, virtually all of Phase 5. The LIDAR Project will soon begin Phase 6

Strategic Plan Report –Copies of the report were distributed to Council members. Neal Underwood (DOA) recommended that we move discussion of the plan to January to give members more time to review the document.

2007 LGISC Election - Craig Johnson (LAGIC) asked Council members to consider nominating a colleague or themselves for Chair or Vice Chair of the GIS Council. Nomination forms will be available at the December meeting and the election will take place at the January meeting.

2007 GIS DVD - David Gisclair (Senate) reminded Council members that time is running short for having their agency data included on the 2007 GIS DVD. Late November is the last date at which new layers can be added. The DVD will include 495 unique data themes. LOSCO is working on a file naming convention that will be descriptive enough to uniquely identify each theme.

2007 RS/GIS Workshop - Bo Blackmon (DNR) reminded Council members that the 2007 RS/GIS Workshop will take place in Lafayette on May 22 – May 24th at the River

Oaks Conference Center. A group of rooms have been reserved at the Marriott (across the street) for the event.

New Business

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that USDA has been asking for public input to their proposed 2007 “Leaf-On” aerial photo acquisition flight that will take place between June 1st and August 15th of this year. The flight will capture imagery in True Color and Multispectral products both at 1 meter resolution.

Ian Beer (LMA) noted that the City of Slidell is considering the purchase of document management software that uses a windows interface and employs a “scene scrapper”. He suggested that the Council might want to view the demo. He asked that anyone interested seem him after the meeting.

Pat O’Neil (USGS) mentioned that the UAV Workshop took place in Lafayette on December 13th and 14th. The workshop was very well attended and brought visitors from as far away as Sweden.

Mr O’Neil (USGS) also mentioned that he was planning a workshop on Louisiana Grids in January. As soon as a site is located, he will provide more information

Jim Mitchell noted that DOTD has a new application on their website to view changing weather patterns and how that weather might affect motorists. He demonstrated some of the capabilities of the site to Council members.

10) Next Meeting –on January 18th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

11) Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

Chair's Report

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