

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of January 18, 2007
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Bill Blair (House) called the meeting to order at 1:35P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held at 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 Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Economic Development

Gene Stephens, **Member**

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, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Michelle Jackson, **Designee**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & E.P.

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Sherel Martin, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana House

Bill Blair, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association
Ian Beer, **Member**
Louisiana Senate
David Gisclair, **Designee**
Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors
Greg Palmer, **Designee**
Military Department, Office of the Governor
Mike Liotta, **Member**
USGS
Calvin "Pat" O'Neil, **Member**

Others Present:

CK & Associates
John Evers
Department of Transportation and Development
John Wells
Division of Administration
Neal Underwood
Gulf Engineers Inc.
Bill Wiesepape
IEM Inc.
Fran Harvey
Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts
Scott Leger
Louisiana Geographic Information Center
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent
Louisiana State Police
Doug Cain
Stephen Gomez
Randy Revels
Military Department, Office of the Governor
Bryan Haviland
Louisiana State University
Kate Streva
Joe Thompson
St James Parish Government
Bobby Lear
USGS
Steve Hartley, **Designee**
Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of December 21, 2006 Minutes

The December 2006 Minutes were accepted, with the addition of a minor modification to the LIDAR Report, on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

4. Chair’s Report

Chair Bill Blair noted that he has enjoyed serving as Chair of the Council. Chair Blair noted that according to precedent he will preside over the Council meeting during the election and until the meeting is adjourned when the new Council Chair and Vice Chair will begin their term.

Chair Blair noted some of the accomplishments of the Council over the last year, including work on the Strategic Plan, Bylaws and the addition of four new Council members. Chair Blair will continue to serve as the member representing the Louisiana House on the Council and will be glad to assist the Council in any new undertakings.

5. Presentation: “Louisiana’s Fusion Data Center” by Sergeant Doug Cain, Louisiana Department of Public Safety.

Sergeant Cain, Analytic Unit Supervisor for the Investigative Support Section, described the efforts of the Department of Public Safety to collect critical infrastructure data for the state of Louisiana. This work will be divided among a number of different analysts who will specialize in various public safety data sets (Fire Stations, EOC’s, Police Stations, etc.). The goal is to have complete situational awareness in an emergency, with all available data sets at hand for decision makers. Sergeant Cain noted that he may request assistance from GIS Council members as their data search continues.

6. 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. CEU credits will be available for both workshops from URISA. Flyers are on the sign-in table.

LAGIC has been providing logistical support for Technigraphics, who is collecting infrastructure data in various states. The requested our help in collecting the following three data layers:

- Public Safety: Police & Fire stations
- Medical Facilities: Hospitals, Clinics and EMS
- Corrections Facilities: Jails and prisons

They have worked with a number of states including Arkansas and Kansas (Fire Stations) and Rhode Island and Maine (Hospitals, clinics and EMS). We have spoken with other states about their participation.

LAGIC will be attending 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 Director) are scheduled to present at both conferences this followed a suggestion by Jim Mitchell at our October Council meeting, that LAGIC provide more outreach to local government.

LAGIC is applying for three grants due this January and February; OSRADP, FGDC, and a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant.

LAGIC has been providing support for the LGISC Election, a copy of the election report is available on the sign-in table.

8) Old Business

Election of Officers

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Chair Blair welcomed the incoming officers.

Bylaw Changes

Craig Johnson reviewed the proposed Bylaw changes and distributed a copy for the membership. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) asked if we could postpone the discussion to a future meeting. There were no objections so the discussion was postponed.

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GIS Software Usage Survey Results

Joshua Kent (LAGIC) gave a presentation on a survey he distributed to Council members asking what types of software (GIS, databases, etc.) were being used in various state agencies.

RS/GIS Workshop

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop has been rescheduled to May 21st – 24th. The dates for the workshop, which will be in Lafayette in 2007, conflicted with a number of geospatial events in Louisiana and elsewhere.

GIS DVD

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that the new Louisiana GIS CD would be available in the spring of 2007. Any agency that has new or updated data that they would like to see included in the new CD, must let him know immediately to be included. He has formed a group that will be meeting regularly over the next six to eight months to catalog the new data sets. Joe Holmes (DEQ) suggested that the LGISC Data Standards Committee should be convened to assist in standardizing the naming conventions for the new data sets.

10) Next Meeting –February 15th at Efferson Hall on the Louisiana State University Campus.

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4.12 on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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