

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of February 15, 2007

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Doug Albert (DW&F) called the meeting to order at 1:45P.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 Health and Hospitals

Daniel MacDonald, **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, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

FEMA, GIU

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana House

Bill Blair, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors

Paul Kocke, **Member**

Military Department, Governor's Office

Bryan Haviland, **Designee**

USGS

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

Others Present:

Department of Health and Hospitals

John Forsman

Ken Lanier, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Karen Patterson

Neal Underwood, **Designee**

FEMA Geospatial Intelligence Unit

Michelle Jackson, **Designee**

Gulf Engineers Inc.

Bill Wiesepape

IEM Inc.

Matt Diez

Neeraj Mainkar

Atri Sen

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors

Greg Palmer, **Designee**

St. James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

South Central Planning & Development

Scott Leger

US Army Corps of Engineers – NO District

David McDaniel

3. Approval of January 18, 2007 Minutes

The January 2007 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

4. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Doug Albert (DW&F) noted that Chair would be speaking to the CISD Directors on Tuesday, March 6th, the GIS Council's I-Plan will be the focus. Vice Chair Albert noted that he would like to see the Council increase its outreach activities and develop awareness among state agencies of the use of GIS in emergency situations.

Vice Chair Albert introduced Lynn Dupont who presented an award to David McDaniel (US Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District) for his years of service to the Louisiana geospatial community. Mr. McDaniel will be moving to the Corp's of Engineers Sacramento District in March.

5. Presentation: “Integration of a light-weight GIS in an existing web based application”, by Matt Diez and Atri Sen of IEM Inc.

IEM Inc. was tasked with using an Open Source GIS within an existing web based application for emergency management and decision support. They used a variety of open-source software including; Post-GIS (database), GeoServer (map server) and Community Mapbuilder (GIS) to build Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) compliant Web Map Service (WMS) and Web Feature Service (WFS) applications. IEM also created widgets to extend the functionality of the user interface. For example, IEM demonstrated how you could use a plume modeling software package within an open source GIS.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC has been providing logistical support for Technographics, which is collecting infrastructure data in various states. The following data layers have been provided:

- Public safety: Police and Fire Stations
- Corrections Facilities: Jails and Prisons
- Evacuation Routes: from DOTD

LAGIC recently presented at both the Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA) and the Louisiana Police Jury Association (LPJA). LAGIC was asked to re-survey the LAA regarding their GIS capability.

LAGIC has been collecting a small library of GIS related books. We would like to make these books available to Council members on short-term loans (1 –2 months). LAGIC will provide a list at the next GIS Council meeting.

Craig Johnson, LAGIC Director, suggested that perhaps LAGIC should make a short presentation on the role of the Council and LAGIC in state geospatial activities as we have four new members.

8) Old Business

DOQQ Update

Joe Holmes (DEQ) had no updates to the 2005 DOQQ's to report Pat O'Neil

(USGS) noted that their will be a 2007/2008 statewide flight with the possibility of 2' resolution digital imagery statewide. This flight would include some of the offshore areas and offshore oil platforms, which have not been collected recently.

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) will give the LIDAR Report at the March 15th Council meeting.

9) New Business

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) noted that there are a number of GIS training opportunities and conferences taking place in Louisiana over the next three months, including:

- GRID Workshop, April 17 at DOTD in Baton Rouge
- South Central Arc Users Group Meeting, April 9 – 13 in New Orleans
- NHD Workshop, April 24 –26 in Denver, CO.
- RS/GIS Workshop, May 21 – 24 in Lafayette

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop is scheduled for May 21 – 24, in Lafayette. The traditional late April dates conflicted with a number of geospatial events in Louisiana and elsewhere. As in the past, the RS/GIS Workshop will feature at least one additional workshop on the Monday prior to registration on Tuesday.

Brooks Act Litigation

Josh Kent (LAGIC) updated the Council on the latest developments in the case brought by MAPPS (Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors). Mr. Kent has posted a synopsis of the case on the GIS Council website: <http://doa.louisiana.gov/lqisc/>

In short, MAPPS (and others) filed a lawsuit in federal district court challenging the way the US Government selects and issues contracts that involve mapping services. The outcome may change the procurements process for some federal agencies.

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

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4.10 on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of February 15, 2007

Summary of Action Items

Chairs Report

Vice Chair Doug Albert (DW&F) noted that Chair would be speaking to the CISD Directors on Tuesday, March 6th, the GIS Council's I-Plan will be the focus. Vice Chair Albert noted that he would like to see the Council increase its outreach activities and develop awareness among state agencies of the use of GIS in emergency situations.

DOQQ Update

Joe Holmes (DEQ) had no updates to the 2005 DOQQ's to report. Pat O'Neil (USGS) noted that there will be a 2007/2008 statewide flight with the possibility of 2' resolution digital imagery statewide. This flight would include some of the offshore areas and offshore oil platforms, which have not been collected recently.

9) New Business

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) noted that there are a number of GIS training opportunities and conferences taking place in Louisiana over the next three months, including:

- GRID Workshop, April 17 at DOTD in Baton Rouge
- South Central Arc Users Group Meeting, April 19 – 13 in New Orleans
- NHD Workshop, April 24 –26 in Denver, CO.
- RS/GIS Workshop, May 21 – 24 in Lafayette

Brooks Act Litigation

Josh Kent (LAGIC) updated the Council on the latest developments in the case brought by MAPPS (Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors). Mr. Kent has posted a synopsis of the case on the GIS Council website: <http://doa.louisiana.gov/lgisc/>

In short, MAPPS (and others) filed a lawsuit in federal district court challenging the way the US Government selects and issues contracts that involve mapping services. The outcome may change the procurements process for some federal agencies.