

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of June 13, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) 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 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 Public Safety

Sgt. Mark Richards, **Designee**

Department of Social Services

David Jacobson, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Doug Albert, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Neal Underwood, **Designee**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Rich Bailey, **Designee**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors

Gregg Palmer, **Designee**

Military Department, Governors Office
Bryan Haviland, **Designee**
USGS
Steve Hartley, **Designee**

Others Present:

Department of Health and Hospitals
Ken Lanier, **Designee**

Department of Natural Resources
Daniel Ashford, **Designee**
David Elfert

Department of Transportation
Tina Morgan
CJ Marchand

Louisiana Geographic Information Center
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent

LSU Police Department
Joe Thompson

Louisiana State University
Rob Cunningham

Michael Baker Corporation Inc.
Joe Maniscalco
Harold Smith

South Central Planning and Development
Scott Leger

St. James Parish Government
Jon Deroche
Bobby Lear
Scott Loque

East Baton Rouge City/ Parish Government
Wendi French

ULS
Devin Broome

USGS
Gene Nelson

Watch Systems Inc.
Jonathan Roberts

3. Approval of May 19, 2007 Minutes

The May 2007 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Shane Breland (LPJA).

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gisclair thanked everyone for attending the meeting today, and we appreciate having Lon Cornell of Terrago Technologies, Inc. here to demonstrate their product capability.

Mr. Gisclair noted that we implemented the bylaw changes recommended by the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

I am happy to announce the following new appointments to the LGISC:

1. Nicole Lorenz – official designee from Wildlife and Fisheries
2. John Evers – official designee for Dept. of Transportation and Development
3. Mike Walker – official designee from Louisiana Municipal Association

We had a successful 2007 RS/GIS workshop. Bo Blackmon will give us an update in this meeting.

LA GIS DVD – 2007 Compilation

The new LA GIS DVD – May 2007 Compilation has been received and was distributed at the 23rd Annual Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Workshop. Copies of the DVD are available. Please see Craig Johnson for a copy of the DVD. Again, the 2-DVD set includes the following:

LA GIS DVD Volume 1

Volume 1: Projects & Geospatial Data
Includes: 266 Data Sources

LA GIS DVD Volume 2

Volume 2: Compressed Geospatial Data
Includes: 194 Compressed Data Sources

USGS National Lidar Initiative Meeting Report

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5. Presentation: Geo-pdf and Map2pdf by Scott Lee with Terrago Technologies.

Scott Lee demonstrated the capabilities of two Terrago Technologies products; Geo-pdf and Map2pdf. Terrago provides a free downloadable toolbar which allows you to view geospatial data in Adobe Reader. the GeoPDF Toolbar, built on Adobe Reader is an excellent way to distribute GIS data to non-GIS professionals. Map2pdf lets us give end users interactive mapping functions without the need for them to have any knowledge of GIS it also utilizes Adobe Reader.

Scott was asked about government pricing. He noted that the Map2pdf bundle costs approximately \$1995 per license. The ArcGIS Server version is \$15,000.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC had a booth at the RS/GIS Workshop in Lafayette where we distributed LOSCO's new DVD's. LAGIC also provided the speakers for a GIS Council session on "Local Government GIS, Lafayette Style" and moderated two other sessions.

LAGIC has received notification that we were successful in our USGS grant proposal for updating the Geographic Names Index (GNIS) for structures in the coastal parishes of Louisiana. We are in the process of scheduling five workshops that will take place in July and August. USGS has asked if they can do a presentation at the next GIS Council meeting on GNIS. It would be a webinar from Reston, VA.

LAGIC has coordinated two LAGIC Oversight meetings in the last month. We are looking at how we can modify LAGIC's task list to take into account the possibility of new funding in FY2008.

LAGIC is continuing to work with TGS to identify critical infrastructure.

8) Old Business

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the status of the LIDAR Project is unchanged since the last report. He distributed a status map showing the remaining areas in Phase VI.

DOQQ Update

Steve Hartley (USGS) noted that Pat O'Neil is working on the 2007/2008 statewide flight with the possibility of 2' resolution digital imagery statewide. USGS will be working with federal, state and local governments on the flight

specifications. USGS would like to provide a buy-up option for local governments to allow them to purchase 6” photography of urban areas.

Council Appointments

Chair Gisclair noted that at this date the Council has received appointment and re-appointment letters from virtually every member of the Council. He welcomed the new members and designees in his Chair report.

RS/GIS Workshop

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Conference which took place on May 21 – 24 at the River Oaks Conference Center in Lafayette had over 160 attendees. Mr. Blackmon noted some of the highlights of the workshop especially the Award ceremonies, the panel discussion on Thursday and the excellent boiled crawfish. The 2008 Workshop will be in New Orleans, April 6th – 10th.

9) New Business

Steve Hartley (USGS) noted that USGS is hosting a LIDAR Workshop on June 20th and 21st at the Transportation Research Center on the LSU Campus.

Chair Gisclair noted that the GIS Strategic Plan was delivered to the CIO this morning for his review.

Joe Holmes (DEQ) noted that the Digital Data Committee had met to discuss the “Imagery for the Nation” Proposal and asked if the Council could draft some suggestions for NSGIC regarding our concerns and suggestions about “Imagery for the Nation”. Chair Gisclair asked members to e-mail their concerns to Joe Holmes (DEQ) or to LAGIC.

Harold Smith, with Michael Baker Inc, described the Louisiana MAP Program which is sponsored by FEMA to determine what areas would flood in various scenarios. FEMA has developed sophisticated surge modeling capabilities. FEMA Will be demonstrating these capabilities at meetings throughout the state this summer to better inform Louisiana Coastal communities.

10) Next Meeting – Thursday, July 19th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4.10 on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) seconded by Doug Albert (DWF).

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Summary of Action Items

Chairs Report

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