

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of August 16, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the State Library in downtown Baton Rouge.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Culture Recreation and Tourism

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Agriculture & 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

Dan MacDonald, **Member**

Department of Labor

Ramona Robichaux, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Public Safety

Mark Richards, **Designee**

Department of Social Services

David Jacobson, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Fred Hagaman, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

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
Mike Liotta, **Member**
USGS
Pat O'Neil, **Member**

Others Present:

Catholic Charities
Louis Prejean
Culture Recreation and Tourism
Brad Laffitte
Cory Sills
Division of Administration
Bobby Collins
Neal Underwood
Department of Transportation
Doug Albert
Tina Morgan
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Nicole Lorenz
GCR Inc.
Richard Poche
Governor's Office of Community Development
Charles Tate
IEM Inc.
Matt Diez
John Chance Inc.
Carlos Femmes
Mark Spivey
Louisiana Geographic Information Center
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent
Louisiana State University
Rob Cunningham
Military Department, Governors Office
Bryan Haviland, **Designee**
Shaw Inc.
Perry Lopez
South Central Planning and Development
Scott Leger

St. James Parish Government

Bobby Lear
Scott Loque

USGS

Chris Cretini
Steve Hartley
Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of July 19, 2007 Minutes

The July 2007 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation to our guest speaker Mr. Michael Evanoff with Google Earth. Mr. Evanoff is the Google Earth Federal Support Engineer.

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

The LGISC still needs designees for following agencies:

1. LAPDD (Planning and Development Districts). We are working with Mr. Stan McGee on this issue.
2. Missing designees from two agencies: CRT and Justice
3. In addition we recently lost our representative from DW&F, DW&F is currently being represented by Fred Hagaman, the designee.

IFTN – Imagery for the Nation

The letter adopted by the council was sent to Mr. Stu Davis, President of NSGIC.

Geo-enabling State Databases

The digital data committee is still investigating a best practices approach to address the geo-enabling of existing databases and to provide guidance on the implementation of new databases.

BTNEP Presentation

As chair of the LGISC, a 1-hour extended presentation on "GIS Data Management and Availability" was presented at the BTNEP Management Meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007. The presentation included information on the "Louisiana GIS Digital Map – May 2007 Compilation DVD. One-hundred (100) DVD sets were provided to attendees.

LA GIS DVD – 2007 Compilation

The new LA GIS DVDs – May 2007 Compilation are available on the sign in table. 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

5. Presentation: Google Earth by Michael Evanoff, Google Earth Federal Support Engineer.

Mr. Evanoff demonstrated how Google Earth was used in the State of Alabama for homeland security applications. He showed how the enterprise version of Google could ingest various data types including; imagery, terrain models, vector data etc. He noted that there are three licensed versions of the software; the Pro solution, a Hybrid version and an Enterprise version depending on your needs. Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) noted that he has been working with Google for three months to create Virtual Louisiana using Google Enterprise to provide Louisiana first responders with various critical infrastructure data layers. Mr. Mitchell noted that there would eventually be three different levels of access to Virtual Louisiana.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC was selected for a USGS grant to update the Geographic Names Index (GNIS) for structures in the coastal parishes of Louisiana. We are in the process of scheduling five workshops. The first workshop will be in New Orleans on October 5th and the second in Baton Rouge on October 12th.

LAGIC scheduled two meetings of the Oversight Committee to finalize changes to the LAGIC contract and identify additional tasks. LAGIC scheduled a meeting of the LGISC Data Committee to discuss address standardization and Imagery for the Nation.

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

LAGIC is conducting a survey of GIS capability among Louisiana Assessors. We will have a report for the Council as soon as we have tallied the results of the survey.

LAGIC is offering two ESRI ARC GIS Server classes (an Intro and Advanced class). The first class was in August the second class will be offered in October.

8) Old Business

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the large amounts of elevation data created from the LIDAR Project will soon be made available by FEMA to assist in parish flood plane evaluations.

DOQQ Update

Pat O'Neil (USGS) noted that USGS is working with federal partners to identify the funding sources for the 2008 flight. USGS would like to provide a buy-up option for local governments to allow them to purchase 6" photography of urban areas. Funding needs to be in place by the end of September.

Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) noted that he is trying to identify additional funding sources for high resolution imagery of urbanized areas and critical infrastructure sites.

9) New Business

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that DNR had received a letter from the Secretary of DOTD about completing the framework data layers. The Secretary was looking for partners to help fund the data creation.

Chair David Gisclair noted that the GIS DVD would make an excellent start for a state data catalog.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that DOTD has the ability to track storms in real time. That data is available to all on the DOTD website.

10) Next Meeting – 1:30 on Thursday, September 20th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus.

11) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4.10 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) seconded by Gus Rowland (DA&F).

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Summary of Action Items

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