

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of September 20, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) called the meeting to order at 1:40P.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:

Culture Recreation and Tourism

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

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 Social Services

David Jacobson, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Nicole Lorenz, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

FEMA, GIU

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Rich Bailey, **Designee**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Mike Hefner, **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, **Member**
Military Department, Governors Office
Bryan Haviland, **Designee**
USGS
Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Baton Rouge Water Company
Ryan Scardina
C-K and Associates
John Evers
Victor Leotta
Department of Natural Resources
Dana Pennington
Department of Transportation
Doug Albert
Division of Administration
Karen Patterson, OES
Neal Underwood, OES
Charles Flanagan, OCD
Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)
Veronica Schindler
Gary Scoffield
FEMA
Brad Mooney
Louisiana Geographic Information Center
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent
Louisiana State University
Dina Knight
Robert Paulsell
Joe Thompson
South Central Planning and Development
Scott Leger
Southern University
Fulbert Namwamba
St. James Parish
Scott Louque
Teach Me GIS, Inc.
Leslie Morgan

USGS

Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of August 17, 2007 Minutes

The August 2007 Minutes were accepted, with one modification on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Shane Breland (LPJA).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair welcomed members and friends to the GIS Council meeting. Chair Gisclair noted that we would have a webinar presentation by Tad McGalliard with ICMA and Matt Brooks with Emergency Visions on the National Emergency Management Network.

Chair Gisclair reminded members of recent change in the Bylaws. He noted that to comply with the Governors Office of Boards and Commissions that their will be some additional changes in the membership roles.

Chair Gisclair noted that the LGISC Data Committee had met to discuss the Council's response to the Imagery for the Nation Proposal and developed a list of questions to ask the NSGIC President at the upcoming NSGIC Conference.

Furthermore, the Data Committee discussed Geo-coding and Address Standardization. The committee will look at a "best practices" approach to enable the geo-coding of legacy databases and to provide guidance on the implementation of new databases. Joe Holmes, the committee chair, will have more to say about this in the near future.

Chair Gisclair thanked Jim Mitchell (DOTD) for hosting the "What's New in GIS" workshop.

Chair Gisclair noted that the GIS Council Executive Committee met to appoint a Vice Chair to fill the slot left vacant by Doug Albert's departure from the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. Brant Mitchell, who represents the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on the Council, will act as Vice Chair until the next Council election in January.

Chair Gisclair introduced Gary Scoffield, the new regional manager for ESRI and Veronica Schindler the new Louisiana representative. Both Gary and Veronica are based in San Antonio, Texas.

Chair Gisclair noted that the LA GIS 2-DVD Set 2007 Compilation is available on the sign-in table

5. Presentation: National Emergency Management Network (NEMN) by Tad McGalliard with ICMA and Matt Brooks with Emergency Visions

The National Emergency Management Network is a database of emergency management resources with a mapping component. The NEMN fills three needs: 1) assists in planning emergency response planning, 2) graphic tools for local incident management, and 3) links to mutual aid assistance. The database contains information required by FEMA, NERR, NIMS and FEMA cost codes for equipment and services. The database contains an inventory of personnel searchable by skill, certification and credentials. It is currently being used to assist communities plan their annual emergency drills

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC has scheduled the first two of five GNIS workshops for the coastal parishes of Louisiana. The remaining three workshops will take place in early November. The first will be at the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission in New Orleans on October 5th. The second will be at DEQ on October 12th. Please pickup one of the flyers in the back.

LAGIC coordinated a LAGIC Oversight meeting last month. We are looking at how we can modify LAGIC's task list to take into account new funding in FY2008. LAGIC will be writing new job descriptions and interviewing potential staff members.

LAGIC is continuing to work with TGS to identify critical infrastructure. TGS has requested the following new data layers:

- Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) boundaries
- State Buildings

LAGIC has a small GIS Library with 34 books. We would like to make these available to Council members on a short term (1-2 months) loan. A list of those books can be found on the sign in table.

LAGIC is coordinating two ESRI ArcGIS Server classes. The first, a two day introductory class, occurred earlier this week. The advanced class will take place in October. We are looking for additional participants for the October class.

LAGIC gave a presentation to the Hurricane Data Mining Workshop in Lafayette in early August, as did many other GIS Council members. Dwight Hughes, with USGS, gave a webinar presentation on GNIS at that workshop.

8) Old Business

LIDAR Report

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10) Next Meeting – June 13th 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

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