

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of October 18, 2007

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) 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 Education

Steve A. Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Ken Lanier, **Designee**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **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

Fred Hagaman, **Designee**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

FEMA, GIU

Michelle Jackson, **Designee**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Sherel Martin, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Jerry Gould, **Designee**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Military Department, Governors Office

Bryan Haviland, **Designee**

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Governors Office

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

USGS

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

C-K and Associates

Victor Leotta

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman

Department of Transportation

Doug Albert

Tina Morgan

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Nicole Lorenz

Division of Administration

Karen Patterson, OES

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana State University

Dina Knight

Joe Thompson

Rapides Parish Communication District

Derek Belgard

South Central Planning and Development

Scott Leger

St. James Parish

Bobby Lear

Scott Louque

Toby Sandifer

Teach Me GIS, Inc.

Leslie Morgan

USGS

Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of September 20, 2007 Minutes

The August 2007 Minutes were accepted, with one modification on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair welcomed members and friends to the GIS Council meeting. Chair Gisclair noted that we would have a presentation by Allison Cascio with the Center for Planning Excellence.

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 changes in the membership roles. He noted that John Evers has resigned as Designee from the Department of Transportation and Development and Mike Hefner will no longer represent the Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts.

Chair Gisclair noted that the LGISC Data Committee had met to discuss the Council's response to the Imagery for the Nation Proposal which he will discuss later in the meeting.

Chair Gisclair noted that he will not be able to attend the November Council meeting. Brant Mitchell, who represents the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on the Council, will stand in as Chair at the next Council meeting on November 18th.

5A. Presentation: Center for Planning Excellence by Allison Cascio

The Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) received a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Economic Development to create a Model Development Code. The code is being used to provide technical assistance to two fast growing parishes; West Feliciana and Tangipahoa.

CPEX was involved in many of the Louisiana Speaks efforts, including the parish recovery plans, charrettes in Lake Charles, Vermillion and St. Bernard and the production of the Pattern Book, Tool Kit and the Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan. Over 24,000 people responded to the survey that was conducted as to various options and scenarios presented in the regional plan.

5B. Presentation: Virtual Louisiana by Brant Mitchell, Governors Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) presented Virtual Louisiana a basemap of the state using Google Earth. He pointed out many of the critical infrastructure elements that have been incorporated into the display. He noted that the website features high resolution photography, where available, and LIDAR, state buildings etc.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC complete the first two of five GNIS workshops for the coastal parishes of Louisiana. The remaining four workshops will take place in October and early November. The first was held at the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission in New Orleans on October 5th. The second was held at DEQ on

October 12th. There will be a workshop in Houma tomorrow and one in Lafayette on November 8th. Please pickup one of the flyers in the back.

LAGIC will be advertising four new job descriptions starting this weekend in newspapers throughout South Louisiana. We will also post our job opportunities to both the LAGIC and LGISC websites.

LAGIC is continuing to work with TGS to identify critical infrastructure, specifically; Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) boundaries and State Buildings.

LAGIC will be coordinating the last of two ESRI ArcGIS Server classes. The advanced class will take place later this month in October, and we are full.

LAGIC is working with St James Parish on a GIS Day Project that will occur on Tuesday, November 6th. If any Council members are interested in participating please let me know.

The next GIS Council meeting will be at the State Library downtown.

8) Old Business

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that tasks will be delivered to ATLAS for posting to the website for download. Over 2,340 quarter quads with DEM and contour information are now complete.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that funding is not available to collect imagery during the 2007/2008 winter season. The next over flight will occur during the 2008/2009 winter season. The Forest Service and the Corps of Engineers will partner with USGS on the flight. The flight will collect 2' resolution digital imagery statewide. David Gisclair (LOSCO) requested that the existing quarter quad grid be incorporated into the flight planning.

Louisiana Digital Data and Mapping Update Resolution

The LGISC Executive Committee met and drafted a letter of support for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in their efforts to update and develop a seamless topographic geospatial database for Louisiana. The resolution was read by Chair David Gisclair at which time some minor grammatical errors were noted and a motion made by Joe Holmes (DEQ) to suspend the rules requiring a month for Council members to review the resolution. Marty Beasley (DOA) seconded Joe Holmes' motion. Bo Blackmon (DNR) then moved to accept the resolution with corrections. Joe Holmes (DEQ) seconded Bo Blackmon's motion. A vote of all Council members present was

taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Response to Imagery for the Nation

David Gisclair noted that the LGISC Data Committee met and drafted a letter addressed to Cy Smith the current President of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC). The letter supported the general concept of the Imagery for the Nation Proposal predicated on the following conditions;

1. The imagery should be collected with a digital sensor. This would greatly reduce the time between image capture and image distribution.
2. A minimum of five spectral bands should be collected, thus allowing a choice of RGB, Panchromatic and Color Infrared. In addition this would eliminate the need for a buy-up option for CIR or Panchromatic.
3. More flexibility in determining ground sample distance (GSD) and spatial extent parameters.

9) New Business

Craig Johnson noted that GIS Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 14th. Numerous local governments will be hosting displays at their sites. In addition, GeoInfo 2007 will be held at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge.

10) Next Meeting – November 15th at the State Library in downtown Baton Rouge.

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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