

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of January 24, 2008  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.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 Culture, Recreation and Tourism**

Rachael Watson, **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**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

**Department of Social Services**

David Jacobson, **Member**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Fred Hagaman, **Designee**

**Department of Transportation and Development**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

**Louisiana Assessors Association**

Rich Bailey, **Designee**

**Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors**

Greg Palmer, **Designee**

**USGS**

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

**Others Present:**

**CK & Associates**

Victor Leotta

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva

**Department of Transportation and Development**

Doug Albert

Tina Morgan

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Nicole Lorenz

Douglas Peter

**Division of Administration**

Karen Paterson

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center**

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Buddy Couvillion

**Michael Baker Corp.**

Joe Maniscalco

**Ouachita Parish Assessor's Office**

Morgan Herring

**Photo Science Inc.**

Chris Friel

**South Central Planning and Development Commission**

Scott Leger

**St James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

Scott Louque

**US Coast Guard**

Souriya Lanavanh

**US Geological Survey**

Gene Nelson

**3. Approval of December 2007 Minutes**

The December 2007 Minutes were accepted, with modifications to the LIDAR Report, on a motion by Gus Rowland (DA&F) and seconded by Joe Holmes (DEQ).

**4. Chair's Report**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) thanked everyone for making the meeting. He

noted that he had to reschedule the Council meeting to attend a meeting with Chevron in Houston about the Louisiana GIS DVD dataset. Chevron was interested in the organizational scheme for the DVD data.

Chair Gisclair noted that he received a letter from the LRA regarding data that they had collected as part of the Louisiana Speaks Project. Mr. Gisclair noted that much of the data originally came from the Louisiana GIS CD.

Chair Gisclair noted that he was invited to chair a panel on Louisiana data at the URISA National conference in New Orleans next fall.

## **5. Election of LGISC Officers**

Joe Holmes (DEQ), Chair of the Election Committee, presided over the 2008 LGISC Elections. Craig Johnson (LAGIC) distributed the LGISC Election report to all members prior to the meeting. Three Council members were nominated for Chair and David Gisclair agreed to serve. No additional nominations for Chair were received from the floor. Of the two nominees for Vice Chair, Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) agreed to serve. There were no other nominations from the floor. Joe Holmes certified the election results and announced the two officers for 2008; David Gisclair (Chair) and Brant Mitchell (Vice Chair).

## **6. LAGIC Report**

Technographics will reschedule their presentation on the Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection (HSIP) Program for the March GIS Council Meeting. LAGIC is continuing to work with TGS to identify critical infrastructure, specifically; Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) boundaries

LSU and consequently LAGIC have been affected by the recent statewide hiring freeze. We will continue to interview potential staff members so that we are ready to hire as soon as the freeze is lifted.

LAGIC assisted the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission evaluate the qualifications of various aerial photography firms that would like to bid on projects in Louisiana. Mr. Johnson (LAGIC) noted that the RFQ process that NORPC developed would be very helpful to local governments when they are looking for GIS vendors.

There is a need for an inventory of aerial photography collections programs in Louisiana. A meeting was held in New Orleans in January to discuss the best method of doing this. Lynn Dupont (NORPC), Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP), David Gisclair (LOSCO), Ralph Scheid (NO District COE) and Chris Cretini (USGS) were all in attendance. All present were in agreement that a website would be

the most effective tool. Mr. Johnson agreed to look into the public domain GIS Inventory program developed by NSGIC called Ramona.

LAGIC will be conducting a GNIS Workshop for State agencies at DEQ on February 15th. All GIS Council members are encouraged to participate.

LAGIC will present the results of the Louisiana Assessors GIS capability Survey at the GIS/CAMA Workshop in February and the Louisiana Assessors Conference in March.

## **8) Old Business**

### **LIDAR Report**

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that there is no change in status in the LIDAR project. LOSCO is waiting on approval of data from Watershed Concepts the QA/QC contractor on the project. Gus Rowland (DA&F) noted that there are a number of parishes that are looking for LIDAR data. Unfortunately many of these parishes are in the Northeast portion of the state which is last on the list of areas in the state to complete. Mr Gisclair noted that he would talk with Gary Zimmerer (FEMA) to see if it was possible to reschedule the next LIDAR collection flight.

### **DOQQ Update**

Steve Hartley (USGS) noted that there are currently no updates to the proposed DOQQ flight in the winter of 2008/2009.

## **9) New Business**

### **RS/GIS Workshop**

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop will be at the Lindy Boggs Conference Center in New Orleans next year from April 7th – 10th. He mentioned some of the topics being considered for various sessions and invited GIS Council members to submit abstracts for consideration.

### **2008 Louisiana Hurricane Storm Surge Modeling Update**

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that DOTD was hosting a meeting of the Hurricane Storm Surge Modeling group at the main DOTD Auditorium at 1:00 today.

### **Louisiana Speaks Geodata**

The announcement by the Center for Planning Excellence that the geospatial data created by the LRA will be available to the public through LAGIC, initiated a discussion among Council members as to need to educate the LRA on the sources of the geospatial data. David Gisclair noted that the Louisiana Speaks data did not have Metadata records or include much attribution, so it was difficult to determine the history and usefulness of the data. David Bowman (LRA) noted

that this data came out of a planning process that was now completed and that much of the data was created by consultants working for LRA. He felt that the GIS Council should play a role in making these tools available to local government. Lynn Dupont asked David Bowman if he would explain to the LRA the concerns of the GIS Council, that many Council member agencies have gotten no credit for the creation of these data sets. Jim Mitchell asked if the CIO should educate the LRA on the work that state agencies have contributed in producing the majority of these data sets. There was also concern that if FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds are being moved to LRA that there may not be any funds available for GOHSEP to use in procuring aerial photography of populated places throughout the state. These flights have been very helpful to local governments.

The Council passed a motion for the Chair to work with the CIO in sponsoring a joint press release with LRA explaining the role of the Council in the creation of geospatial data sets. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) moved for a vote of the Council which was seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR). The motion passed without opposition.

**10) Next Meeting** – February 21<sup>st</sup> in Room #212 at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

**11) Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11.45 on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

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### ***Summary of Action Items***

#### **Chairs Report**

Chair Gisclair noted that he received a letter from CPEX regarding data that they had collected as part of the Louisiana Speaks Project. Mr. Gisclair noted that much of the data originally came from the Louisiana GIS CD. He noted that CPEX would benefit from consulting with the GIS Council on geospatial data sources.

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