

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of April 17, 2008  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.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 Education**

Steve A. Gunning, **Member**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Joe Holmes, **Member**

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Daniel MacDonald, **Member**

**Department of Justice**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

**Department of Labor**

Ramona Robichaux, **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**

**Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

**Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness**

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

**Louisiana Assessors Association**

Rich Bailey, **Designee**

**Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Shane Breland, **Member**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors**

Greg Palmer, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Center for Planning Excellence**

Krista Goodin

**C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates Inc.**

Jerry Roberts Axelrod

Brooke Ducote Savant

**Department of Transportation and Development**

Doug Albert

Darryl Mack

Tina Morgan

**Division of Administration**

Karen Paterson

**Leo, LLC**

Victor Leotta

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center**

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

**Louisiana State University, Ag Center**

Henry Capello

**Ouachita Parish Assessor's Office**

Morgan Herring

**South Central Planning and Development Commission**

Scott Leger

**St James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

Scott Louque

**US Army, COE New Orleans District**

Michael Sherman

**3. Approval of March 2008 Minutes**

The March 2008 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Shane Breland (LPJA) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

**4. Chair's Report**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) thanked everyone for making the meeting. Mr. Gisclair noted that he attended the Louisiana Assessors Conference and

answered some questions about the availability of ½ foot aerial photography.

Mr. Gisclair noted that he recently met with Garrett Graves who was recently appointed to direct the Governor's Office of Coastal Restoration.

Mr. Gisclair will be attending the LIDAR Forum in Reston, Virginia this May.

## **5. LAGIC Report**

LAGIC recently received notification that our proposal to USGS to teach a series of GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana has been approved. LAGIC is currently conducting a web based survey of the participants in the first seven workshops that were held in Louisiana coastal parishes.

LAGIC provided organizational assistance to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual RS/GIS Workshop held in New Orleans from Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The assistance included everything from working with vendors to setting up workshops and user group meetings.

LAGIC completed its interviews of potential candidates for LAGIC Staff positions. LAGIC is waiting for the lifting of the state hiring freeze before we can proceed.

LAGIC hosted a phone conference call with the USGS representatives and the GIS Coordinator for North Carolina (Zsolt Nagy) to discuss creating a web based inventory for our aerial photography programs. LAGIC will conduct a 2 hour workshop on the proposed GIS Inventory on the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup> before our next GIS Council meeting.

LAGIC has been asked to participate in the Data Mining Workshop at the Regional Applications Center in Lafayette on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LAGIC presented the results of the GIS Capability Survey to the annual Louisiana Assessors Conference. LAGIC would like to conduct a survey of parish government GIS capability.

## **6) Old Business**

### **LIDAR Report**

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that there is no change in status in the LIDAR project.

### **DOQQ Update**

Chris Cretini (USGS) sent David Gisclair his report on DOQQ's. At this point USGS has not received any additional news from the Corps of Engineers on

whether they will be able to contribute any funding to the 2008 flight. The following agencies are interested in participating; CRIMS, USGS and NRCS.

### **RS/GIS Workshop**

Bo Blackmon gave a report on the status of the 2008 RS/GIS Workshop which occurred in New Orleans from April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the workshop was successful, with more abstract submissions than available paper slots. Although the attendance was a little lower, there were more vendors than usual. He noted that next years Workshop will be in Baton Rouge and the conference committee is looking at sites downtown.

## **9) New Business**

### **Emergency Data Committee**

Jim Mitchell noted that the Emergency Data Committee met before the Council meeting. One of the results of the meeting was a decision to request data sets from state agencies and ask them to define their data sets as to whether there should be any security restrictions on the data, for example Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 (with the higher numbers having more restrictions).

Joe Holmes (DEQ) requested guidance from the Ryan Seidemann (Justice) regarding requests for data that DEQ didn't own or produce. Mr. Seidemann agreed to give a presentation on the Public Records Law at the next GIS Council meeting. Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that DNR has MOU's with other agencies regarding data sets that are used on the SONRIS website but were not created by DNR; Water Wells (DOTD) and the Natural Heritage Program (DW&F). for example.

Jim Mitchell noted that the Emergency Data Committee would meet again on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to Noon and on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:00am.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that D.J. Webre (DOTD) just underwent bypass surgery but that he is recovering nicely

### **GIS Inventory Workshop**

Craig Johnson noted that there would be a workshop on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to Noon on the Louisiana GIS Inventory. The workshop will be a webinar presentation by Bill Burgess of NSGIC. The GIS Inventory is a tool for data discovery.

**10) Next Meeting** –May 15th in Room #212 at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

**11) Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 3.45.

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

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