

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of June 19, 2008

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:39 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at State Library 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 Economic Development

Christopher Fallin, **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 Services

Sgt. Chris Eskew, **Member**

Department of Social Services

David Jacobson, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Federal Emergency Management Agency, GIU

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Rich Bailey, **Designee**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Lee John, **Designee**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Center for Planning Excellence

Krista Goodin

CH2M Hill Inc.

Michelle Jackson

Department of Economic Development

Andrew Tull

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Nicole Lorenz

Division of Administration

Karen Paterson

ESRI Inc.

Veronica Schindler

IEM, Inc.

Kurt Johnson

Leo, LLC

Victor Leotta

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Louisiana State University

Maurice Wolcott

B. Zhong

Natural Resource Professionals

Fran Harvey

National Weather Service

Jeff Graschel

Dave Reed

David Welsh

Ouachita Parish Assessors Office

Morgan Herring

Office of Community Development

Charles Flanagan

Shaw Inc.

Perry Lopez

South Central Planning and Development Commission

Scott Leger

Task Force, LLC.

Jack Iverstone
Mark Steudlen
Hakan Sumer
Michelle Thompson

US Army, COE New Orleans District

Ralph Scheid
Michael Sherman

3. Approval of May 2008 Minutes

The May 2008 Minutes were accepted, with corrections, on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Dan MacDonald (DHH).

4. Chair's Report

David Gisclair (Chair) thanked everyone for coming and welcomed our guest speaker David Reed with the National Weather Service. Chair Gisclair noted the following changes in Council membership:

1. **Christopher Fallin**, a research analyst with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, is the new representative from LED replacing Gene Stephens who retired.
2. **Sgt. Chris Eskew** is the new representative from the Department of Public Safety replacing Lt. Mark Morrison who has been assigned to other duties.
3. **Lee John**, the Operations Branch Manager with the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is Brant Mitchell's new designee.
4. **Brant Mitchell** has been promoted to Assistant Deputy Director for Interoperability and Technology.

Chair Gisclair noted that he is working on Business Plan for the LIDAR for the Nation Initiative. The plan would include the needs and technical requirements for the project.

David Gisclair attended the North Louisiana ArcGIS Users Group meeting

5. Presentation: Flood Inundation Mapping Efforts of the National Weather Service, by David Reed with the National Weather Service in Slidell, La.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is responsible for flood forecasting and estimations of flood extent on the Mississippi River. This is done by monitoring flood gauges and river stages remotely every half hour. NWS maps flood

inundation dynamically starting with FEMA FIRM's at flood stage and use LIDAR data to map the inundation in 1' intervals and the 100 year flood plain. NWS is participating in a pilot project that will monitor flood levels at five sites in Louisiana; NWS is working with local flood plain managers on this project. NWS will produce all products in GIS compatible KMZ and KML files. Currently rainfall is displayed using 4 KM data but will soon be available using 1 KM resolution data. Assisting David Reed in his presentation were David Welch (GIS) and Jeff Graschel (Hydrologist).

6. LAGIC Report

Outreach

LAGIC has been assisting two groups that have similar geospatial needs; the LSU AG. Center and the Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX). The LSU Ag Center is building a website for homeowners and their builders to allow them to type in the home address and pull up the correct building code, which varies depending on your location. The Center for Planning Excellence would like to provide planning and local government officials with a development suitability model. LAGIC brought the two groups together to explore data sharing possibilities.

LAGIC presented at two recent geospatial conferences; the Hurricane Data Mining Workshop and the Lower Mississippi Valley Geospatial Conference.

LAGIC would like the Council's assistance in evaluating the GIS Inventory tool as a data discovery tool. At the last Council meeting we discussed some of the advantages and disadvantages of the GIS Inventory System. We are currently inputting some local government data sets into the system to evaluate the time necessary to document GIS holdings.

LAGIC has arranged for a maximum of four Council members to attend a two day Mapping and GPS Class given by Navigation Electronics Inc. at LSU.

Administrative

The LAGIC contract has been revised to reflect the priorities of the Council and DOA. LAGIC will be welcoming four new staff members to help us meet the goals of the FY2009 contract.

LAGIC Year End Review

The LAGIC Oversight Committee suggested that every June LAGIC present a year end review of its activities. Mr. Johnson (LAGIC) gave a 10 minute presentation on LAGIC's contract deliverables. He suggested that LAGIC also give a presentation on GIS Council resources. He noted that as we have gained three new members this month and at least three others over the last couple months, therefore exists a need to explain how the Council works and what

resources are available to members. This presentation will occur at the July Council meeting.

7. Old Business

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that he had received Tasks 40, 43 and 44. The data has not yet been posted.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the 2008 flight will start acquiring data in the October to December time frame. The flight will include coastal Mississippi and coastal Alabama. Price estimates should be ready soon. David Gisclair recommended that USGS not pay for the rectification of any quarter quads that were entirely over water.

Emergency Data Committee

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that he had contacted Mark Riley at the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to ask for OHSEP's participation in the International Charter Program for distributing remotely sensed imagery. OHSEP is involved in the Disaster Declaration process and that is the first step in activating the International Charter.

CISD Initiative (Redefine IT job Titles and ERP Software)

Neal Underwood (DOA) noted that he was contacted by the Council of Information Systems Directors to sit on a committee that has been formed to review IT job titles. Mr. Underwood will represent the GIS community on the committee. He asked the Council to provide support and input. Chair Gisclair recommended that the Council create a committee to advise Mr. Underwood.

Mr. Underwood also noted that DOA is designing a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will replace all existing state agency enterprise software with the exception of Human Resource Management (HRM) software. Mr. Underwood noted that the Council may be asked to provide assistance.

Public Records and Usage Agreements

Ryan Seidemann (Justice) will be rescheduled to present his findings at the July Council meeting.

8. New Business

Lower Mississippi Valley Geospatial Information Conference

The USGS and the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture hosted the Lower Mississippi Valley Geospatial Information Conference in Memphis, TN on June 17th and 18th. The focus of the conference was on data discovery, data

producers and data gaps. Among the Louisiana presenters; Craig Johnson (LAGIC) and Brent Yantis (RAC) both gave presentations

RS/GIS Workshop 2009

Bo Blackmon noted that the Baton Rouge host committee is having difficulty deciding a location for the 2009 RS/GIS Conference. The Committee would like to use the Sheraton Hotel downtown as the site of next years Workshop. .

Positions

Bo Blackmon noted that DNR is looking for a programmer with data management and website support. Jim Mitchell noted that DOTD has filled the programmer position. Chris Cretini noted that USGS is looking to hire a State Liaison for both Mississippi and Alabama. The position will be based in Jackson, MS.

DOTD Meeting with USGS

Jim Mitchell noted that he met with Thomas Lipinski (USGS) in Reston, Virginia last week. My Lipinski is head of the "Maps on Demand" program that when completed will provide USGS quad maps on the web for printing and download. Mr. Mitchell brought some of the quad maps that DOTD created as a part of a demonstration project. Mr. Mitchell noted that the development of seamless statewide quad coverage is hindered by the lack of statewide coverage for hydrology and land cover data. All attending the meeting were in agreement on keeping the focus on the data.

Mr. Mitchell noted that DOTD has reserved 10 panels in the map room at the ESRI Conference in San Diego this August.

Shoreline Data

Joe Holmes (DEQ) noted that he has a set of 2007 True Color (1 meter) NAIP imagery of the coast. Mr. Holmes was asked if there was a vector shoreline file. He noted that DeWitt Braud (LSU) was working on a tagged vector shoreline using 2002 LIDAR data. Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the Spatial Analysis Branch at the National Wetlands Research Center had created a land/water interface dataset using 1998 aerial photography.

Formalizing LGISC Subcommittees

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) noted that we should formalize any committee that was created as an ad-hoc committee and had been in existence for more than three months. He suggested making the Emergency Data Committee into a standing committee. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) agreed with David Gisclair that the Emergency Data Subcommittee should be a standing subcommittee. Mr. Gisclair thanked Mr. Mitchell for his work in recognizing the importance of Emergency Data and putting the subcommittee together. Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted the need to identify key people that should be on various subcommittees and creating a list of tasks for these subcommittees. Chair Gisclair suggested that the Council appoint a Chair for the Emergency Data Committee. Mr. Mitchell

asked that we table this suggestion until the next meeting.

Issue of Improper Meeting Notification Procedures

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) stated that the LGISC Executive Subcommittee had recently met in defiance of State Open Meeting Laws. Mr. Mitchell showed an e-mail sent by Craig Johnson (LAGIC) to the members of the LGISC Executive Subcommittee. Chair Gisclair (Senate) disagreed and stated that the LGISC Executive Subcommittee was not a policy making group and that the Executive Subcommittee exists in the LGISC Bylaws to provide advice to the LGISC Chair. Mr. Gisclair felt that the Executive Subcommittee was doing what it was created to do.

9. Next Meeting –July 17th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3.58 on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Joe Holmes (DEQ).

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