

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of August 21, 2008  
**Draft 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**

Dan MacDonald, **Member**

**Department of Justice**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

**Department of Social Services**

David Jacobson, **Member**

**Department of Transportation and Development**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

**Department of Wildlife & Fisheries**

Fred Hagaman, **Designee**

**Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

**Louisiana Planning & Development Association**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Shane Breland, **Member**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**US Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Calcasieu Parish Government**

O'Neil Hebert

**City of Baton Rouge**

Wendi French

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva

**Department of Social Services**

Dawan Vuppala

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

**Division of Administration**

Lynn Gray

Martha O'Hara

Karen Paterson

**ESRI Inc.**

Pam Kersh

Veronica Schindler

**HNTB Inc.**

Buck DeFee

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center**

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

**Louisiana State University**

Rob Cunningham

**Louisiana Workforce Commission**

Larry Aiken

**Military Department (Office of the Governor)**

Bryan Haviland

**Natural Resource Professionals**

Fran Harvey

**Office of Coastal Protection & Restoration**

Tina Morgan

**South Central Planning and Development Commission**

Scott Leger

**St. James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

Scott Louque

**US Army, COE New Orleans District**

Andre Dehaan

**Watch Systems Inc,**

Fran Perrin

### **3. Approval of July 2008 Minutes**

The July 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 our speaker Pam Kersh with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for agreeing to speak today. Chair Gisclair noted that we have not yet received a ruling from the Ethics Commission on LGISC Ethics Requirements so we are unlikely to receive new applications for membership until that issue is resolved. Ryan Seidemann (Justice) noted that the Ethics Committee has filled many of their early vacancies so we may soon see some decisions by the Committee.

Chair Gisclair noted that suggestions for LGISC Bylaw revisions were distributed to the membership at the last meeting. There will be an opportunity for discussion of the revisions later in today's meeting.

### **5. Presentation: "What's New in Arc GIS 9.3" by Pam Kirsh with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI).**

Pam Kirsh described some of the new functionality found in ESRI ArcGIS Version 9.3. She noted that there are training and technical assistance resources available for ESRI users at <http://resources/esri.com>.

### **6. LAGIC Report**

LAGIC's new full time staff member, Chris Pennington, started work in Mid August. In September Alaa Shams, a GIS Instructor at Southern, will join the LAGIC staff as a Training Coordinator. There will be other staff additions in the near future. LAGIC has revised the LAGIC contract to reflect the new priorities set by the LAGIC Oversight Committee. The revised contract has been reviewed by the Oversight committee and will soon proceed to DOA for signature.

LAGIC will begin the first of a series of five GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana this fall. The first workshop will take place in late October. These workshops are being funded by USGS and Chris Cretini will be assisting.

Two LAGIC staff members Joshua Kent and Chris Pennington attended the ESRI User Conference in San Diego last month. Over the next two months, LAGIC will participate in the NSGIC Conference and the URISA Conference.

We have rescheduled the Council Introduction for new members for later in the year. We will have new members as soon as the Ethics Board decides on financial disclosure requirements for the Council.

## **7. Old Business**

### **LIDAR Report**

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### **DOQQ Update**

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that he is waiting for an OK from Vicksburg to fly this fall. This flight will start acquiring data in the October to December time frame. The flight will include coastal Mississippi and coastal Alabama

### **Emergency Data Committee**

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### **Bylaw Changes**

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## **8. New Business**

### **Base map Development**

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that DOTD has contracted with Gulf Engineers and Consultants to create a base map transportation layer, Darryl Mack will be the DOTD lead on the project. Mr. Mitchell also noted that DEQ will receive some funding to complete some HUC's (Hydrologic Units) that will also be added to critical base map layers

### **Marinas and Boat Launches**

David Gisclair noted that LOSCO is working with Sea grant and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to create a database of commercial facilities in the coastal zone. Among the building types that will be surveyed are: boat launches, shrimp docks, processing plants, etc.

### **RS/GIS Workshop 2009**

Bo Blackmon noted that the 2009 RS/GIS Conference will be held at the Cook Conference Center on the LSU campus in Mid April.

**DNR's new website**

Bo Blackmon noted that DNR is showcasing its latest website which provides information about the Haynesville Shale wells in North and Central Louisiana.

**State Water Bodies**

The Office of State Lands has completed their project digitizing state claimed water bodies.

**New Positions**

DNR is looking for a programmer with data management and website support. Jim Mitchell noted that DOTD has filled their programmer position but they are hiring a Senior Support Analyst. 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. Gus Rowland (Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry) noted that they are looking for an entry level person for the Forestry section.

**Training**

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**9. Next Meeting** –October 16th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4.12 on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

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