

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of September 18, 2008
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:38 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 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

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Fred Hagaman, **Designee**

Division of Administration, State Lands Office

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Federal Emergency Management Agency, GIU

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Louisiana Society Professional Surveyors

Greg Palmer, **Member**

Louisiana Workforce Commission

Larry Aiken

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Camp Dresser McKee (CDM)

Jamie Hughes

Center for Planning Excellence

Krista Goodin

Department of Economic Development

Andrew Tull

Department of Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Darryl Mack

Division of Administration

Lynn Gray

Karen Paterson

FEMA

Brad Mooney

Fenstermaker Inc.

Jeremy Lake

Gulf Engineers and Consultants Inc. (GEC)

Jerri Daniels

Scott Knaus

Marci Moore

IEM Inc.

Kurt Johnson

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Louisiana State University

R Hampton Peele

Omer Soysal

Joe Thompson

Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration

Tina Waguespack

South Central Planning and Development Commission

Scott Leger

St. James Parish Government
Bobby Lear
Teach-Me-GIS Inc.
Leslie Morgan

3. Approval of August 2008 Minutes

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

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair thanked our speakers; Jerri Daniels and Rusti Liner for their presentations to the Council.

Chair Gisclair noted Lynn Dupont's (LAPDD) contribution to the Mississippi River oil spill response effort. Ms. Dupont contributed high resolution (1/2') imagery that was used by the responders.

6. Presentation: "The Louisiana Department of Transportation Roadway Base Mapping Project" by Jerri Daniels and Scott Knaus, GEC.

Ms. Daniels noted that Gulf Engineers and Consultants Inc (GEC) will be working with the Louisiana DOTD to inventory roads throughout the state and create a digital roadway base map that will be used for a variety of DOTD projects, such as pavement management and as a more accurate base for their linear reference system. Ms. Daniels noted that the system will contain both federal, state maintained and non-state maintained roads. The project will take two years to complete and will require coordination with state and local government agencies throughout the state.

Presentation: "FEMA GIS Support during Disasters" by Rusti Liner, FEMA Geospatial Intelligence Unit (GIU), Joint Field Office, Baton Rouge.

Ms. Liner noted that FEMA uses Incident Command System (ICS) principles in managing an emergency event. FEMA's geospatial presence in Louisiana currently consists of a Baton Rouge Unit (JFO) with 10 staff members and the New Orleans Unit (TRO) with 2 staff members. The JFO can call on the Incident Management Assessment Team (IMAT) when needed. The IMAT is a readymade JFO that can be quickly setup on site at an incident. Some of the geospatial products that the Baton Rouge JFO is producing are search and rescue grids, shelter locations and areas of interest. Ms Liner noted that there is a need to bridge data repository and firewall issues.

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC is awaiting a decision by the state Ethics Commission Boards on which financial requirements and GIS Council members will be required to comply with. We will notify members as soon as we know. We have rescheduled the Council Introduction for new members for the December meeting. We should have new members by that time.

LAGIC provided DOA with a revised LAGIC contract for review. In addition, LAGIC began a new contract with ESRI to provide an upgrade to the LouisianaMAP geospatial portal.

LAGIC's newest full time staff member, Alaa Shams, our GIS Training Coordinator will come onboard in 10 days. Alaa will be helping us with the first of a series of five GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana this fall and winter.

Over the next couple months, LAGIC will participate in the NSGIC Conference and the URISA Conference.

LAGIC will be applying for a 2009 USGS CAP Grant to further the development of Louisiana's geospatial data layers.

8. Old Business

LIDAR Report

LOSCO is currently waiting on Watershed Concepts to review the latest batch of LIDAR data before it can be released.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the upcoming DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The flight will take place between October 13th and December 10th of 2008, weather permitting. The product of the DMC digital camera capture will be a 4 band natural color product with approximately 1 meter resolution with 60% overlap allowing for the creation of stereo pairs. The funding partners are the Corps of Engineers, CRIMS and CWPRA. Products will be delivered between 6 months and 1 year from the date of acquisition, with the Louisiana coastal areas completed first. No open water quads will be flown.

Bylaw Changes

A motion was offered by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Shane Breland (LPJA) to accept the Bylaw changes with the minor modifications that were added at the last Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The revised Bylaws will be posted to the LGISC website.

8. New Business

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) recommended that parishes that are affected by a Hurricane or other disaster immediately identify the areas of interest (AOI's) and let the EOC and others know as quickly as possible. The sooner an AOI is identified the sooner the members of the International Charter can request imagery for a disaster affected area to aid in the relief and recovery efforts.

Bo Blackmon (DNR) cautioned Council members that due to DNS issues the DNR ArcIMS server has not been accessible. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that Lynn Gray (DOA) is heading a group that is looking into the DNS issue.

Chair Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that Mid Continent Oil and Gas Association used LOSCO data to identify potential oil spill risks.

Hampton Peele (LGS) noted that Radarsat data was recently posted to the web. The radar data has a resolution of 6 ½ meters.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that USGS stream gauge data has been unavailable since Gustav. Mr. Cretini is working with Charley Dumas (USGS – Water Resources) to get the sensors working again.

Joe Holmes noted that he attended the National States GIS Conference last month.

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

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3.48 on a motion by Ryan Seidemann (Justice) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

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Summary of Action Items

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