

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of October 16, 2008

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:41 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 Culture Recreation and Tourism

Rachael Watson, **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 Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Division of Administration, State Lands Office

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Louisiana Workforce Commission

Larry Aiken, **Member**

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva

Department of Social Services

Sherwood Lemoine

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

IEM Inc.

Kurt Johnson

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Louisiana State University

R Hampton Peele

Omer Soysal

Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration

Tina Waguespack

Office of Community Development, LRA

Charles Flanagan

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

David Schlotzhauer, **Designee**

Pictometry Inc.

Gary Mirabeau

South Central Planning and Development Commission

Scott Leger

St. James Parish Government

Scott Loque

U.S. Geological Survey

Pierre Sargent

3. Approval of September 2008 Minutes

The September 2008 Minutes were accepted, on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair thanked our speakers; Mike Thompson and Darryl Revoldt with Technigraphics for traveling from Ohio to make their presentation to the Council.

Chair Gisclair noted that he was the keynote speaker at the National URISA Conference in New Orleans. He spoke on the topic of spatial data organization. Mr. Gisclair was also a speaker on a panel discussion regarding Louisiana data sharing.

6. Presentation: “Louisiana’s Participation in the Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection (HSIP) Program” by Darryl Revolt and Mike Thompson

Mr. Thompson noted the differences between HSIP Gold and HSIP Freedom. HSIP Gold contains a number of proprietary data sets including Dunn and Bradstreet and Tele-Atlas transportation data. HSIP Freedom data is constructed from 190 public data sets. Mr. Thompson explained how the pinpoint process works to identify accurate geographic coordinates. He spoke about the current status of the attribute data. He explained how the data is QA/QC’d and how FGDC compliant metadata records are created for every data set. Among the datasets that have been collected for Louisiana are: Police and Fire, Correctional Institutes, Hospitals, Clinics and Emergency Medical Services.

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC met with the LAGIC Oversight Committee during the first week of October. We discussed future training needs, LouisianaMAP and grant possibilities for data development.

LAGIC’s newest full time staff member, Alaa Shams, GIS Training Coordinator, came onboard at the end of September. Alaa will begin the first of a series of ArcGIS Desktop I, II and III Workshops this fall and spring.

LAGIC participated in a panel discussion on data sharing at the annual URISA Conference last week with Council members Lynn Dupont and David Gisclair.

LAGIC met with DSS to look at funding sources for enhancing GIS development at their agency.

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. As of today 2,666 quarter quads have been received.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the current DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The flight will take place between October 13th and December 10th of 2008, weather permitting. 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. The vendor, Photo Science will provide weekly shape files of the coverage areas as they are flown.

8. New Business

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Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that his agency would prefer to build paperless maps where maps would be produced on demand as PDF's. He emphasized the importance of the data over the hard copy.

Bo Blackmon noted that the 2009 RS/GIS Workshop is providing online registration through ULL. The Workshop will be held at the Cook Conference Center at LSU from April 14th – 16th. A Workshop poster will be available by the November Council meeting.

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that that the Marinas and Boat Launch data is online. LOSCO has been working with DW&F and the SeaGrant Program to keep the data updated.

Ryan Seidemann (Justice) noted that he has drafted a letter to the Ethics Commission requesting that they define reporting requirements for the GIS Council. The letter was reviewed by the Council and a motion was made by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) to accept the letter and send it to the Ethics Commission. Mr. Seidemann noted that David Peterson will be the new designee from Justice.

Chair Gisclair recommended that the Council appoint an ad-hoc committee on LouisianaMAP. He noted that the Council should provide direction for the portal development and draft a set of recommendations by the next meeting. The LAGIC White Paper on the Portal could be used as a starting point.

9. Next Meeting – November 20th at the Capitol Park Visitor Center on River Road in downtown Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4.02 on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

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Summary of Action Items

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