

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of December 18, 2008

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 Ag. & Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Economic Development

Chris Fallin, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Daniel MacDonald, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Public Safety

Chris Eskew, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **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 Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Louisiana Workforce Commission

Larry Aiken, **Member**

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

David Schlotzhauer, **Designee**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Ag & Forestry
Brent Cutner

Department of Juvenile Justice
Will Paulson

Department of Transportation & Development
Doug Albert

Dewberry Inc.
Fran Harvey

Division of Administration
Karen Paterson

Environmental Systems Research Inc. (ESRI)
Veronica Schindler

Louisiana Geographic Information Center
Craig Johnson
Joshua Kent
Chris Pennington
Alaa Shams

Louisiana State University
Melanie Gall
Hampton Peele

Louisiana State University, Ag Center
Henry Capello

National Geodetic Survey
Dennis Riordan

South Central Planning Development
Scott Leger

St James Parish Government
Bobby Lear
Scott Locque

Tangipahoa Parish Government
Bill Moorman

Terrebonne Parish Government
Jack Gardner

University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT
Rusti Liner

3. Approval of November 2008 Minutes

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

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) discussed the LouisianaMap meeting that was held in the morning. He mentioned the Council's interest in seeing all state data layers that can be found on the Louisiana DVD displayed on Louisiana Map.

Chair David Gisclair noted that Brad Mooney is now the representative from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Scott Armand will be his Designee. He also noted that the Louisiana Assessors Association has appointed Richard Cole as their member.

Chair Gisclair discussed the problems the Council had had in getting all of the members' names and agencies listed correctly on the Secretary of States website. We will try and work closely with both the Secretary of State and Boards and Commissions to maintain a complete listing of members and designees.

Chair Gisclair is working with the Sea Grant Program to develop an online system for accessing the Marina and Boat Launch data.

5. Presentation: "The Use of GIS by Terrebonne Parish during and after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike" Jack Gardner, GIS Manager, Terrebonne Parish Government.

Jack Gardner noted that Hurricane Gustav made landfall in Terrebonne Parish and Hurricane Ike caused major flooding along the coast. Mr. Gardner brought his laptop full of geospatial data with him when he evacuated for Gustav and was therefore ready to begin work as soon as he made his way back to the Parish after the storm. GIS was used effectively for identifying electric utility outages, locating debris sites and identifying sunken boat locations.

The Parish was able to employ their many geospatial layers of utility information, street addresses and parcel information to provide emergency service crews from other parishes, and other states, with accurate maps of areas of the parish needing their assistance. This capability reduced the number of parish staff that was required to assist out of state repair crews. GIS was also instrumental in documenting damage assessments for federal reimbursement and their disaster declaration.

7. LAGIC Report

LAGIC is assisting with the 2009 election of officers. Nomination forms have been distributed to members and designees by e-mail. There are additional nomination forms on the sign-in table.

LAGIC is applying for a 2009 USGS CAP Grant to further the development of Louisiana's cadastral data.

LAGIC will begin the first of a series of five GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana. Our first two GNIS workshop are scheduled for January with the first workshop in Alexandria followed by one in Natchitoches.

LAGIC's GIS Training Coordinator, Ala Shams just completed teaching the Intro ArcGIS I & II GIS workshops in early December. Alaa has flyers and registration forms for anyone who is interested in taking Arc GIS Workshops this March. As suggested by the LAGIC oversight committee, LAGIC has conducted a survey of Council members and friends as to their GIS training needs. We will use the results of that survey to develop our annual training plan.

This winter, LAGIC will participate in the following local government conferences; Louisiana Assessors Conference, Police Jury Conference and the Louisiana Planning Association Conference.

8. Old Business

Officer Elections

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) discussed the LGISC election procedure and distributed nomination forms to members. He advised members that they should e-mail their nominations to LAGIC before Friday, January 9th.

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that LIDAR Coverage for the entire state is now completed. He mentioned that Jinwoong (LAGIC) is currently creating a LIDAR mosaic of the state

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the current DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The flight is currently underway. The imagery vendor, Photo Science, has provided 4 sample images from the SW Louisiana area for initial review. He asked Joe Holmes (DEQ) if DEQ would assist USGS with distribution of the images. The DOQQ's alone, not counting the IR band or the stereo coverage, are more than 500 Gig's of data.

8. New Business

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Chris Cretini (USGS) and David Schlotzhauer (GOHSEP) are putting together a Post Hurricane Gustav Workshop on January 29th at the State Library downtown.

Joshua Kent (LAGIC) noted that LAGIC has mailed out postcards announcing the Louisiana RS/GIS Workshop. He asked Council members to add names of new staff members that might not be on the current mailing list so that LAGIC can reach the greatest number of interested folks.

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that Plaquemines Parish is working on a GIS as is the Port of New Orleans.

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the Ethics Commission is moving to his building and therefore their operations will be temporarily suspended while they move.

Joshua Kent noted that LouisianaMAP will have a “soft opening” in January and he recommended that Council members go to the sight and try it out.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the FEMA D-FIRM maps are being sent out now. He mentioned that DOTD might need technical support from several state agencies as there will be many questions from local governments regarding these data sets.

9. Next Meeting – January 15th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3.46 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

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