

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of February 19, 2009  
**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:45 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the State Library in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

**Member Agencies/Organizations Present:**

**Department of Education**

Steve Gunning, **Member**

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

**Department of Public Safety**

Chris Eskew, **Member**

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Member**

**Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

**Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Economic Development**

Chris Fallin, **Member**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Shane Breland, **Member**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**Louisiana Workforce Commission**

Larry Aiken, **Member**

**US Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Baton Rouge Water Company**

Dina Knight

**Bossier Parish Communications District**

Jerry Gould, **Designee**

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

Leo Boles

**Digital Globe**

Brett Thomassie

**Division of Administration,**

Bobby Collins

Tai Istre

Karen Paterson

**IEM Inc.**

Kurt Johnson

**Latter & Blum, Inc.**

Drew Pearson

**Leo, LLC.**

Victor Leotta

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana State University**

Rob Cunningham

**South Central Planning and Development**

Scott Leger

**St James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

**Tangipahoa Parish Government**

Bill Moorman

**Teach Me GIS**

Jenny Harrison

**University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT**

Rusti Liner

**3. Approval of January 2009 Minutes**

The January 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by Larry Aiken (LWC).

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the LGISC Digital Data Committee met to discuss the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure as requested by the LGISC Louisiana MAP Committee. The Digital Data Committee edited the DHS document to reflect the data categories found in the Louisiana Spatial Data Catalog.

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the LouisianaMAP Committee had met earlier that day. He mentioned the base map data sets and map services that are essential components.

Chair Gisclair noted that he received an e-mail from David Schlotzhauer (GOHSEP) with a summary of the Hurricane Workshop Lessons Learned. It also listed the roles and responsibilities of those receiving imagery during a natural disaster.

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

Chair Gisclair welcomed our speakers; Chris Fallin (LED) and Victor Leotta with Leo LLC.

#### **5. Virtual Earth and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development by Chris Fallin (LED) and Victor Leotta (LEO LLC.)**

The Louisiana Department of Economic Development has partnered with Entergy and Leo LLC to produce a geospatial portal for local economic development professionals and developers. The Entergy site uses Microsoft Virtual Earth as the platform. The Louisiana DVD was used to provide transportation layers, infrastructure and other statewide data sets. Parishes can create a custom front end with their own logo. Although the data covers the entire state, local data will be maintained and updated by local governments.

#### **6. LAGIC Report**

LAGIC assisted the Council with the 2009 LGISC election logistics which resulted in David Gisclair (LOSCO) being nominated for an additional year as Chair and Shane Breland (LPJA) accepting the Vice Chair.

LAGIC held an Oversight Committee Meeting in on February 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss recent cuts to LAGIC Budget and what LAGIC could do to mitigate that problem. The conclusion that was drawn from that meeting was that LAGIC would have to trim expenses and be more aggressive in looking for federal grant funds to supplement decreasing state funds.

LAGIC completed the third of five, Geographic Names Workshops in North Louisiana. The first workshop was held in Alexandria on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the second in Natchitoches on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the third in Shreveport on February 17<sup>th</sup>. These workshops were all funded by USGS.

LAGIC has scheduled three Arc GIS Workshops in Baton Rouge. Arc GIS Desktop (Version 9.3) will be taught over three consecutive weeks this March. Alaa Shams, LAGIC's new GIS Training Coordinator will be teaching the workshops. Mr. Shams developed an online training survey to help determine training course preferences and develop a geospatial training program for 2009.

LAGIC will begin an online survey of GIS capability among parish governments this spring. LAGIC last conducted a survey of parish government GIS capability in 2004.

LAGIC will be assisting with the preparations for the 2009 Remote Sensing/GIS Workshop at the Cooke Conference Center on the LSU Campus in April.

LAGIC will participate in three statewide conferences this spring; the Louisiana Assessors Conference, Louisiana Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association and the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association Conference.

## **7. Old Business**

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

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop will be held at the Cook Conference Center from April 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be training workshops on Monday and social events on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. ULL now has online registration for the workshop. It is \$100 for early registration (before 3/27). Mr. Blackmon noted that the organizing committee is still looking for papers for a number of sessions. He listed the sessions that will be featured, including; a North Louisiana GIS session, local government session, emergency data session, etc. Mr. Blackmon noted that there is an agenda posted on the website for those who need an agenda to get permission to attend.

### **LIDAR Report**

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**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 the first set of images from SW Louisiana area for initial review. He noted that the imagery is 4-band with 1-meter ground resolution and is available as a GeoTiff. The whole project is approximately 470 GIG and will be distributed by ATLAS, USGS and DEQ. The 30 meter DEM's were used for rectification so as to match the 2005 Coastal flight.

**8. New Business**

Chris Cretini (USGS) put together a Post Hurricane Gustav Workshop on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the State Library downtown. He noted that John Perry (FEMA) would join the meeting by conference call.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that Southeastern Louisiana will be flown in January and February of 2009 at 1 foot ground resolution.

**9. Next Meeting** – March 19<sup>th</sup> at the State Library on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Baton Rouge.

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4.28 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Shane Breland (LPJA)

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of January 15, 2009

### ***Summary of Action Items***

#### **LAGIC Report**

LAGIC scheduled the first two of a series of five GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana for next week, January 20<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria and January 21<sup>st</sup> in Natchitoches. Our first two GNIS workshop will be followed by a workshop in Shreveport on February 17<sup>th</sup> and one in Monroe on April 1<sup>st</sup>. LAGIC's GIS Training Coordinator, Alaa Shams will be teaching ArcGIS (Version9.3) I, II and III in March at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

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The letter to the Ethics Commission drafted by Ryan Seidemann (Justice) was mailed to the Ethics Commission. Mr. Seidemann noted that a decision on who must comply with the various levels of disclosure will be decided at their January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.