

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of March 19, 2009

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Shane Breland (LPJA) 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 Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Education

Steve 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 & 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 Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

City of Baton Rouge

Wendi French

Culture Recreation and Transportation

Cheraki Williams

Department of Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Leo Boles

Digital Globe

Brett Thomassie

Division of Administration,

Martha O'Hara, **Designee**

Geocent Inc.

Zach Rouse

Brandon Wayne

GOHSEP

Tamera Hewitt

Leo, LLC.

Victor Leotta

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Louisiana Sea Grant

Maurice Wolcott

Louisiana State University

Lonnie Leger

Louisiana State University, Police Department

Joe Thompson

Self Employed

Ahmed Massasat

Paul Provenza

Montgomery Watson Harza, Inc.

Clare Brown

Orleans Parish Communication District

Kathrine Cargo

South Central Planning and Development

Scott Leger

St James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

Tangipahoa Parish Government

Bill Moorman

University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT

Rusti Liner

3. Approval of February 2009 Minutes

The February 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Joe Holmes (DEQ) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

4. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Shane Breland (LPJA) noted that Chair David Gisclair was out of town, but left the following report:

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

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.

Vice Chair Shane Breland (LPJA) noted that the LouisianaMAP Committee had met earlier that day. He noted that the base map data requirements have been defined and that it is now the responsibility of the LGISC Data Committee to review and comment.

5. Martha O'Hara (DOA) addressed the Council

Martha O'Hara (DOA) addressed the Council regarding the need for a new statewide master purchasing agreement for ESRI products. The existing contract has lapsed. She noted the various options available to DOA and asked for the Council's assistance.

6. Presentation: Enterprise GIS and Web 2.0: Toward a GeoBusiness Intelligence Platform by Marseyas Fernandez, President/CEO MSF Global Solutions, LLC.

Marseyas Fernandez discussed the use of Enterprise GIS at the City of New Orleans. He listed many of the data layers being developed and demonstrated the GIS applications that are being used by various city agencies. He noted that the city is developing custom web applications for use by various departments using Flex API's.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC scheduled the next Geographic Names Workshop in Monroe on April 1st. We have 15 people registered for this workshop. The last GNIS workshop in the series will be held in Lafayette on June 15th. These workshops were funded by a grant from USGS. Yesterday, LAGIC completed the third of three Arc GIS Workshops at DEQ's GIS Lab. Alaa Shams taught ArcGIS Desktop I, II and III (Version 9.3).

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 be hosting a workshop on Image Rectification on Monday April 13th from 9:00 to Noon. Karen Lizcano with ESRI will be teaching an Image Server Workshop on Monday afternoon.

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.

LAGIC was asked to assist the State of Texas in reconciling the borders of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) between Texas and Louisiana. LAGIC will be working with the seven Louisiana parishes that border Texas.

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 14th to the 16th. There will be two 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

Shane Breland noted that as David Gisclair was unable to attend the LIDAR report will wait until the April GIS Council Meeting

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.

8. New Business

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that Southeastern Louisiana flight was completed and will be ready for distribution in April or May.

9. Next Meeting – April 16th at the State Library on 4th Street in downtown Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:03

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Summary of Action Items

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