

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of May 21, 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 in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Louisiana State Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Daniel Duval, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

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 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 City/Parish Government

Wendi French

Bossier Parish Government

Jerry Gould, **Designee** (LPJA)

Department of Environmental Quality

Andy Venuto

Department of Public Safety

Chuck McNeal

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Division of Administration,

Ed Driesse, **CIO**

Martha O'Hara, **Designee**

Neal Underwood

Governors Office of Homeland Security

Jill Babin

Tamera Hewitt

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Orleans Parish Communications District

Kathrine Cargo

South Central Planning and Development District

Scott Leger

St James Parish Government

Scott Locque

Tangipahoa Parish Government

Bill Moorman

University of Louisiana Lafayette, NIMSAT

Rusti Liner

3. Approval of April 2009 Minutes

The April 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Brad Mooney (DW&F).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) welcomed Ed Driesse (CIO) to the Louisiana GIS Council Meeting and noted that there was considerable interest in knowing more about SB 320 and how that will affect LAGIC and the GIS Council.

Chair Gisclair noted that he met with Shane Breland to discuss the LouisianaMAP Subcommittee. He noted that the work of the LouisianaMAP Subcommittee will be turned over to the Digital Data Committee. The LouisianaMAP subcommittee established a list of base map data sets, created an organizational structure for the data and proposed a link to the custodial agencies. He also noted that local government is participating in these efforts. Chair Gisclair noted the importance of these efforts in laying the ground work for web mapping and data services.

Mr. Gisclair described the two entities working with LOSCO on the Boat Launch database; the LSU Seagrass Program and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Chair Gisclair noted that LOSCO has completed its move to the Galvez Building. Mr. Gisclair noted that his office will be on the fourth floor in the DEQ GIS Lab.

5. Address from Mr. Ed Driesse, Louisiana CIO

Mr. Driesse described his background in the private sector as a CIO for IBM and four other companies. He mentioned some of the issues that he has been concentrating on in his first eight months as Louisiana's CIO. He noted a couple priorities, including removing silos of information within DOA, the need to work better and smarter and the need to improve the state's procurement system.

He noted that he would be looking for advice from the Council when dealing with geospatial technical issues and geospatial policy choices. He accepted a copy of the State Geospatial Strategic Plan from Chair David Gisclair.

Mr. Driesse fielded a couple questions from Council members regarding proposed legislation and its effect on LAGIC and the Council. He felt that the legislation would not significantly change the current relationship between LAGIC and DOA. He noted that he would be open to proposals by the Council that would improve data distribution, within current state budget restraints.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC will complete the last of 12 GNIS Workshop in Lafayette, LA. at the NASA ULL Regional Applications Center facility on June 12th. These workshops are funded by a grant from USGS.

LAGIC just recently completed three ArcGIS Workshops at the University of New Orleans in May and one in Lafayette in April. The ArcGIS (Version 9.3) workshops, which were hosted by the UNO Geography Department, were conducted over three consecutive weeks.

LAGIC has been invited to attend a NSDI Partnership Meeting in Ft Collins. CO. hosted by USGS Central Region. The purpose of the meeting is to explain USGS priorities. Craig Johnson and Chris Cretini will be giving a presentation on the GNIS Outreach effort.

7. Old Business

RS/GIS Workshop

The 2010 RS/GIS Workshop will take place in Lafayette from April 27 -29. The event will be hosted in the Cajun dome Conference Center.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the current DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He noted that corrections for Blocks #4, Block #7 and Block #6) are being reviewed. When the corrections have been accepted the Louisiana coastal flight will be complete. All Mississippi and Alabama data are now available.

8. New Business

New membership Application: Louisiana Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association (LaNENA).

Kathrine Cargo, GIS Coordinator for the Orleans Parish Communication District, made a presentation about the need for GIS capability among parish communication districts brought about the increasing demand for accurate locational information for cell phone users and VoIP digital telephone service through internet providers. Members of the Louisiana Chapter of NENA would also like to contribute to the discussion about data standards and data distribution.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) asked Kathrine Cargo if there were more than one appointing authority for 911 activities, and who would be the appointing authority. David Gisclair (LOSCO) requested that LaNENA provide a letter from their Board specifying who the appointing authority is and that the Board voice its interest in becoming a member

Economic Development Initiative

Bobby Lear, St James Parish GIS manager, noted that St. James Parish and four other parishes in their area were interested in using GIS to promote Tourism and Economic Development in the South Central Planning Region. A meeting will be held at Nichols State University in Thibodeaux on Thursday, May 28th.

Data Mining Workshop

Chris Cretini noted that the annual Data Mining Workshop will take place in Lafayette on Tuesday, June 3rd. This year the featured speakers will primarily be federal employees describing new and existing federal data sets.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) requested that the GIS Council move the July 16th Council Meeting date from Thursday, July 16th to Thursday, July 23rd. There were no objections by other Council members.

The Division of Administration is developing a new Master Price Agreement for GOS Software as it modifies existing procurement regulations. The new agreements should be in place by the end of the fiscal year,

9. Next Meeting – June 16th at the State Capitol Visitor Center on River Road in Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4.08 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council Summary of Action Items

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