

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of July 23, 2009

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:38 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Capital Park Visitor Center in downtown 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 Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Economic Development

Chris Fallin, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Dan Duval, **Designee**

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 Social Services

Michael Elam, **Designee**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Municipal Association
Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association
Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate
David Gisclair, **Designee**

Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors
Greg Palmer, **Member**

Louisiana Workforce Commission
Larry Aiken, **Member**

US Geological Survey
Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

PCS
B.J. Buquaces

Calcasieu Parish Government
O'Neil Hebert
Rebecca Poole

City of Baton Rouge
Wendi French

Department of Health and Hospitals
Kate Streva

Department of Transportation & Development
Doug Albert
Kurt Johnson

ESRI Inc.
Michael Funard
Veronica Schindler

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Jay Clarke
Scott Megahee

GOHSEP
Tamera Hewitt

Leo, LLC.
Victor Leotta
William Meyers

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

Michael Baker Inc.
Stephen Clancy

St James Parish Government

Scott Locque

University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT

Winchester Jordan

Rusti Liner

3. Approval of June 2009 Minutes

The June 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gisclair welcomed the following new members and designees:

Michael Elam – DSS

Andrew Tull – Economic Development

Tamera Hewitt – GOHSEP

Pam Jones – Louisiana Assessors Association

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the next LOSCO Data Catalog will be ready in June or July of 2010. He requested the assistance of all GIS Council members in collecting new or revised data sets.

LSU is currently surveying sites for the Marina and Boat Launch database.

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.

5. Presentation: "Louisiana Fuel Supply Team – DNR IT/GIS Support" by Bo Blackmon, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that last fall the Governor asked DNR to create a website where the public, in an emergency, could determine whether gas stations were open and what they were selling (gas/diesel). DNR with the help of consultants and their IT staff built a Google interface for posting this information for the public which also contained contact info for the gas stations (phone number, locations, etc.). They also built a site for gas station owners to input their data. This information was overlaid on hurricane evacuation routes.

The IVR system is used to produce reports in real time on gas station status (open/closed), tank levels and gas/diesel availability.

6. LAGIC Report

Joshua Kent, LAGIC's Data Manager for over 10 years, will be leaving LAGIC for a new position at LSU. Josh has been providing LAGIC with website management, LouisianaMAP development and technical assistance to dozens of state and local government agencies throughout his tenure at LAGIC. We will miss him and we wish him well

LAGIC completed the 12th and final GNIS Workshop in Lafayette in June. These workshops were funded by grants from USGS. Chris Cretini, our USGS State Liaison, actively assisted with these workshops. Chris and I will be giving a presentation to the Council of Geographic Names in September.

Alaa Shams, our LAGIC training instructor, is teaching a series of ArcGIS Classes at McNeese State University in Lake Charles this week. This is why he could not join us today.

LAGIC will be conducting ArcGIS Workshops in Lafayette in September, at DEQ in October and in Natchitoches in October for the American Planning Association Conference. Alaa Shams, our LAGIC training instructor was recently certified by ESRI to teach Spatial Analyst and Alaa has been taking mapping courses with the International Association of Assessing Officers. We hope to be able to offer GIS courses to Louisiana Assessors in the near future that will award those CEU credits upon successful course completion.

7. Old Business

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the data created by last winter's DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The data will be available in compressed Mr. SID format, in natural color and in an IR version. Please let Chris know if you see any problems with the data as he will have any errors corrected if possible.

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the LIDAR data is complete and that Farrell Jones has posted all the data to ATLAS.

LouisianaMAP Committee: Shane Breland noted that the LouisianaMAP Committee turned over their work on the Data Catalog to Brad Mooney with the Digital Data Committee.

Digital Data Committee: Brad Mooney noted that the Digital Data committee met prior to the Council meeting and discussed data categorization and provided guidance to local governments on data management issues.

Membership Election – The Louisiana Chapter of the Emergency Numbering Association (LaNENA)

Bo Blackmon, Membership Chair, distributed information regarding the application of Louisiana Chapter of the Emergency Numbering Association for membership in the Louisiana GIS Council. He asked Jerry Gould, with the Bossier Parish Communication District to describe how LaNENA membership in the GIS Council might assist both parties.

Mr. Blackmon asked for comments from the members. As none were received, an election was held to determine whether the Louisiana Chapter of the Emergency Numbering Association would be admitted to the GIS Council.

Twenty members were present for the vote; therefore the Council had a quorum of 2/3rds of the total membership of twenty five. A vote was taken by raising ones hand. All twenty five members voted yes for the admission of LaNENA to the GIS Council. The motion passed.

8. New Business

Shane Breland (LPJA) noted that recent legislation to create a Lincoln Parish GIS District passed the state legislature and a local ordinance has been adopted.

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the CPRA has requested the official coastal zone boundaries for the state. Some work may be required to update these data sets. We may want to invite the CPRA come to a Council meeting this fall to discuss new coastal boundaries.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that Levee Boards have been using contour lines on their maps to show levee locations. Unfortunately, these are not very accurate for elevation data.

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new representative for Louisiana State agencies. Sean Murphy will handle local government accounts in Louisiana.

9. Next Meeting – August 20th at the Capitol Park Visitors Center in downtown Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4.15 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

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Summary of Action Items

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