

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of August 20, 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 Education**

Steve Gunning, **Member**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Dan Duval, **Designee**

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

**Department of Public Safety**

Terry Clair, **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**

Tamera Hewitt, **Designee**

**Louisiana Assessors Association**

Pam Jones, **Member**

**La. Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

**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:**

**Acadian Land Services**

Teresa Wood

**Calcasieu Parish Government**

Jason Chaumont

Chris Kraemer

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

Kerri Blanche

**Lincoln Parish Government**

Melissa Bowman

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana Tech. University**

Wesley Palmer

**Michael Baker Inc.**

Doug Burgin

**SZK Enterprises Inc.**

Dustin Landry

**South Central Planning and Development Corporation**

Scott Leger

**Tangipahoa Parish Government**

Bill Moorman

**University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT**

Rusti Liner

**3. Approval of July 2009 Minutes**

The July 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Larry Aiken (LWC) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

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

Chair Gisclair welcomed Pam Jones, Lincoln Parish Assessor and a new member of the GIS Council, representing the 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, under a contact with LOSCO, is currently surveying sites to add to the Marina and Boat Launch database.

Chair Gisclair noted that Senate Bill 320 has passed the legislature. The bill will affect the relationship between the GIS Council and the CIO. LAGIC will report directly to the CIO's office.

#### **5. Presentation: "GIS Activities in Lincoln Parish" by Pam Jones, Lincoln Parish Assessor.**

Ms. Jones demonstrated the capabilities of the Parish Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system. The system uses a variety of data on properties including; square footage of the structure, age built, tax exemptions, zoning classification, market area adjustments, flood plain, slope and other factors that might affect the assessment of a particular property. Ms Jones demonstrated the system by showing an example of two properties that looked similar but had different assessments. She was able to demonstrate why they were assessed differently by comparing the geospatial data linked to each property.

Ms Jones also showed examples of how commercial property is assessed using a local oil field as an example. She noted that aerial photographs make it relatively easy to count taxable equipment that is found at these sites. She used an Arc Engine extension called AGI Viewer to demonstrate these capabilities.

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

LAGIC was asked to assist the State of Texas in reconciling the borders of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) between Texas and Louisiana. LAGIC will be working with the seven parishes that border Texas to identify areas along the border with overlaps in coverage areas and other areas with no 911 coverage. We also identified similar problems between Louisiana and Arkansas and therefore, it would not be surprising to find that there are similar issues between Louisiana and Mississippi.

LAGIC completed the 12<sup>th</sup> and final GNIS Workshop in Lafayette in June. These workshops were funded by grants from USGS. Chris Cretini, USGS State

Liaison, and Craig Johnson (LAGIC Director) will be giving a joint presentation to the Council of Geographic Names in September.

LAGIC will be conducting ArcGIS Workshops in Lafayette in September, at DEQ in early October and in Natchitoches in late 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.

LAGIC has been working with the Division of Administration on a Broadband Mapping grant application. LAGIC will be providing the web portal development and assisting with project management tasks.

## 7. Old Business

### DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Chris noted that four quarter quads over the Eastern Dernierre Islands area needed correction. The vendor will take those quarter quads back and correct them.

Chris noted that the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) collected 1 meter natural color statewide imagery in May and June of 2009. At this time 12 - 14 parishes can be downloaded from the Data Gateway site.

Tamera Hewitt (GOHSEP) noted that GOHSEP will be flying 50 square miles of 6" photography this winter. GOHSEP will coordinate these imagery collections with other image collections efforts like the Pictometry flight over Northeastern Louisiana this winter and the 133 Cities Project sponsored by USGS.

**LouisianaMAP and Digital Data Committees:** David Gisclair noted that the LouisianaMAP Committee turned over their work to Brad Mooney and the Digital Data Committee. Brad Mooney noted that the Digital Data committee will meet prior to the next Council meeting to discuss data categorization and provided guidance to local governments on data management issues. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) suggested that the committee find a copy of the HSIP Gold data schema to assist with the data categorization.

## 8. New Business

Kathrine Cargo, the new representative from the Louisiana Chapter of the Emergency Numbering Association (LaNENA), noted that their will be a Chapter meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Crowne Plaza in Kenner from 9:00 to Noon.

Ms. Cargo noted that NENA is developing standards for addressing for Next generation 911. Ms. Cargo also noted that the Annual URISA Conference will be held in Anaheim, California from September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**9. Next Meeting** – September 17, 2009 at the Capitol Park Visitors Center in downtown Baton Rouge.

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4.12 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Shane Breland (LPJA).

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***Summary of Action Items***

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