

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of September 17, 2009  
**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Capitol Park Welcome Center 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**

Daniel Duval, **Designee**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

**Department of Public Services**

Chris Eskew, **Member**

**Department of Social Services**

Michael Eleam, **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 & Preparedness**

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

**Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Economic Development**

Andrew Tull, **Designee**

**Louisiana National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Charlette Poche, **Member**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**US Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Baker Corporation.**

Harold Smith

**City of Baton Rouge**

Wendi French

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

**FUGRO Inc.**

Carlos Femmer

**GOHSEP**

Tamera Hewitt

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Pictometry Inc.**

Gary Mirabeau

**Providence Engineering**

David Alford

**Montgomery Watson Harza, Inc.**

Claire Brown

**Shaw Corporation**

Perry Lopez

**South Central Planning and Development**

Scott Leger

**St James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

**Tangipahoa Parish Government**

Bill Moorman

**University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT**

Winchester Jordan

**US Geological Survey**

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

**3. Approval of August 2009 Minutes**

The August 2009 Minutes were accepted with one correction, on a motion by Marty Beasley (DOA) and seconded by Gus Rowland (DA&F).

**4. Chair's Report**

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) introduced Charlette Poche the new member

representing the Police Jury Association. Ms. Poche is the Asst. Council Clerk of the Terrebonne Parish Council.

Mr. Gisclair noted that Senate Bill 320 will result in some changes to the way the Council, LAGIC and the CIO relate to each other. In addition, it moves LOSCO to the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Gisclair noted that he will soon have a new phone and e-mail address.

Mr. Gisclair reminded members that he will be compiling the 2010 Louisiana DVD soon and he will need to know which members will want to add updates to their data sets.

**5. Presentation: “NRCS, Assessing Data from the US Department of Agriculture, by Jerry Daigle, State Soil Scientist, NRCS Office, Alexandria, Louisiana.**

Mr. Daigle began with a description of the Geospatial Data Gateway, a data portal that contains a variety of important data sets including; hydrologic data, elevation data sets, agricultural imagery and cropland data. That site is reachable through the following URL: [www.geodata.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.geodata.nrcs.usda.gov).

- 1) Hydrologic data is both the 8-digit and 12-digit watershed boundaries
- 2) Elevation data comes in 30 meter, 10 meter, and 3 meter data.
- 3) Imagery is from the National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) and can be found on this USDA site: [www.apfo.usda.gov](http://www.apfo.usda.gov)

Mr. Daigle also noted that USDA has a number of other data sets including soil survey data by Natural Resource Areas and by Parish, soil suitability data and soil delineators (polygons). He also noted that you can download soil data as either tabular or spatial data from: [www.soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov) .

In addition, USDA created the Soil Data Viewer, which is an ArcGIS Extension for displaying soil data. Mr. Daigle is available to train your staff in the use of the Soil Data Viewer.

**6. LAGIC Report**

LAGIC has been assisting the Division of Administration in writing Louisiana’s Broadband Mapping Grant. As part of LAGIC’s contribution to the project, we will enhance the LouisianaMAP Portal to be used for the display and distribution of Broadband Mapping infrastructure data. In addition, LAGIC will be providing project management assistance and QA/QC on project data.

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Over the next couple months, Alaa Shams will be conducting ArcGIS Workshops in Lafayette, Natchitoches, and Baton Rouge. We also have had a request from UNO to return this winter and teach two ArcGIS Workshops. LAGIC will be surveying Council members to determine what GIS Courses are of interest to our membership.

Chris Cretini (USGS) and Craig Johnson (LAGIC) gave a presentation to the Council of Geographic Names Annual Conference last week on the Geographic Names Workshops that LAGIC and USGS conducted in 2007 and 2008.

## **7. Old Business**

### **DOQQ Update**

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### **Committee Reports**

Brad Mooney (DW&F) noted that he sent the framework data to the Council for review. Upon completing the transfer of the data, Mr. Mooney resigned his position as Chair of the Data Committee. Chair Gisclair appointed Chris Cretini (USGS) as the new Chair of the Data Committee. Chair Gisclair brought up the need for standard naming conventions, minimum set of attributes and the need for a data model to organize the data.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) expressed concern about a federal employee being Chair of a LGISC Committee. Chair Gisclair noted that the bylaws allow the Council Chair to appoint any member to Chair a Committee.

## **8. New Business**

Lynn Dupont (NORPC) noted that the National Conference of the American Planning Association will occur in New Orleans in April of 2010 at the Hilton Riverside. Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted that national URISA Conference is coming up in October in Anaheim, California. She asked Council members interested in helping reconstitute a Louisiana URISA Chapter to join her after the Council meeting.

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Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the Wetlands Center has a new director Jeannine Powell.

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**9. Next Meeting** – October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Park Visitors Center in downtown Baton Rouge.

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4.08 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Brad Mooney (DW&F)

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