

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of November 19, 2009
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Shane Breland called the meeting to order at 1:45 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 Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Dan Duval, **Designee**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Social Services

Michael Eleam, **Designee**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Brant Mitchell, **Member**

La. Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Economic Development

Chris Fallin, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Jack Gardner, **Designee**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Baton Rouge City/Parish Government

Wendi French

Calcasieu Parish Government

O'Neil Hebert

Rebecca Poole

Department of Transportation & Development

Leo Boles

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Phil Constantin

Dave Hunter

Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Tamera Hewitt, **Designee**

Leo Inc.

Victor Leotta

Lincoln Parish Government

Shane Breland

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Michael Baker Inc.

Doug Burgin

ProSpatial Co.

Victoria Provenza

St. James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

South Central Planning and Development Corporation

Scott Leger

Tangipahoa Parish Government

Bill Moorman

University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT

Winchester Jordan

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

John Allendorf

Tyler Govert

3. Approval of October 2009 Minutes

The October 2009 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Steve Gunning (DEd) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

4. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Breland chaired the meeting as David Gisclair was unable to attend the start of the meeting.

Mr. Breland noted that he attended a meeting to discuss aerial imagery collection in Louisiana over the coming winter. Among the participants were Chris Cretini (USGS), Brant Mitchell and Tamera Hewitt (GOHSEP), Lynn Dupont (NORPC), Gary Mirabeau and Jason Blalock (Pictometry), Wendi Couvillion (City of Baton Rouge) and Craig Johnson and Jinwoong Yoo (LAGIC). The meeting participants agreed to provide maps of what areas they were each flying in order to utilize aerial imagery resources more effectively. There was overall agreement on the need to communicate better regarding upcoming imagery collections.

5. Presentation: “Louisiana Gulf Coast Regional HIFLD Efforts” by John Allendorf and Tyler Govert of Booze Allen Hamilton Inc. representing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Department of Homeland Security has been working in phases to launch the HIFLD to the Region effort. Phase 1 was completely within DHS. Phase 2 was between federal agencies. Phase 3 was between federal, state and the private sector and Phase 4 is coordination between DHS, state and local government.

Mr. Allendorf noted that the Department of Homeland Security has setup eight Protective Security Agents (PSA's) throughout the country. Each of these regional centers will also coordinate with local DHS contacts. In South Louisiana there are two contacts; Philip Constantin in New Orleans and David Hunter in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the regional HIFLD efforts is to provide better coordination between federal, state and local government.

HIFLD will provide imagery, data and software (Ex; A-Cams) to state and local agencies in an emergency situation. For example, of the HSIP Gold data set, 192 of the data layers are shareable.

6. LAGIC Report

LAGIC participated in GIS Day at Nichols State University in Thibodeaux. The GIS Day speakers were followed by a Regional GIS Meeting.

LAGIC began work on the cooperative agreement with USGS to provide assistance to four parishes in the Coastal Zone to identify structures. We will be working with these parishes to identify the most critical attributes to collect. We will be working with Chris Cretini (USGS) on this project.

Alaa Shams will be conducting ArcGIS Workshops at UNO in December and January, for the City of Baton Rouge in January. In addition LAGIC will be bringing in an instructor to teach a one-day Google Sketch Up Class on Friday, December 11th at the Rotunda of the Energy Coast and Environment Building.

As part of the Broadband Project, LAGIC has distributed electronic survey forms to both the Louisiana Assessor community as well as all of the Communication Districts in the state. Over half of the assessors have already completed their surveys. We will report to the Council with our findings as soon as we have complete (or nearly complete) response to our surveys. .

The December Holiday party will take place at the Rotunda of the Energy Coast and Environment Building after our scheduled meeting at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus. The Rotunda is down the street from Efferson.

7. Old Business - Committee Reports

Digital Data Committee

Chris Cretini (USGS) the new Chair of the Data Committee noted that the LSDI committee members met by conference call on November 12th. The Committee then distributed the documents to the Council so that members would have 30 days to review the information before discussing it.

RS/GIS Workshop

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the 2010 RS/GIS Workshop will take place in April of 2010 at the Cajundome Conference Center in Lafayette.

8. New Business

- Jim Mitchell asked if the Council had any additional information on a state purchasing agreement for GIS Software. Bo Blackmon noted that we need to have it in place soon as our existing agreements are ending.
- David Gisclair noted that he has attended some of the Streamlining Committee meetings and was concerned that GIS consolidation might be added to the list of suggestions.
- Lynn Dupont noted that she was working with LAGIC and DSS to use demographic data to determine potential transit routes.

9. Next Meeting –December 17th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4.02 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Shane Breland.

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Summary of Action Items

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