

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of December 17, 2009
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (Senate) called the meeting to order at 1:39 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Culture Recreation & Tourism

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Daniel Duvall, **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**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Tamera Hewitt, **Designee**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **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:

Baton Rouge Water Company

Dina Knight

Center for Geomatics

Joshua Kent

Randy Osborne

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Kurt Johnson

Gulf Engineers & Consultants

Mark Forsyth

Bill Wiesepape

Steven Ward

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Jack Gardner

LGISC Friends

Joe Holmes

Ahmed Massasati

LSU Ag Center

Maurice Wolcott

ProSpatial

Victoria Provenza

Shaw Corporation

Felix Cretini

St. James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

Scott Loque

Tangipahoa Parish

Bill Moorman

US Geological Survey

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

3. Approval of November 2009 Minutes

The November 2009 Minutes were accepted, on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Clay Trachtman (DHH).

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gisclair noted that he issued a "Call for Data" for the new state DVD. The Louisiana Data DVD should be released next fall. The contents may be larger

than 1 or 2 DVD's so it may require the use of new media.

Chair Gisclair requested that the Council provide feedback on the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure. He noted that this is a "living document" and should be modified as needs and data standards change.

Chair Gisclair attended the Broadband Kickoff Meeting at Michael Baker's Office in the Hancock bank building. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce all of the participants in the project to each other and define the roles of each party.

5. LAGIC Report

Training

- LAGIC participated in 3 training sessions for 55 people in the use of Pictometry software for local government applications in Monroe, LA.
- 15 people from all over the state, attended a one day Google Sketch-Up Workshop at LSU on December 10th.
- LAGIC conducted an ArcGIS II Workshop at UNO earlier this week and will complete the ArcGIS III Workshop at UNO in January. LAGIC is scheduled to teach an ArcGIS II Workshop for the City of Baton Rouge in January as well.

Cooperative Agreements

LAGIC began work on the cooperative agreement with USGS to provide assistance to four parishes in the Coastal Zone to identify structures. We are mosaicing aerial photography of each parish, meeting with parish officials to prioritize the most critical attributes and we are collecting building footprints from the Division of Administration on all state owned structures.

Outreach

As part of the Broadband Project, LAGIC has been developing a website where broadband providers and the general public can go to get information. The website address will be "broadband.la.gov" and will function as both a project management tool and a public forum for the Broadband project.

7. Old Business - Committee Reports

Digital Data Committee

Chris Cretini (USGS) the Chair of the Data Committee noted that the LSDI committee members had made some minor adjustments to the data structure including changing the name of Governmental Units to Administrative units to more adequately describe the many regional and tax related boundaries that define different jurisdictions. The council was e-mailed the document in November to allow Committee members' sufficient time (30 days) to review and

comment before the GIS Council voted on the resolution endorsing the LSDI.

Chair Gisclair then read aloud the Resolution of Support for the LSDI to the GIS Council. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) requested one small clarification. The motion was proposed by Charlette Poche (LPJA) and seconded by Lynn Dupont (LAPDD). It was passed unanimously by acclamation.

Election Committee

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the 2010 LGISC Election will take place at the January GIS Council Meeting. He recommended that all members consider running for office or assist the GIS Council through the various committees. He urged all members to submit a nomination form.

Geographic Names

Chris Cretini suggested that there might be a need for a state Board of Geographic Names. Louisiana has found itself with a large number of name changes due to Hurricanes changing the built environment and coastal erosion changing the landscape. He agreed to make a presentation at a future GIS Council meeting on the subject. Council members suggested names for a Geographic Names Board including; John Anderson (LSU Map Library) and Brent Yantis at RAC.

8. New Business

GIS Consolidation

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that Rizwan asked him to check how other states dealt with the issue of GIS Consolidation. Marty Beasley (DOA) noted that the possibility of legislation centralizing the hosting of state data sets would affect almost all large agencies with geospatial data. There was some discussion of the benefits of consolidation efforts including; volume purchasing of software, reduced purchasing costs for hardware and data. There was agreement that volume licensing could be beneficial but centralizing GIS raised concerns.

Corps of Engineers and LGISC participation

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) met with the New Orleans District staffers to determine how the Corps and the GIS Council could assist each other. The Corps would like to participate in imagery collections and is willing to provide data sets for the State DVD. The Corps will request membership in the GIS Council.

ProSpatial - GIS Service Company at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier

Victoria Provenza described coordination efforts to map flood damage in N. LA.

9. Next Meeting –January 21st at the State Library

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3.22 on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and a second by Brad Mooney (DW&F)

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Summary of Action Items

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