

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of July 15, 2010

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Clay Trachtman (DHH) called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the State Library, 1st Floor Conference Room in 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 Justice**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

##### **Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

##### **Department of Public Safety**

Michael Henderson, **Member**

##### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Designee**

##### **Division of Administration, SLO**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Economic Development**

Chris Fallin, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Municipal Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Scott Leger, **Designee**

##### **Louisiana Workforce Commission**

Larry Aiken, **Member**

##### **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

Aimee Preau, **Member**

##### **U.S. Geological Survey**

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

#### **Others Present:**

**Calcasieu Parish Government**

O'Neil Hebert

Becky Poole

**Capitol Region Planning Commission**

Marta Castro di Sa

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Paul Zundel

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

Leo Boles

Kurt Johnson

**ESRI**

Michael Funaro

**Iberia Parish Government**

Amy Brassieur

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Surdex Corporation**

Randy Burkham

**3) Approval of June 2010 Minutes**

The June 2010 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Aimee Preau (DHS) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

**4) Chair's Report**

Chair Trachtman noted that Ryan Seidemann (Justice) was able to rejoin the Council after a long convalescence from a car accident. We are very glad to see him back again.

Chair Trachtman noted that the Council had requested that LAGIC look at hosting a workshop on how to quantify a "Return on Investments in Geospatial Assets". There will be more about that workshop in the LAGIC report.

**5. Presentation: "Changing Lands Application" by Howard Smith with Michael Baker Jr. Inc.**

**6. LAGIC Report**

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- Plus ESRI Spatial Analyst Workshops in Ruston, New Orleans, Lafayette and Baton Rouge.

LAGIC would like to thank Chris Cretini for finding the funding to sponsor a two-day "Return on Investment" Workshop on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at DEQ. The workshop was developed by GITA and was priced at \$995. This workshop will be offered at no cost to Council member Agencies (with a maximum of two from each agency).

LAGIC has been conducting a series of Broadband Usage Surveys as part of our statewide outreach project. LAGIC assisted with the last Broadband Advisory Council meeting

## 7. Old Business

**Broadband Activities** – were discussed during the LAGIC report.

**Digital Data Committee** – Nothing new to discuss

**Membership Committee** – Ryan Seidemann's (Justice) is still recuperating from a car accident. That committee will meet again when Ryan can rejoin us.

**2011 RS/GIS Workshop Update** – Craig Johnson noted that the 2011 RS/GIS Workshop will take place next April 26th – April 28th at the Lavin-Bernick Center at Tulane University in New Orleans.

## 8. New Business

Bo Blackmon noted that DNR has an opening for a GIS Position with the Office of Mineral Resources.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the USDA NAIP Imagery will be collected in Louisiana from May through July and will be available through a USDA web service. The imagery is 1meter / natural color.

Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted two calls for papers; the GIS Pro Annual Conference in Orlando and the URISA/NENA Addressing Conference in Charlotte.

Tamera Hewitt (GOHSEP) noted that the entire state has been flown and imagery collected at a minimum of 1foot resolution and that the first delivery will

occur in July.

**9. GIS Council Activities in Support of Oil Spill Response (by Agency)**

Aimee Preau (**FEMA**) is bringing in three community relations specialists for the Gulf States to assist with disaster applications.

Bo Blackmon (**DNR**) noted that DNR is providing OCPR Staff to do oil spill related mapping and taking shifts manning the Emergency Operations Center.

Chris Cretini (**USGS**) is providing maps to the Coast Guard Operations Center in Venice, LA. They are mapping land/water interface by quad. There are daily updates of aerial imagery being posted through the restricted HHDDS site.

Larry Aiken (**LWC**) noted that the Louisiana Workforce Commission is busy assisting unemployed workers. Checking their records versus BP's records and getting BP to pay their overtime costs for having to process so many unemployment claims.

Clay Trachtman (**DHH**) noted that DHH is tracking environmental exposures and now oil exposures for cleanup workers. In addition DHH is checking contamination to oyster beds and shutting down harvesting areas as needed.

Michael Henderson (**DPS**) is providing other agencies with info and updates on road conditions, etc.

Dan Duval (**DEQ**) is now getting involved in sampling sites, creating sampling maps and comparing the findings to earlier base line data.

Mike Eleam (**DSS**) noted that DSS is producing maps of shelters, pickup points, EBT locations etc.

Gus Rowland (**AG and Forestry**) has brought equipment to Venice to evacuate cows if necessary. Flights, contracted by Ag and Forestry are looking at the effect of the spill on cattle and their foraging areas.

**10. Next Meeting** - July 20<sup>th</sup> at the State Library in the First Floor Conference Room.

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**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4:12 on a motion by Aimee Preau (FEMA) and a seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of June 17, 2010

### **Summary of Action Items**

#### **Chair's Report**

Chair Trachtman noted that the CIO received the GIS Council's statement about data custodians but it may have been too late to affect the wording of any GIS related legislation.

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The following agencies; FEMA, DNR, USGS, LWC, DHH, DPS, DEQ, DSS and AG and Forestry all told of their support activities.