

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of January 20, 2011

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

Chair Clay Trachtman (DHH) called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held in House Committee Room #4 at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

#### **Member Agencies/Organizations Present:**

**Department of Children and Family Services**

Michael Eleam, **Member**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Daniel Duval, **Designee**

**Department of Health and Hospitals**

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

**Department of Transportation**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Designee**

**Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

**Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

**Louisiana Chapter National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

**Louisiana Economic Development**

Chris Fallin, **Member**

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

**Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Jack Gardner, **Designee**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**U.S Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)**

Aimee Preau, **Member**

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Department of Children and Family Services**

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Andy Venuto

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

Kurt Johnson

**Iberia Parish Government**

Amy Brassieur

**Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Scott Leger, **Designee**

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana Housing Finance Agency**

Starr Moore

**Michael Baker Inc.**

Harold Smith

**New Orleans Regional Planning Commission**

Clare Brown

**Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration**

Tina Waguespack

**St. James Parish Government**

Scott Locque

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

**3) Approval of November and December 2010 Minutes**

The November 2010 Minutes were accepted with corrections on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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**4) Chair's Report**

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## 5. LAGIC Report

**Training:** LAGIC just completed a series of three ArcGIS Classes at UNO in January and we have ArcGIS II and III scheduled for DEQ in February and Spatial Analyst at DEQ in March. Alaa is in the process of certifying as an ArcGIS version 10 Instructor.

**Outreach:** LAGIC met with Iberia Parish officials to discuss data sharing in support of the USGS Structures Project and with members of the Chitimacha Tribe in Charenton, LA. Both meetings were productive.

LAGIC made a presentation on Broadband activities to the Louisiana Chapter of NENA at a meeting in Pineville last week. We also met with the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, a federally recognized tribe regarding broadband access in LaSalle Parish.

**Grants:** LAGIC in coordination with Kathrine Cargo representing the Louisiana Chapter of NENA submitted an FGDC CAP Grant application to create a business plan for a statewide address maintenance system.

Just as Alaa gave a year end overview of the LAGIC Training Program last month, Chris Pennington will describe some of his web development and data management activities for LAGIC this month.

## 6. Presentation: 2010 LAGIC Data Management Year End Recap

Chris Pennington (LAGIC) noted that LAGIC's primary data tasks revolve around the Louisiana Broadband Initiative. In addition to the Broadband Initiative, Chris Pennington (LAGIC) noted that LAGIC has been working on the Cooperative Agreement with USGS for Structures Development. This project involved the creation of a geospatial collaboration tool in ArcGIS 10 that allows users to make changes to geospatial content from their browser without having to own, or know how to use, ArcGIS Software.

Furthermore, Chris managed three graduate students who were working on imagery corrections to high resolution imagery of coastal Louisiana; a project funded by Sanborn Mapping. The data was provided to contractors working on the BP Oil Spill response effort.

## 7. LGISC Election of Officers

Marty Beasley, Chair of the LGISC Election Committee noted that there were three individuals nominated for Chair and four nominated for Vice Chair. Of those nominated for Chair, two were willing to serve; Ian Beer (LMA) and Ryan Seidemann (Justice). Of those nominated for Vice Chair, three were willing to

serve; Marty Beasley (DOA), Ian Beer (LMA) and Ryan Seidemann (Justice). Chair Beasley asked each of the nominees willing to serve to introduce themselves to the Council. Mr. Seidemann was not present. The election was conducted with a show of hands and Ian Beer was elected Chair and Marty Beasley was elected Vice Chair.

## 8. Old Business

### **Broadband Mapping Project**

Harold Smith (Baker) noted that a request to the providers for new data occurred at the end of December. That data will be added to the Broadband map that will be rolled out in February. There are still 10 -12 providers that have not complied. Jim Mitchell (DOTD) asked when the Broadband infrastructure data will become public, including middle mile and interconnect points. Mr. Smith noted that the Agreement with providers was that infrastructure data would remain private. The interconnect points for BTOP (federally funded) projects would be public.

**Membership Committee** – Ryan Seidemann (Justice) Chair of the Membership Committee was not able to attend so the LGISC Bylaws as they pertain to Membership will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

**State Lands Office, Image Server** – Marty Beasley (DOA, SLO) noted that State Lands stood up a server accessible to computers on the State Intranet. Among the imagery sets recently made available are the 2010 NAIP DOQQ's as TIFS and Mr SID files. Mr. Beasley noted that he met with Martha O'Hara (OIT) regarding the consolidation of imagery on a state server. Mr. Beasley has asked Michael Funaro (ESRI) to make a presentation to the GIS Council and others regarding the use of the Arc Server 10, Image Server Extension.

**2011 RS/GIS Workshop Update** – Craig Johnson noted that the 2011 RS/GIS Workshop will take place in New Orleans at the Hampton Inn Convention Center in the Warehouse District from May 3 -5, 2011. There will be at least one and possibly two short (1/2 day) training courses on the Monday prior to the start of the workshop. ESRI has agreed to offer one class on Monday afternoon. Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) requested Council members to submit abstracts for presentations to Rob Cunningham and her, as they will be putting together the Workshop program

## 9. New Business

Pam Jones (LAA) could not attend, but asked the GIS Council to participate in the GIS Extravaganza that will be part of the Louisiana Assessors Conference in Bossier from March 21-23, 2011. Flyers describing the GIS Extravaganza were distributed to Council Members and others.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the state roads data set will be available next week. Over 750 features have been collected and the data ties to the state linear referencing system.

Marty Beasley (DOA) noted that State Lands will be posting notices on their website for over 180 new properties that the State is offering for sale.

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in the State Library at 1:30pm.

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4:02 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and a seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA, SLO).

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### **Summary of Action Items**

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