

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of February 17, 2011

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

Chair Ian Beer (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the State Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

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

##### **Department of Agriculture & Fisheries**

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

##### **Department of Children and Family Services**

Michael Eleam, **Member**

##### **Department of Education**

Steve Gunning, **Member**

##### **Department of Environmental Quality**

Daniel Duval, **Designee**

##### **Department of Health and Hospitals**

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

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

Bo Blackmon, **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 & Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Chapter National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

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

Andrew Tull, **Designee**

##### **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:**

**Capitol Region Planning Commission**

Marta Castro de Sa

**Department of Children and Family Services**

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Andy Venuto

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Kurt Johnson

**Division of Administration, Office of Community Development**

Charles Flanagan

**GIS Professionals**

Fran Harvey

Ahmed Massasati

**Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness**

Lindi Criswell

**Gulf Engineers & Consultants Inc.**

Bill Wiesepape

**Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Scott Leger, **Designee**

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana Housing Finance Agency**

Annie Clark

Starr Moore

**Mark A. O'Neal Inc.**

V.P. Thachy

**St. Tammany Parish Government**

Katie McBay

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Andre DeHaan

**3. Approval of January 2011 Minutes**

The January 2011 Minutes were accepted with corrections on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by Clay Trachtman (DHH).

**4. Chair's Report**

Chair Ian Beer noted that we did not have a quorum in December for the first time in over two years. He recommended that members that were not able to attend regularly please appoint a designee to ensure that their agency is represented, when they cannot attend.

Chair Beer noted that the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions would like an electronic copy of every member's appointment letter. So, if you have been identified as a member lacking an appointment letter, please locate your letter as soon as possible.

### **5. Presentation: Louisiana Housing Finance Authority (LHFA), Application of a Geographic Information System, by Starr Moore**

Ms. Moore noted that the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority uses GIS to support a number of initiatives including; Neighborhood Stabilization, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Low Income Energy Assistance, Weatherization Assistance Programs and their Rebuilding Pilot Program. They began with Google Maps but have since moved to an ArcGIS platform. Many of the Tax Credit Programs they administer require that the recipients live within a specific geographic region as defined by the number of low income housing units or the demographics of their census block. Among the other uses of GIS is to produce a list of the number of units being served within a specific House or Senate District. They would like to standardize their base data layers so that they can respond more quickly to the requests of different federal agencies. Much of their housing data currently lacks a spatial component making it difficult to integrate their data sets and ensure that they are in compliance with various reporting requirements.

### **6. LAGIC Report**

**Training:** LAGIC will complete a series of ArcGIS Classes at DEQ next week. Spatial Analyst will be taught at DEQ from March 2 - 4. Alaa has completed all of the requirements to be an ArcGIS 10 Instructor and waiting on his ESRI certificate. Alaa is now also certified by IAAO to teach GIS to LA. Assessors.

**Outreach:** LAGIC, DHH and FEMA have been assisting USGS complete two statewide data layers; Hospitals and Fire Stations for inclusion in the 2011 US Topos. Council members Clay Trachtman and Aimee Preau have been helpful.

LAGIC will have a booth at the GIS Extravaganza in Bossier this March. The Extravaganza was developed by GIS Council member Pam Jones, who is President of the Louisiana Assessors Association this year.

**Grants:** LAGIC in coordination with Council members Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA), Chris Cretini (USGS) and Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) were awarded an FGDC CAP Grant to create a business plan for a statewide address maintenance system. We hope to kick off that project at the LaNENA Symposium in Lafayette in April.

### **7. Old Business**

**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.

**Arc Users Group Meeting at DEQ** – Craig Johnson noted that LAGIC has been providing logistical support for the Arc Users group Meeting that will be held at DEQ next Wednesday (2/23/11).

**ESRI Image Server** – Marty Beasley (DOA, SLO) noted that Michael Funaro (ESRI) will make a presentation to the GIS Council and others regarding the use of the Arc Server 10, Image Server Extension later this Spring.

**2011 RS/GIS Workshop Update** – Kathrine Cargo 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 short (1/2 day) training course 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

#### **8. 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.

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Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) asked the GIS Council to consider endorsing the GIS Certification Program (GISP) that GIS Certification Institute has instituted. The Certification process is being changed to be more skill based.

Kathrine noted that URISA will be holding their Addressing Workshop in New Orleans this August.

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

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4:02 on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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