

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of March 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:**

##### **Culture Recreation and Tourism**

Cheraki Williams, **Designee**

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

Michael Eleam, **Member**

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

Daniel Duval, **Designee**

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

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

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

Michael Henderson, **Member**

##### **Department of Transportation**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

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

Brad Mooney, **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**

Charlette Poche, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

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

Aimee Preau, **Member**

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

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Baton Rouge Water Company**

Dina Knight

**Capitol Region Planning Commission**

Marta Castro de Sa

**Department of Children and Family Services**

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

Kurt Johnson

**GIS Professionals**

Ahmed Massasati

**Gulf Engineers & Consultants Inc.**

Bill Wiesepape

**Iberia Parish Government**

Amy Brassieur

**Louisiana Chapter National Emergency Numbering Association**

Jerry Gould, **Designee**

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana Housing Finance Agency**

Starr Moore

**Navigation Electronics Inc.**

Bernard Lemoine

**Northrop Grumman Inc.**

Kermit Lewis

Tina Taylor

**St. James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

**3. Approval of February 2011 Minutes**

The February 2011 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

**4. Chair's Report**

Chair Ian Beer asked Council members to welcome our newest designee, Cheracki Williams, who will be representing Culture Recreation and Tourism

Chair Beer noted that the next GIS Council meeting will occur during the Spring Break, when many folks go on vacation with their families. He asked if any

Council members would prefer that we have the April Council meeting on a different date. Hearing no complaints with the April 21<sup>st</sup> date the Council will not change it.

Chair Beer noted that anyone who had not already located their appointment letter should talk with Craig Johnson (LAGIC) at the end of the Council Meeting. The Governors' Office of Boards and Commissions is trying to locate any missing appointment letters.

**5. Presentation: The Benefits of a Unified Projection System, by Ahmed Massasati, Ph.D.**

Dr. Massasati noted that there are benefits to deciding on a unified projection system for the State of Louisiana. He discussed his previous work in the United Arab Emirates working for the Emir. The Emir wanted to use one projection system for all the Emirates but ran across the problem of some Emirates wanting to keep their unique system. He noted that there were also problems with the initial group of GIS professionals working on the BP Oil Spill as each one used a different projection system. Dr Massasati explained the importance of projection systems and gave examples from his own professional experiences.

**6. LAGIC Report**

**Training:** Now that Alaa has completed all of the requirements to be an ArcGIS 10 Instructor, LAGIC will begin offering ArcGIS 10 classes in Lafayette in April, New Orleans in May and Baton Rouge in June. Flyers are on the table in the back of the room.

**Outreach:**

LAGIC had a booth at Louisiana Assessors GIS Extravaganza in Bossier this March. The Extravaganza was developed by GIS Council member Pam Jones, who just completed her term as President of the Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA). LAGIC will also have a booth at the Louisiana Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association Symposium (LaNENA) in Lafayette in April.

**Grants:** LAGIC in coordination with Council members; Kathrine Cargo, Chris Cretini and Brant Mitchell was awarded an FGDC CAP Grant to create a business plan for a statewide address maintenance system.

LAGIC has submitted an application for a cooperative agreement with USGS to continue the work of developing a structures data layer for the Louisiana Coastal Zone. If the application is successful, we would be working with four new coastal parishes; Cameron, St Tammany, Tangipahoa and Vermillion.

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LAGIC has been assisting the Broadband Council organize a series of Broadband symposiums around the state to increase awareness of broadband. The first Symposium will be held at Delta Community College in Monroe on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April. The state Broadband Map is online at <http://broadband.la.us>

## **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.

**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

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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.

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

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the State Civil Service Department is interested in redesignating the IT/GIS career classifications

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the State Library at 1:30pm.

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 4:02 on a motion by Lynn Dupont (LPDD) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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### **Summary of Action Items**

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

Chair Ian Beer noted that CRT has appointed a new designee; Cheraki Williams.

Mr. Beer reminded GIS Council members of the need to find their original agency appointment letters for the Governors' Office of Boards and Commissions.

#### **LAGIC**

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