

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of May 19, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chair Ian Beer (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Galvez Conference Center (DEQ) 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 Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva, **Designee**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

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 Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Coastal Environments Inc.

Gwen Wang

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Division of Administration

Jared Freeman

GIS Professional

Ahmed Massasati

Gulf Engineers & Consultants Inc.

Bill Wiesepape

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Gretchen Cazalot

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

Clare Brown

Northrop Grumman Inc.

Ken Comeaux

Jochen Floesser

St. James Parish Government

Scott Locque

Teach Me GIS

Leslie Morgan

Terra Go Technologies Inc.

Michael Bufkin

David Wolf

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Yvonne Allen

3. Approval of April 2011 Minutes

The April 2011 Minutes were accepted with corrections on a motion by Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

4. Chair's Report

Chair Ian Beer noted that Chris Cretini (USGS) had sent him an e-mail stating that USGS would no longer permit their employees to be voting members of state boards or commissions. Ryan Seidemann noted that there is nothing in the Bylaws that would force a member off the GIS Council if they did not vote. He interpreted that to mean that Chris could remain a member even if he does not vote. Chair Beer also noted that the Council had received a request from the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority for a Council membership application.

Chair Beer noted that he will e-mail members each month to help determine what are the most pressing issues for the Council to discuss.

5. Presentation: A) LIDAR Acquisition of the Atchafaiaya River Basin", by Jochen Floesser Northrop Grumman - Huntsville, Alabama.

LIDAR data was collected in the Atchafaiaya River Basin by Northrop Grumman for the USACE Engineer Research and Development Center using an Optech ALTM Gemini LIDAR System. The Gemini System has a 34 degree field of view with 30% overlap and 1 meter postings. The data was captured between 12/2/2010 and 12/7/2010. The data was tiled into 1,249: 1500 meter by 1500 meter tiles. A TIN was created from the data as well as a 1 meter Digital Elevation Model

5. Presentation: B) Terra Go "GeoPDF Products" by Michael Bufkin and David Wolf.

Terra Go was founded in 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia and they currently have 50 employees. Mr. Bufkin described some of the various software packages that they sell including their Publisher Suite, the Composer Suite and the Collaboration Suite. He demonstrated how GeoPDF's can be used to create 3-D models for flood visualization and line of sight models. The collaboration tools allow others to mark up a map with their comments and send that to back to you or on to a third party.

6. LAGIC Report

Training: LAGIC just completed teaching ArcGIS (version 10) Class I at UNO yesterday and will begin Class II next week. There are still openings in Class II and III. We have also scheduled ArcGIS classes at DEQ in June. In addition, we have approval from LaTech to teach a series of ArcGIS classes there in August.

Outreach:

LAGIC is scheduled to present at the LEPA/GOHSEP Conference in New Orleans at the end of May on the Structures Project.

We will be co-hosting with SCAUG an Arc Users Group Meeting in Bossier this July. The topic "What new in ArcGIS 10?"

Grants:

LAGIC and LaNENA developed a online survey instrument on local addressing practices, that has been vetted by LaNENA and will go out next week to the 64 parish communication district directors

LAGIC applied for a Cooperative Agreement with USGS for Phase 3 of the Structures Program in Coastal Louisiana. If our grant application is successful we will be working with Cameron, St Tammany, Tangipahoa and Vermillion Parishes.

Staff:

LAGIC hired Gretchen Cazalot, an LSU Graphics Arts Student to begin revamping our websites, starting with the Broadband site.

7. Old Business

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- Shouldn't the appointing authority be notified before their member begins serving as Chair?
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The 2011 Louisiana RS/GIS Workshop - was held at the Hampton Inn Convention Center in the Warehouse District of New Orleans from May 3 -5, 2011. A 1/4 day ESRI Imagery Workshop was held on Monday before the workshop began on Tuesday morning. The workshop was deemed a success because the venue worked very well and there were excellent presentations.

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The Corps of Engineers will fly the Mississippi River Corridor. The May 22nd imagery will be posted on the HSDS site by Brenda Jones.

Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) announced a couple upcoming URISA events including;

- GIS and Public Health: June 22 - 30
- URISA/NENA Addressing Conf: August 15-18
- GIS and Public Transportation: September 13-15
- GIS Pro: November 1-4.

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10. Next Meeting - Thursday, June 16th at the Capitol Visitors Center 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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Summary of Action Items

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