

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of June 16, 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 Capitol Park Visitor Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

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

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

Rachael Watson, **Member**

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

Michael Eleam, **Member**

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

Steve Gunning, **Member**

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

Dan Duval, **Designee**

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

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

##### **Department of Justice**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

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

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

##### **Department of Transportation & Development**

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

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

Brad Mooney, **Member**

##### **Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

##### **Governors Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**

Tamera Hewitt, **Designee**

##### **Louisiana Assessors Association**

Pam Jones, **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 Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva, **Designee**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Dallas Shearer

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

Carl Duke

**East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority**

Mark Goodson

**GIS Professionals**

Fran Harvey

**Iberia Parish Government**

Amy Brasseur

**Leo LLC**

William Meyers

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Louisiana State University**

Rusti Liner

Maurice Wolcott

**Navigation Electronics Inc.**

Bernard Lemoine

**Northrop Grumman Inc.**

Kermit Lewis

**St. James Parish Government**

Bobby Lear

**Tangipahoa Parish Government**

Bill Moorman

**3. Approval of May 2011 Minutes**

The May 2011 Minutes were accepted with corrections on a motion by Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

**4. Chair's Report:** Chair Beer thanked all the members for attending and welcomed our speaker Mark Goodson with the Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority. Chair Ian Beer noted that he received a letter from SCAUG, the South Central Arc Users Group, asking if there is anything they could do to help promote GIS activities in Louisiana.

**5. LAGIC Report:** LAGIC has scheduled a series of ArcGIS Classes at DEQ in June and at Louisiana Tech in August. We will also be teaching Spatial Analyst in August at DEQ.

**Outreach:**

- LAGIC is organizing a ½ day “What’s New in Arc GIS 10” workshop in Bossier City.
- LAGIC would like to hear from Council members on GIS day activities
- LAGIC will make a presentation to the N. Louisiana Communication Districts meeting in Oak Grove, La. next week.
- Chris Cretini, Craig Johnson and Chris Pennington presented at the LEPA/GOHSEP Conference in New Orleans at the end of May on the Structures Project.

**Broadband:**

- LAGIC began a pilot addressing project in West Carroll Parish.
- LAGIC will be conducting a series of four broadband grant workshops in Oak Grove, Crowley, Winnsboro and Greensburg.
- LAGIC will meet with Tangipahoa officials this month to ask for their cooperation on the Address MOU’s for the Broadband Initiative.

**6. Presentation: Property Evaluation Tool (PET) – Mark Goodson, East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority.**

Mr. Goodson noted that the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) is a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana whose mission is to promote affordable housing, bank potential commercial development sites and put adjudicated properties back on the market.

The RDA hired Leo Inc. to develop a mobile property evaluation device application that could be used to identify properties for acquisition and be used as a damage assessment tool. One of the other public applications is a repetitive flood loss information data collection tool. Mr. Goodson demonstrated the capabilities of the mobile application for the Council.

**7. Old Business**

**Bylaws Update** – Chair beer asked Ryan Seidemann, Membership Chair, to go over the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Mr. Seidemann read all the proposed changes and asked for comments by the members (below):

**Jim Mitchell** – Only the member should be allowed to serve as Chair of the Council since the Designee was not selected by the appointing authority

**Marty Beasley** – If the member is not willing to serve as Chair, upon the year designated by the Chair rotation, then they should switch places with their Designee and let that individual represent their agency.

**David Gisclair** – There are many agencies represented by Designees. In some case the members have rarely attended Council meetings. The Council has never precluded Designees from serving as officers (Chair or Vice Chair) before.

**Chair Beer** – Suggested that we let the Membership Committee come up with a list of recommendations for the Council to vote on. He asked Mr. Seidemann to e-mail out the changes to the entire membership.

A motion to have the membership Committee make a set of recommendations to the Council was proposed by Marty Beasley (DOA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

## **8. New Business**

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop Organizational Committee met and made some significant changes to the traditional Conference format including; moving from a 2 ½ day conference to a 2 day conference with the third day reserved for hands-on workshops. There will be five permanent committees for marketing and promoting the event, program development, training, sponsors and an Executive Committee.

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**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, July 21st at the State Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Seminar Room at 1:30pm.

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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**Summary of Action Items**

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