

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of July 21, 2011

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

Chair Ian Beer (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 and Forestry**

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

##### **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**

Kate Streva, **Designee**

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

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

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

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

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

Brad Mooney, **Member**

##### **Governors Office Homeland Security and 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 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

**Coastal Environments Inc.**

Gwen Wang

**Department of Children and Family Services**

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

Andy Venuto

**Department of Natural Resources**

Jason Guidry

Dallas Shearer, **Designee**

**Department of Transportation & Development**

Doug Albert

**ESRI Inc.**

Michael Funaro

**GIS Professionals**

Thach Vo

**Leo LLC**

John Evers

Melanie Mcurin

William Meyers

Victor Leotta

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Michael Baker Corporation**

Harold Smith

**Navigation Electronics Inc.**

Bernard Lemoine

**New Orleans Regional Planning Commission**

Clare Brown

**Northrop Grumman Inc.**

Kermit Lewis

Tina Taylor

**Pictometry Inc.**

Gary Mirabeau

**South Central Planning & Development**

Scott Leger, **Designee**

**St. James Parish Government**

Scott Loque

**Tangipahoa Parish Government**

Bill Moorman

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

**3. Approval of June 2011 Minutes**

The June 2011 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Ryan Seidemann (Justice) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

**4. Chair’s Report:** Chair Beer thanked all the members for attending and welcomed a new member Dallas Shearer (DNR) and a new designee; Andy Venuto (DEQ).

Chair Beer thanked Bo Blackmon (DNR) for his many years of service to the Louisiana GIS Council and his successful efforts to develop a state GIS Council in the early late 1980’s. He also noted that Bo Blackmon served as Chair of the GIS Council on three different years. Chair Beer presented Bo with a plaque and asked him to please address the Council.

**5. LAGIC Report:  
Training**

LAGIC conducted two ArcGIS Classes (II and III) for Wildlife and Fisheries staff in July. LAGIC is scheduled to teach Spatial Analyst at DEQ in early August and ArcGIS II and III at Louisiana Tech in mid August.

**Outreach:**

- LAGIC organized a ½ day “What’s New in Arc GIS 10” workshop in Bossier City on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- LAGIC made a presentation to the N. Louisiana Communication Districts meeting in Oak Grove, La. regarding our web tool for online address edits.
- LAGIC began an Address Collection Pilot Project in West Carroll Parish.

**Broadband:**

- LAGIC will be conducting a series of four broadband grant workshops in Oak Grove, Crowley, Winnsboro and Greensburg, Louisiana.
- Gretchen Cazalot, our student web designer, has made significant improvements to the Broadband Website.
- LAGIC met with Tangipahoa officials to ask for their cooperation with the Addressing MOU’s for the Broadband Initiative.

**6. Presentation: Address Mapping Pilot Project in West Carroll Parish by Craig Johnson and Chris Pennington, LAGIC.**

LAGIC initiated a Pilot Addressing Project in West Carroll Parish to determine the time required and cost of addressing a rural parish (approximately 10,000 people) with no digital addresses. The project is progressing with assistance from the Communications Director in West Carroll Parish and one student

worker. The parish digital address file has been geo-coded with a match rate of approximately 70%. The addition of cadastral data boundaries should increase that percentage significantly.

**Presentation: Address Mapping with Acadian Ambulance by Victor Leotta of LEO Inc.**

LEO Inc has been working on a contract with Acadian Ambulance to improve road centerline files and address points in the areas served by Acadian Ambulance, essentially many of the parishes south of Rapides Parish. Acadian Ambulance needs to pinpoint the location of their customers before an emergency. In addition they need to be able to route vehicles in the most efficient manner. Unfortunately, many of the rural parishes in which they operate do not have digital address data.

**7. Old Business**

**Proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws**

Ryan Seidemann (Justice) noted that there are basically two options for the Council to consider regarding the method of electing Council Chairs; leave things the way they are or change them.

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted the problems that the Council has faced in the past regarding finding Council members that are willing to serve as Chair. David Gisclair (Senate) agreed saying that there is a real need to find new folks to serve as officers to bring new ideas to the Council. Ian Beer (LMA) also agreed that it was important to convince new members to serve.

Aimee Preau (FEMA) wanted to know why some members felt that Designees could not serve as Chair. We have had designees serve before, for example David Gisclair served three consecutive terms. Ian Beer (LMA) noted that the Membership Committee will meet again soon and draft a set of proposals for the Council to vote on.

**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.

Kathrine Cargo noted that URISA and the FGDC had developed an addressing standard that has some unique capabilities that might be of interest to Council members. Ms Cargo recommended that we review the standard and determine whether it is applicable for Louisiana. She suggested we setup an Addressing Sub Committee and assign it roles and duties.

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Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) also noted that there are several URISA Conferences coming up including the URISA/NENA Addressing Conference in New Orleans and the National URISA Conference "GIS Pro" in Indianapolis, Indiana.

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that NOAA may use the LSDI for their Emergency Response Management Agency (ERMA).

**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 David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of June 16, 2011  
**Summary of Action Items**

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