

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of November 17, 2011

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) 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 Education

Steve Gunning, Member

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, Member

Department of Justice

William. Hawkins, Designee

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, 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 Assessors Association

John Hill, Designee

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Jack Gardner, Designee

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, Designee

U.S Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)

Keri Bancke, Designee

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

Baker Inc.

Ken Morales

Baton Rouge Water Company
Chris Garcia
Dina Knight

Calcasieu Parish Government
O'Neil Hebert
Becky Poole

Capitol Region Planning Commission
John Worsham

Culture Recreation and Tourism
Marc Massom
Tara Temple

Department of Health and Hospitals
Ryan Bilbo

Department of Transportation & Development
Doug Albert

GIS Professionals
Thach Vo

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts
Scott Leger, Designee

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)
Craig Johnson
Chris Pennington
Alaa Shams

Navigation Electronics Inc.
Bernard Lemoine

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission
Clare Brown

3. Approval of October 2011 Minutes

The October 2011 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Clay Trachtman (DHH) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Beer was not able to attend so Vice Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) presided. Mr. Beasley thanked all the members for attending and welcomed our speaker Lorraine Tighe from Intermap Inc.

5. LAGIC Report: Training:

LAGIC has scheduled fall and winter ArcGIS Classes in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette. In addition, we are scheduled to teach ArcGIS I in Lake Charles this January in coordination with the Louisiana APA Conference and ArcGIS III in Houma this February.

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January in New Orleans and potentially in February or March in Baton Rouge. We hope to have her present to the GIS Council when she is in Baton Rouge. Martha helped create the URISA/FGDC Address Standards.

Outreach:

Alaa conducted a GIS Day Event at Baton Rouge Community College on Wednesday. He organized a scavenger hunt with GPS units and manned a LAGIC booth. LAGIC also participated in a GIS Day Event at Nicholls State in Thibodeaux which included a presentation by GIS Council member Jack Gardner and a Geography Quiz Bowl.

LAGIC will present our West Carroll Parish Addressing Project to US Census Bureau, Geography Division at their Geospatial Summit in late November. The Census is looking at a variety of web based data editing tools for maintaining address data.

LAGIC will begin Phase III of the USGS funded Structures Project in December. Phase III will cover Cameron, St Tammany, Tangipahoa and Vermillion parishes.

LAGIC will provide technical assistance to those parishes that received a grant for Broadband Planning through the Division of Administration.

6. Presentation: "Data Aggregation to Provide Statewide Seamless Data" by Lorraine Tighe, intermap Inc.

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7. Old Business

Addressing Subcommittee - Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted that she had been nominated to Chair an Address Standards Subcommittee. She said that the Committee had a conference call and agreed to develop a charter for the Committee with a list of goals and objectives. Among the goals will be an effort to educate Council members on the existing Address Standards including the URISA/FGDC Standard, Postal Addressing standards and others

Proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws - Ryan Seidemann (Justice) was not present so discussion was postponed until the next Council Meeting. Ryan is reworking the Bylaws to give the Council some options regarding whether federal members should be counted in determining a quorum.

8. New Business

The Department of Natural Resources is scanning original Township Plats, georeferencing and plotting them. They will be available through SONRIS and the State Lands Office websites

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that there was a recent meeting in New Orleans in the aftermath of the BP Oil Spill. The meeting was hosted by the new agency that has taken over from MMS and the US Coast Guard. Companies got together and built a 100 ton well stack device that can be lowered over a subsea well blowout in an emergency. In addition, the Coast Guard is tasked with creating a Geographic Response Plan for future disasters and Mr. Gisclair will chair that committee.

LAGIC has proposed that the GIS Council merge their December Meeting with the School of the Coast and Environment Holiday party. This would mean that the GIS Council would meet at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus on Friday, the 16th versus the usual third Thursday date. In addition the meeting would start earlier at 1:00pm rather than at 1:30pm. A vote was taken and passed without dissent. The meeting date and time will be moved.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that there will be a national hydrology meeting in New Orleans in March. More information will be provided to Council members at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting - Friday, December 16th at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus starting at 1:00pm.

11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Lynn Dupont (LAPDD).

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Summary of Action Items

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