

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of December 16, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chair Ian Beer (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., a quorum was not present. The meeting was held at Efferson Hall on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Children & Family Services

Michael Eleam, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Louisiana Chapter, National Emergency Numbering Association

Kathrine Cargo, **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**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

City of New Orleans

Charles Ard

Greg Hymel

Department of Children & Family Services

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva, **Designee**

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Kurt Johnson

Gulf Engineers and Consultants

Bill Wiesepape

Iberia Parish Government

Amy Brassieur

Lafayette Consolidated Government

Michael LeBlanc

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Robbie Isles

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Louisiana Office of Community Development

Charles Flanagan

New Orleans Regional Planning Commission

Clare Brown

St James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

Scott Loque

U.S Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)

Kerri Bancke, **Designee**

David Rasmussen

Mike Ouimet

3. Approval of November 2011 Minutes

Acceptance of the November 2011 Minutes were postponed until the Council has a quorum.

4. Chair's Report: Ian Beer (LMA) noted that he has enjoyed serving as Chair of the GIS Council in 2011 and would recommend that others serve as well. He welcomed our two speakers; Michael LeBlanc with Lafayette City/Parish Government and Mike Ouimet representing the Department of Homeland Security.

5. LAGIC Report: Training:

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LAGIC is hosting a free one-day Addressing Standard Workshop with Martha Wells in January or February in Baton Rouge depending on her schedule. We hope to have her present to the GIS Council when she is in Baton Rouge. Martha helped develop the URISA/FGDC Address Standard.

Outreach:

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LAGIC is over 80% complete with our West Carroll Parish Addressing Pilot Project. We have been asked by the Assessor in Morehouse Parish if we would review their address data to calculate how much it would cost to complete it.

LAGIC will soon begin Phase III of the USGS funded Structures Project. We have already met with Cameron, Tangipahoa and Vermillion Parishes.

6. Presentation: “The Louisiana Names Project” by Mike LeBlanc, Planning Manager Lafayette Consolidated Government

Mike LeBlanc noted that he has been collecting historic French Names in south central Louisiana as a hobby. He attended a GNIS Workshop at the Wetlands Center in 2010 and realized that the GNIS could be an effective tool for preserving traditional French place names. He gave a presentation to the GIS council that was a condensed version of the history of Acadia. The presentation explained why French names were disappearing from South Louisiana and the importance of preserving them. He asked for GIS Council assistance in completing his project.

Presentation: Mike Ouimet, “Geospatial Exchange Broker for the DHS Gulf Coast Region for Infrastructure Protection (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama)”

Mike explained the DHS classifies some sporting events as National Security Special Events (NSSE). The 2013 Super Bowl in New Orleans is one such event. NGA brings in special units to deal with these type of events. The 2012 HSIP Gold and Freedom data sets will be released in the first quarter of 2012 and available for state and local agencies that need the data. DHS has changed the HSIP data distribution policies to allow state and local governments to pre-position the data ahead of events. DHS is looking to improve some of the data sets including the Energy Sector data. There will also be HSIP Training Programs available in the near future. Mike will pass that information back to the GIS council through LAGIC.

7. Old Business

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Proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws – Ryan Seidemann (Justice) noted that he has drafted some options for a Bylaw change that would change “sitting member” to “voting members” when determining whether there is a quorum. Non-voting members (which currently includes the two Federal Agency members, FEMA & USGS) would not be considered in determining a quorum.

8. New Business

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the USGS Coastal Louisiana LIDAR collection is now available/ The data is over 447 Gigs, but if you just need the DEM's they are only 10 gigs.

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Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that there will be a national hydrology meeting in New Orleans in March. More information will follow.

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 19th at 1:30 in the State Library in downtown Baton Rouge.

11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

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Summary of Action Items

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