

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of February 16, 2012

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

Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) called the meeting to order at 1:40 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**

Rachael Watson, **Member**

##### **Department of Agriculture**

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

##### **Department of Children & Family Services**

Michael Eleam, **Member**

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

Steve Gunning, **Member**

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

Andy Venuto, **Designee**

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

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

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

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

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

Dallas Shearer, **Designee**

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

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

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

Brad Mooney, **Member**

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

Marty Beasley, **Member**

##### **Governors Office of Homeland Security**

Rusti Liner, **Designee**

##### **Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Chapter National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

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

James Laurent, **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:**

**Capital Region Planning Commission**  
John K. Worrsham  
**Department of Children & Family Services**  
Travis Griggs, **Designee**  
**Department of Transportation & Development**  
Doug Albert  
Kurt Johnson  
**GGIS Inc**  
Fran Harvey  
**St James Parish Government**  
Bobby Lear  
**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**  
Craig Johnson  
Chris Pennington  
Alaa Shams  
**Navigation Electronics Inc**  
Bernard Lemoine  
**NTB Associates**  
Chris Sliwinski  
**Surdex Corp.**  
Randy Burkham

**3. Approval of January 2012 Minutes**

The January 2012 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

**4. Chair's Report:** Chair Beasley thanked all the members for attending and welcomed our speaker Martha Wells. Chair Beasley noted that the Louisiana Assessors Association has a new representative. James Laurent, the Assessor for Pointe Coupee Parish, is the new LAA member.

**5. LAGIC Report:**

**Training:** LAGIC has scheduled ArcGIS and Spatial Analyst Classes in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans this spring and summer. LAGIC sponsored a free one day workshop on the Addressing Standards on

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the State Library. This workshop was taught by Martha Wells with Spatial Focus Inc. Ms Wells helped develop the federal Address Standard. Forty eight people attended the workshop.

### **Outreach**

LAGIC met with the East Feliciana Parish School Board Director who wanted to know how they could use GIS to predict areas of growth in the parish to help them plan for future school expansions. They also wanted to know how GIS could be used as an economic development tool.

### **6. Presentation: The New Federal Addressing Standard by Martha Wells, Director of Consulting Services, Spatial Focus Inc.**

Martha Wells noted that the Addressing Standard incorporates the following address data; physical addresses, thoroughfare, landmarks and postal addresses. MS Wells is part of a team that has been working on this five year long project. The project has involved over a dozen professionals who volunteered their time.

The standard contains a data dictionary and examples and comments. The new standard uses an XML protocol for exchanging data. Furthermore, the standard has built in tests for both tabular and spatial address data quality.

Ms. Wells noted that the new address standard will be important to local government as it will provide a single point for the maintenance of address data with tools to allow for the transfer, exchange of data between parishes and communities to reduce data creation costs. Using an agreed upon address point standard should reduce duplication and assist in data sharing. The Census and the FGDC are both supporting the development of tools to assist in implementing the standard. One example is the creation of Exchange Protocol Engines to assist in moving data to the XML format.

Ms. Wells mentioned that three other states have adopted the new standard; Oregon, Arkansas and Washington. Other federal agencies are interested in using the standard, such as the Census Bureau and the US Postal Service.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **Proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws – Ryan Seidemann (Justice)**

The Council had an opportunity to review the Proposed Bylaw Change for Article VIII which proposed a change in the wording, describing the requirements of a quorum, to “voting members” instead of “sitting members”. Questions were raised as to whether this constituted different types of members and whether non-voting members would have to declare they were non-voting members. Both federal agency members declared that they were non voting members. A motion was made to accept Article VIII as written, and a vote was taken.

Article VIII passed with 17 yea's and 1 no.

Discussion began on Article VI which dealt with the issue of members becoming officers of the LGISC. The proposed change replaces the current annual election of a Chair and Vice Chair with a rotating list of members that start in alphabetical order by agency name. It also lays out procedures in case one agency cannot fulfill its duties and it also provides term limits on officers.

A motion was made to accept Article VI as written, and a vote was taken. The motion to accept Article VI was passed on a unanimous vote.

### **8. New Business**

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the new House and Senate Districts can be downloaded from the DOTD Website.

Marty Beasley (DOA) noted that DOA is producing Asset Management Reports that show the value of state owned or leased properties. It will be available to the public soon.

David Gisclair that LOSCO is improving and updating the "Marinas and Boat Launch" database for release. There will be Approximately 1200 sites on the new directory.

Jack Gardner (LGISC) asked if any LGISC members had experience issues with using Arc Image Extension, Version 10 with Arc Image Server.

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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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