

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of April 19, 2012

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

Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM, 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**

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 Natural Resources**

Dallas Shearer, **Member**

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

Brad Mooney, **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**

James Laurent, **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:**

**Department of Children & Family Services**  
Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Department of Transportation & Development**  
Kurt Johnson

**St James Parish Government**  
Scott Louque

**Louisiana Chapter of NENA**  
Jerry Gould, **Designee**

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

**Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors**  
Frank Stagg

**NTB Associates**  
Chris Sliwinski

**Office of Community Development, DRU**  
Charles Flanagan

**Terrebonne Parish Government**  
Duffy Duplantis

**3. Approval of March 2012 Minutes**

The March 2012 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Clay Trachtman (DHH) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

**4. Chair's Report:** Chair Beasley thanked all the members for attending. Chair Beasley noted that there are two pieces of legislation that the GIS Council should be aware of; House Bill 680 which relates to DOTD and state topographic mapping efforts. Chair Beasley said he will ask our DOTD representative, Jim Mitchell, to discuss the changes with the Council. In addition to the House Bill, the Senate passed Concurrent Resolution NO. 11 which relates to redistricting and reapportionment. The Resolution recommends that a member of the Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council participate in a committee to evaluate redistricting technology. Chair Beasley asked if any Council member was interested in volunteering.

**5. LAGIC Report:**

**Training:** LAGIC is hosting a free one day workshop on "Federal Address Data Standard and its Implementation" on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the State Library. The workshop will be taught by Martha Wells with Spatial Focus Inc.

LAGIC has scheduled ArcGIS I, II and III classes, as well as Spatial Analyst, in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans between now and the end of the year.

**Outreach:** Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and Craig Johnson gave a presentation to

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**6. Presentation: Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Workshop Pre-Conference review by Chris Pennington, Database Manager, LAGIC.**

Mr. Pennington described the RS/GIS Workshop program and some of the events you will see if you attend, including: Free pre and post conference GIS workshops by Spatial Focus, Pictometry, GeoQue, ESRI and Navigation Electronics. Two days of presentations on a wide variety of projects. A Sponsor social on Tuesday night and a crawfish boil on Wednesday evening. ASPRS will be sponsoring a student poster competition with prizes. Furthermore, the annual Special Achievement and Lifetime Achievement Awards will be awarded for significant geospatial contributions.

**7. Old Business**

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**8. New Business**

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that his office will be hosting a one day Data Mining Workshop on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the NASA Regional Applications Center in Lafayette. The meeting introduces the Louisiana geospatial community to new data collections that will soon be available.

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, May 17<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 Jack Gardner (LPJA) and seconded by Brad Mooney (DW&F).

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