

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of June 21, 2012
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) called the meeting to order at 1:36 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:

Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Cheraki Williams, **Designee**

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Children & Family Services

Michael Eleam, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Public Safety

Michael Henderson, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Jim Mitchell, **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 Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Jack Gardner, **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

Doug Albert

Kurt Johnson

Iberia Parish Government

Amy Brassieur

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Scott Leger, **Designee**

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

NTB Associates

Chris Sliwinski

Office of Community Development, DRU

Charles Flanagan

St James Parish Government

Bobby Lear

Terrebonne Parish Government

Duffy Duplantis

3. Approval of May 2012 Minutes

The May 2012 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by Gus Rowland (DAF).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Beasley thanked all the members for attending. Chair Beasley noted that 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.

Chair Beasley noted that he was able to view a new web based GIS data system for Homeland Security Planning that was built by the Lawrence Livermore Lab.

5. LAGIC Report:

Please fill out the LAGIC Satisfaction Survey to help us do a better job of serving the GIS Council. The Survey is a requirement of the LAGIC contract with the Division of Administration. We have learned some things already from the responses that we have received.

- 1) Council members would like us to make the minutes available before the next Council Meeting so that members can review them.
- 2) We also received some suggestions on how to improve the new Council website.

Training: LAGIC has scheduled ArcGIS I, II and III classes, as well as Spatial Analyst classes in Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans between now and January of 2013.

Outreach: Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and Craig Johnson (LAGIC) are working with the Louisiana Chapter of the National Emergency Numbering Association to host two one-day workshops on Next Generation 9-1-1. These workshops will be take place in Pineville, Louisiana and are funded by a FGDC CAP Grant.

6. Presentation: Parish Boundary Reconciliation by Bobby Lear, GIS Manager, St. James Parish Government.

In January of 2012 the Census Bureau asked St. James Parish to “fix” parish boundaries between St James and neighboring parishes. The principal parties involved would be parish and municipal government as well as state and federal agencies. The problem was how to reconcile the different boundary lines being used by federal agencies (like the Census) and state agencies (like DOTD). There was a need to identify and classify the discrepancies between parish boundary files. Graphical errors could be solved more readily if both parties were using a common map base. Beyond the process of correcting errors there is also a need to develop procedures for handling these issues. In addition their need to be procedures for submitting corrected files to the respective Parish Clerks of Court and then to the appropriate state and federal agencies to ensure that the changes are made there as well.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the Federal Circular A-16 describes the Boundary layer and details the need for minimum accuracy standards and common agreements between parishes.

Jack Gardner (LPJA) asked how our boundary disputes will be resolved. Bobby Lear replied that, “we have to come to agreement on the boundary line geography using a common base map and when both sides are in agreement then file that agreement with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that many of the problems with parish boundaries lies with the inherent inaccuracy of using natural features as boundaries, “rivers change course”. The Census lines are not wrong, she said, they were placed on a map using the best available data at the time the maps were made”. The use of high resolution imagery in many different applications is simply making it far easier to see these discrepancies.

7. Old Business

Addressing Sub-Committee – Federal Address Standard Resolution

Kathrine Cargo, Chair of the Addressing Subcommittee, asked if any Council members would like to discuss the proposed Resolution of Support for the Addressing Standard. There was some discussion about how the standard would affect state agencies.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the CIO would have to create it as a State IT Standard in order for it to be adopted by State agencies.

Lynn Dupont noted that it would simply be an LGISC recommendation unless the CIO added it to the State IT Standards.

Marty Beasley (Chair) noted that we could ask the CIO to adopt the Addressing Resolution. The council then voted unanimously to send the CIO a letter asking him to adopt the addressing standard as a State IT Standard. Marty recommended that we put the standard on the website for all members to review.

Kathrine Cargo's motion, and Jack Gardner's second, to adopt the Addressing Resolution passed the council on a unanimous vote.

8. New Business

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that his office and the Regional Applications Center at ULL hosted a one day Hurricane Data Mining Workshop on Thursday, June 7th at the NASA RAC in Lafayette. The meeting introduces the Louisiana geospatial community to new data collections that will soon be available. He noted that the presentations will be posted on the website, but that a CD will be available upon request. He also noted that this workshop had the largest number of attendees of any previous workshop.

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) noted that URISA and NENA were hosting at their Address Conference in Memphis from August 7th - 9th 2012. She noted that Martha Wells, who taught two addressing workshops in Baton Rouge this spring, will be lead on track on implementing the federal addressing standard.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) and Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) were invited to St Tammany Parish to lead a discussion on the new addressing standard, the LSDI, data standards, Enterprise GIS and other issues.

Brad Mooney (DWF) noted that the Louisiana Act 336 extends the state boundary from 3 to 10.37 miles off shore for the purposes of defining the states fishing boundary and align with Texas and Florida's offshore boundary. Ryan Seidemann (Justice) noted that the state offshore boundary was set by the Louisiana Supreme Court in the 1980's.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that the State of the Coast Conference was held in New Orleans and that at least two GIS Council members were there including Chris Cretini (USGS) and himself.

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 19th at the State Library 1st Floor Seminar Room at 1:30pm.

11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by Brad Mooney (DW&F).

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Summary of Action Items

Chair Report: Chair Beasley (DOA) noted that 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.

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Old Business: Addressing Sub-Committee – Federal Address Standard

Resolution Kathrine Cargo, Chair of the Addressing Subcommittee, proposed a vote on the Council Resolution of Support for the Federal Addressing Standard. There was some discussion about how the standard would affect state agencies Marty Beasley (Chair) noted that we could ask the CIO to adopt the Addressing Resolution as an IT Standard. The council then voted unanimously to send the CIO a letter asking him to adopt the addressing standard as a State IT Standard. The Council then voted unanimously to adopt the Addressing Standard.

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