

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of July 19, 2012  
**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Marty Beasley (DOA) called the meeting to order at 1:38 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 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**

**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**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**New Orleans Regional Planning Commission**

Clare Brown

**U.S Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)**

Kerri Banke, **Designee**

**US Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

**Others Present:**

**Department of Children & Family Services**

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

**Iberia Parish Government**

Amy Brassieur

**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**

Scott I Loque

**Terrebonne Parish Government**

Duffy Duplantis

**3. Approval of June 2012 Minutes**

The June 2012 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Ian Beer (LMA) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

**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 was told that DOTD would provide a member and that it is possible that Jim would be that representative. Chair Beasley noted that if Jim Mitchell (DOTD) couldn't do it then he would volunteer to ensure that the Council is represented.

**5. LAGIC Report:**

**Training:** LAGIC has scheduled ArcGIS I, II and III workshops in Baton Rouge this fall and at UNO during the winter break, as well as a Spatial Analyst classes in Baton Rouge.

LAGIC is partnering with Pictometry to offer a series of ½ day workshops on using Pictometry online. Alaa will be teaching these workshops at Southern, UNO, Louisiana Tech, ULL and LSU. We have also partnered with QCoherent, a LIDAR software company, to teach GIS professionals how to use LP360 software.

**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 next week and are funded by a FGDC CAP Grant. Students who complete the workshops will receive ENP credits for attending.

**6. Presentation: The Fortress of New Orleans by Philip Meric with Evans Graves Engineers**

Mr. Meric explained that he has been working as a contractor for the Corps for 10 years and that much of that time he was working on a series of flood protection measures in the New Orleans area. Evans Graves decided to document these structural improvements in a book and Mr. Meric helped put that book together. The book was divided into the different protection systems; perimeter walls, internal walls, pump stations, the SELA project and a number of important flood protection initiatives south of New Orleans. The book authors pick one example from each type of project and then went in to greater detail for the audience. The book also details the amounts spent on each project. Mr. Meric received a number of questions regarding the amount of time required to close all the large new flood gates and whether that process could be done remotely.

**7. Old Business**

**Addressing Sub-Committee – Federal Address Standard Resolution**

Kathrine Cargo noted that we agreed to ask the CIO to adopt the Addressing Resolution. The council 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.

**8. New Business**

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that there will be another 1' imagery collection this fall as part of the continuing bi-annual monitoring activities for coastal Louisiana in response to the BP Oil Spill. Mr. Gisclair noted that all the NERDA data is public, although it is just covers the coastal areas. The data is now over 30 TB and is being hosted on the USGS Hazards Data Distribution System (HDDS). The data is in Quarter Quarter Quads.

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, August 16<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 David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

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**Summary of Action Items**

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**Presentation: The Fortress of New Orleans by Philip Meric with Evans Graves Engineers.** Mr. Meric showed they types and number of flood protection projects in the New Orleans area that are currently under construction. He also detailed the funds expended on each project and noted that the total amount spent on all projects will make this the largest single civil engineering project in American history.

**Old Business: Addressing Sub-Committee – Federal Address Standard Resolution** Kathrine Cargo, Chair of the Addressing Subcommittee, recommended that we 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.

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