

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of January 17, 2013

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Gus Rowland (DA&F) called the meeting to order at 1:41 PM, a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Louisiana State Library in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism

Rachael Watson, **Member**

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 Natural Resources

Kevin Masden, **Member**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, **Member**

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

James Laurent Jr., **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Duffy Duplantis, **Designee**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)

Aimee Preau, **Designee**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini

Others Present:

Capitol Region Planning Commission

Marta Castro de Sa

Department of Children & Family Services

Travis Griggs, **Designee**

Department of Transportation and Development

Doug Albert

Digital Aerial Solutions

Kermit Lewis

GIS Professional

Kate Donovan

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Scott Leger, **Designee**

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

Navigation Electronics Inc.

Theil Gillis

NTB Associates

Chris Sliwinski

Office of Community Development, DRU

Joseph Rossman

St. James Parish Government

Scott Louque

3. Approval of December 2012 Minutes

The December 2012 Minutes were accepted on a motion by David Gisclair (LOSCO) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA, SLO).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Rowland thanked all for attending and noted that he was excited about becoming Chair of the Council.

5. LAGIC Report

Training: LAGIC has scheduled a series of ArcGIS 10.1 Classes at DEQ in January and February. We have also scheduled a Python Scripting Workshop in mid-February and an ESRI Parcel Fabric Workshop this spring. There are flyers for these workshops on the back table.

You will also find information about the 2013 RS/GIS Workshop in Lafayette in April. There will also be half dozen free training workshops for registrants to choose from. The Keynote Speaker, Dr. Frank Kelly (USGS) has been confirmed. The link is up on the RS/GIS Website to accept abstracts.

At the last Council Meeting Clay Trachtman expressed an interest in Metadata training. Craig Johnson noted that FGDC is looking at adopting open source Metadata software called CKAN, currently used in Britain.

Outreach: LAGIC is on schedule to complete our point addressing contract with the Division of Administration by the end of February. That project covered four parishes and approximately 50,000 addresses. We are submitting a proposal for additional addressing work.

The Statewide Address Management Plan is completed and is being sent out for review. We will distribute the plan to the Council Addressing Subcommittee and many LaNENA members for their comments. I would like to thank Kathrine Cargo for the huge amount of time and effort she donated to the project.

6. Presentation: A Brief History of the Louisiana GIS Council by Craig Johnson, Director LAGIC

Mr. Johnson discussed how the Council was created, the Council Bylaws, Major Council Committees and Council Resolutions. An introduction to Council activities for new Council members is a required deliverable in LAGIC's contract with the Division of Administration.

8. Old Business

Chair Rowland noted that the Addressing Subcommittee will report at a future meeting when the Chair of that Subcommittee can provide a report

Marty Beasley (DOA) noted that he has not heard anything from DOA or ESRI on the status of the Master Contract.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the coastal DOQQ's, flown last fall, will be available this spring. The collection will involve 4 bands and the product ~~will be individual DOQQ's.~~

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) asked Marty about the Redistricting Study as Marty is the representative from the GIS Council on that study.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that Mike LeBlanc Bilingual Map project has been approved by the legislature although no funds were appropriated for the project.

9. New Business

Kevin Masden, the new DNR representative, will be managing the SONRIS System.

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that he has been working on the Geographic Response Plans and Area Contingency Plans. St Tammany, St Bernard and Plaquemines Parish have all signed off on the plans for the New Orleans area.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that Landsat 8 will be launched on February 9th. It will have a thermal band along with the traditional RGB color and IR bands.

Aimee Preau (FEMA) noted that FEMA has developed a GIS Viewer for the new digital flood zone maps that were released in late 2012. There is flood data for the following parishes; Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St Bernard and Plaquemines.

Jim Mitchell (DOTD) noted that DOTD is collecting new road configurations for New Orleans. In addition, DOTD has posted to their website the new congressional districts and a DOTD Projects page. These data sets can be downloaded as shape files.

10. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 21st at the State Library downtown at 1:30pm.

11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned on a motion by Marty Beasley (DOA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

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