

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council  
Meeting of December 17, 2015  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM, a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Louisiana State Museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

**Member Agencies/Organizations Present:**

**Culture Recreation and Tourism**

Rachel Watson, **Member**

**Department of Education**

Steve Gunning, **Member**

**Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health**

Kate Streva, **Designee**

**Department of Justice**

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

**Department of Natural Resources**

Vinny McDonald, **Member**

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Member**

**Division of Administration**

Chris Pennington, **Member**

**Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

**Louisiana Chapter of NENA**

Jerry Gould, **Designee**

**Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association**

Rusti Liner, **Member**

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Warren Kron, **Member**

**Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

**Police Jury Association of Louisiana**

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

**United States Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

**Culture Recreation and Tourism**

Paul French, **Designee**

**Louisiana State University**

Allison Dupont

**The Water Institute**

Scott Hemmerling

**St. James Parish Government**

Scott Loque

**3. Approval of the November 2015 Minutes**

The November 2015 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Lynn Dupont (PDD) and seconded by Ryan Seidemann (Justice).

**4. Chair's Report:** Vice Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to make sure that they signed in. Ms Liner Introduced Chris Pennington our new member representative from the Division of Administration.

**5. Presentations: "Coastal Demographics" by Scott Hemmerling, Associate Director of Human Dimensions at the Water Institute of the Gulf.**

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- Social impact assessment
- Public perception of risk
- Louisiana Coastal Adaption Kit

Outside drivers of coastal change include; extreme weather, economic issues, land loss and the extent to which the community is reliant on natural resources (oil & gas, seafood, etc).

Future projects:

- USACE – Silver Jackets
- USAID – Revisiting treated water in the Nile River
- BOEM – Extraction of natural resources and their impact on coastal communities.

**7. Old Business**

Chris Cretini provided a follow up to last month's discussion of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). He noted that USGS has completed 350 Digital Line Graph's in Louisiana. Some of those DLG's were provided by State Lands and some from the Louisiana Geological Survey. The current NGS Point of Contact (POC) for digital elevation data is in Jackson, MS.

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that by mid January the Geographic Response Plan (GRP) for Calcasieu and Cameron will be complete. By March of 2016, all Louisiana Coastal Parishes should be completed.

Rusti Liner (LEPA) mentioned that St Tammany Parish will host a workshop on ArcGIS Server this Spring. The workshop will be free but there will be a limited number of seats.

The Council brought up for discussion the Geospatial Data Act of 2015. The Act, has bi-partisan sponsors in both the House and the Senate. The Act was voted on and approved by a unanimous vote of the members.

**8. New Business**

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that the Louisiana Chapter of URISA has a new Board. Lynn is the new President and Andrew Milanese will be the incoming President. She mentioned that LAURISA will be hosting another intro to GIS Workshop at UNO this Spring.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) also noted that St Bernard Parish will be interviewing candidates for GIS Manager in January.

**9. Next Meeting** – 1:30 on Thursday, January 21st at the Claiborne Building.

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. on a motion by Jerry Gould (LaNENA) and a second by David Gisclair (Senate).

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of February 19, 2015

**Summary of Action Items**

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Claiborne State Office Bldg.**