

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of April 21, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM, a quorum was not present. The meeting was held at the Claiborne State Building 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 Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Alan McDonald, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Chapter of NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

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**

Others Present:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA

Nicolas Almonar

Mark English

Marnie Sippel

Craig Skalet

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

3. Approval of the March 2016 Minutes

The March 2016 Minutes were not adopted due to the lack of a quorum.

4. Chair's Report: Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. Ms. Liner welcomed the presenters from FEMA who will be discussing the recent flooding events in North Louisiana and on the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Ms. Liner asked Council members to visit the new LGISC Website (LGISC.org) to review and comment on what additional items/applications that they would like to see.

5. Presentation: "FEMA March Flooding Activities 2016" by Craig Skalet, Mark English, Marnie Sippel and Niclaos Almonar.

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FEMA uses imagery from a number of sources including NGA, USGS, HDDS, COE and satellite imagery through the International Charter. They employ data gathered through the HSIP Gold Program and they even use crowd sourcing programs. One of the missions of the Geospatial group, immediately after a flooding event, is to capture high water marks before they disappear.

6. Old Business:

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7. New Business:

The Louisiana Chapter of URISA is holding a High Accuracy GPS Workshop at the LSU Union on May 18th from 11:30 – 1:30. Andrew Milanes (La URISA President Elect) and Josh Kent with C4G at LSU will be instructing.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, May 19th at the Claiborne Building, Room 1-153 (Iowa Room).

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm on a motion by David Gisclair (Senate) and a second by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

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