

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of May 19, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

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:

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **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 Association of Planning & Development Districts

Scott Leger, **Designee**

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**

US Census Bureau

Monica Mardel, **Member**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

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 and April 2016 Minutes

The March 2016 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Clay Trachtman (DHH) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

The April 2016 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Warren Kron (LMA) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. Ms. Liner welcomed our presenter from the Census Bureau, Monica Mardel.

5. Presentation: "Geographic Update Partnership Software" by Monica Mardel, US Census Bureau.

Ms. Mardel noted that the Census Bureau has developed special applications for their programs in Open Source Software, such as QGIS (ver2.8). The Geographic Update Partnership software (GUPS) allows the Census Bureau to provide a tool that can be used by state and local governments to update addresses for the MAF TIGER Project or boundaries for the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) Project. These can be transaction based so that only the changes are updated. The importance of GUPS is that it reduces the production of paper maps, captures updates easily and maintains the data in the geographic data file format. GUPS supports the following Census Programs:

Redistricting Block Boundaries
Redistricting Voter Districts
Boundary and Annexation Survey
Local Update of Census Addresses
School District Review Program
Participation Statistical Areas Program
Boundary Validation
New Construction Projects
Public Use Microdata Area
Traffic Analysis Zone
Traffic Analysis District, and the
2020 Census Count Resolution

Ms Mardel gave a live demo of the GUP Software.

6. Old Business:

David Gisclair noted that the Geographic Response Plans for Cameron and Calcasieu are being processed. Mr. Gisclair noted that all the project participants are currently reviewing the data, including parish government, the Coast Guard and Energy Companies.

The Louisiana Chapter of URISA held a High Accuracy GPS Workshop at the LSU Union on May 18th from 11:30 – 1:30. Andrew Milanese (La URISA President Elect) and Josh Kent (with C4G at LSU) taught the workshop.

Chair Rusti Liner noted that the Council had received a request for membership on the GIS Council from the US Census Bureau last month and that members had a month to consider the application. She also noted that Monica Mardel, representing the Census Bureau, had made a presentation today on the benefits to the GIS Council of Census membership as required by Council bylaws. Chair Liner asked if any Council member had questions for Ms. Mardel or concerns about adding a member. Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) made a motion to accept the US Census Bureau as a member of the GIS Council. David Gisclair (Senate) seconded the motion. A vote was held and the Council voted unanimously to accept the Census Bureau as a new member.

7. New Business:

Craig Skalet (FEMA) noted that FEMA has produced a DVD showing Parish High Water Marks and Flood Hazard Zones among other data sets. He asked if the GIS Council would post the data sets to its website. He also mentioned that Chris Woliak will be the FEMA member replacement on the GIS Council.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that the Hurricane Data Mining Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 9th from 9 - 4. He distributed flyers to all who were interested.

Warren Kron (LMA) noted that the City of Baton Rouge has entered into an agreement with WAZE. WAZE will provide traffic flow and crowd sourced information about road conditions, accidents and other information for drivers.

Xingwen talked about next year's SCAUG Conference in Baton Rouge which will be coordinated with the RSGIS Workshop.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, June 16th 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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Summary of Action Items

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