

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of August 25, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM, a quorum was 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

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Louis Hebert, **Designee**

Louisiana Chapter of NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Capitol Region Planning Commission

Ravi Ponnappureddy

Mart Castro d Sa

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Pong Wu

Louisiana Economic Development

Michael Tepper

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)

Executive Director, Molly Schar

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

3. Approval of the July 2016 Minutes

The July 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 noted that FEMA posted two new hires today, one in Long Term Recovery and the other in Long Term Planning.

Ms. Liner noted that FEMA has received approximately 122,000 applicants for Individual Assistance (IA) and was housing 2,319 folks in shelters. \$13 billion has been approved for flood relief efforts. FEMA is currently moving personnel back to Denton, TX in anticipation of tropical storm "Invest 99".

5. Presentation: "GIS for Daily Operations and Disaster Recovery" by Collin Degueurce, Terrebonne Parish Government.

Mr. Degueurce (LPJA), the GIS Manager for Terrebonne Parish, noted that they have incorporated GIS in their daily operations in that the work order system is tied to the GIS system and all work is geocoded onsite using Google maps. In addition, the work orders are integrated with the AS400 inventory and billing systems and work orders are tied to projects. This allows better tracking of project costs and assists with project management activities. The parish provides tablets for most of their mobile workforce, and all parish vehicles have tracking devices. Parish departments, like the Solid Waste Department, use GIS extensively to route their vehicles.

GIS is also used extensively by the parish in emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. As a hurricane enters the Gulf it is tracked and an estimate of hours to arrival is constantly updated. A call center is stood up and requests from residents are entered into the work order system with a geocoded location entered as well. All recovery work is entered into FEMA forms and tagged to a work order as it is collected, including the geographic location of the damage.

6. Old Business:

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7. New Business:

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Kathrine Cargo noted that a LaURISA lunch and learn is scheduled for September 23rd in West Baton Rouge Parish to present information about the NG911 Task Force.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, September 15th at the Claiborne Building, in Room 1-136.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

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