

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of September 15, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:39 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**

Department of Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Vinny McDonald, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Chapter of NENA

Jerry Gould, **Designee**

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Warren Kron, **Member**

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Natural Resources

Cole Russell

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

3. Approval of the July 2016 and August 2016 Minutes

The July 21, 2016 Minutes were adopted unanimously with corrections by Rachael Watson (CRT) and seconded by Warren Kron (LMA). The August 25, 2016 Minutes were also adopted unanimously with corrections by Rachael Watson (CRT) and seconded by Warren Kron (LMA).

4. Chair’s Report:

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5. Presentation: “DOTD is Hosting 3 – ESRI Workshops in September, a Description” by Barry Keeling, Undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Cancelled

6. New Business:

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7. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, October 20th at the Claiborne Building, in Room 1-153.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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