

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of October 20, 2016

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 Transportation & Development

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Louis Hebert, **Designee**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **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**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Betsi Chatham

Culpepper Group LLC

Elizabeth Chinn McDade, Ph.D.

Department of Environmental Quality

Aimee Preau

Department of Natural Resources

Cole Russell

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

3. Approval of the September 15, 2016 Minutes

The September 15, 2016 Minutes were adopted by Clay Trachtman (DHH) 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 noted that the FEMA Joint Field Office GIS Staff has dropped from 26 professionals to 14. Some of the staff have been reassigned to assist with Hurricane Matthew. Since the flooding, over 150,00 individuals have received public assistance. Currently, 500 units of housing are in place with another 4000 to be distributed.

5. Presentation #1: "First Peak at SCAUG/RSGIS Conference" by Betsi Chatham, Senior GIS Analyst, City of Fort Worth, Texas.

The South-Central Arc GIS Users Group (SCAUG) is partnering with the Louisiana RS/GIS Workshop Organizing Committee to host a conference at the Capitol Hilton in Baton Rouge on March 27 – 31, 2017. Information on the Conference is now posted to the SCAUG Website (SCAUG.org). Ms. Chatham provided a list of courses that will be offered during the conference, some are free and others have a fee. The Conference will feature many of the activities that were a regular feature of the annual RS/GIS Workshop such as the crawfish boil, student poster competition and the award ceremony.

6. Presentation #2: "Understanding Coastal Land Loss in Louisiana", by Elizabeth

Chinn McDade, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Culpepper Group LLC. New Orleans, LA. Dr. McDade noted that there are many causes of land loss, including sea level rise, erosion, compaction and faulting. One example is the Entergy Power Plant at Michoud in New Orleans. Which has been pulling 12 million gallons a day of fresh water out of the ground resulting in a rapid subsidence rate. She noted the presence of major faults throughout the state that run parallel to the coast that may also be a factor in

subsidence. There is currently no formal mechanism for collecting this information from the oil and gas companies who discover these faults while conducting geophysical surveys as part of the exploration process.

7. Old Business: David Gisclair (Senate) noted that the Geographic Response Plans (GRP's) for Calcasieu and Cameron are complete. The Committee is still working on the River Parishes.

8. New Business: Warren Kron (LMA) noted that the City of Baton Rouge will celebrate GIS Day in coordination with the Water Institute, Baton Rouge Green, the Library and others. Five hundred students will be participating by building story maps. The Louisiana Chapter of the Urban Regional Information Systems Association (LAURISA) will be hosting a lunch and learn on the use of Drones at the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission. The lecture will be followed by a GIS social at the Bulldog.

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9. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, November 17th at the Claiborne Building, in Room 1-153.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

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