

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of November 17, 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 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**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

**Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association**

Rusti Liner, **Member**

**Louisiana Municipal Association**

Warren Kron, **Member**

**Police Jury Association of Louisiana**

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

**US Census**

Monica Mardel

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

**Capitol Region Planning Commission**

Marta Sa

Zhan Shi

Pong Wu

**Department of Health**

Allen McDonald

**Department of Natural Resources**

Cole Russell

**GGSONline.org**

Fran Harvey

**Harris Corporation**

Conse Vecchio

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center**

Craig Johnson

**St James Parish Government**

Scott Loque

**3. Approval of the October 20, 2016 Minutes**

The September 15, 2016 Minutes were adopted by Clay Trachtman (DHH) and seconded by Brad Mooney (DW&F).

**4. Chair's Report:**

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. Ms. Liner noted that since the flooding, over 150,000 individuals have received public assistance. Over 2,113 families have received temporary housing and \$720 million has been allocated. Currently, 850 units of housing are in place with another 4000 mobile home units to be distributed.

**5. Presentation: GIS Applications in Regional Transportation”** by Pong Wu, Senior Transportation Planner at Capitol Region Planning Commission.

The Capitol Region Planning Commission is a federally designated transportation planning organization representing East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, West Feliciana, East Feliciana, St. Helena, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, Tangipahoa and Washington. That area encompasses 702,000 people, 287,000 households and 1,816 miles of highways. GIS is used for traffic modelling, population studies, flood analysis, commuter patterns, roadway improvements, new bridge locations and crash hot spot identification among other tasks.

**7. Old Business:** Warren Kron (LMA) noted that the City of Baton Rouge celebrated GIS Day in coordination with the Water Institute, Baton Rouge Green, the Library and others. One hundred middle school and 50 high school students participated by building story maps and listening to a future astronaut.

Kathrine Cargo noted she attended the URISA International Conference in Toronto, Canada. The Louisiana Chapter of URISA won the Chapter of the Year Award and upon their return held a Membership Appreciation Day in New Orleans.

Aimee Preau noted that the August Flood Inundation Polygons are complete. She has requested a copy of the Livingston Parish data.

**8. New Business:** Chair Limer suggested that the GIS Council host a Holiday Social and that we cater the event. A vote of the membership was taken and the motion passed.

**9. Next Meeting** – 1:30pm on Thursday, December 15th at the Louisiana State Museum

**10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 3:24pm. on a motion by Brad Mooney (W&F) seconded by Kathrine Cargo.

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