

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of December 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 Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and 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**

US Census

Monica Mardel, **Member**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

USL Students

Aron Bowdoin

Brighton Clark

Department of Ag and Forestry

Gus Rowland

GGSONline.org

Fran Harvey

Iberia Parish Government

Amy Brassieur

Louisiana Geological Survey

Hampton Peele

St Tammany Parish Government

Craig Johnson

ULL RAC

Brent Yantis

3. Approval of the November 17, 2016 Minutes

The November 17, 2016 Minutes were postponed until the January meeting 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 since the flooding, over 53,000 families have applied for assistance and 26,000 claims have been paid out. The National Flood Insurance Program has paid out over \$2 billion to Louisiana policy holders and the Small Business Administration has loaned over \$1.5 billion.

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5. Presentation: "Earth as Art Tour" by Brent Yantis with NASA Regional Applications Center (RAC) at ULL in Lafayette, LA.

Mr. Yantis has developed a program for children from kindergarten through high school (K-12) to appreciate satellite imagery of the earth and to understand what they are looking at when they view a satellite image of the earth. Mr. Yantis has exhibited his slides and posters to audiences throughout the country. These outreach efforts are part of the America View Program to educate citizens on the importance of satellite imagery.

6. Old Business:

David Gisclair noted that the Geographic Response Plans (GRP's) for Calcasieu and Cameron have been completed. These plans can be found at the Environmental Baseline Inventory Site at ebi.losco.lsu.edu/GRP. Over the next couple months, the River Parishes will be completed and added to the inventory. GRP data can be downloaded as either a shape file or a geodatabase.

7. New Business:

On Wednesday, January 18th NAPSG the National Public Safety GIS Consortium will be hosting a workshop at DOTD in Baton Rouge on the use of GIS in Flooding Events. The workshop will draw on the experiences of first responders in the Baton Rouge area. A hands-on tabletop exercise will be conducted in the afternoon. Rusti Liner, and Kathrine Cargo will provide support for the workshop.

Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted that the Louisiana Chapter of URISA has a new Board. Andrew Milanes will serve as President with help from Wendy Couvillion, Ezra Boyd and Allison Dupont.

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

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

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