

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of January 19, 2017
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:30 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

Rachel Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Vinny McDonald, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Department of Transportation

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

Kevin Breaux, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

Louisiana Chapter of NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Department of Health

Allen McDonald, **Member**

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 Geological Survey

Hampton Peele

St Tammany Parish Government

Craig Johnson

West Baton Rouge Council

Anthony Summers

3. Approval of the November 17, and December 15, 2016 Minutes

The November and December 2016 Minutes were accepted with corrections on two motions by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) both seconded by Brad Mooney DW&F.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone on the Council for helping her during her time as Chair of the Council. Ms. Liner noted that she attended the NAPSG Workshop on Flooding Response and felt that it was well attended and well organized.

A number of other Council members attended as well. Collin DeGeuerce (LPJA), mentioned some of the things he learned at the workshop including the need for waterproof road maps and the need to convert between addresses and map coordinates in the field. Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted the need to focus on action items like the location of shelters and where to get equipment. Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that when Livingston Parish OEP needed to leave their office because of flooding they were not sure which of the closest government facilities were located on high ground. Collin Degueurce noted that when picking people up off roof tops with boats you needed to know where you could bring these folks where they could get food and medical attention.

5. GIS Council, Election of Officers: The Council unanimously elected Warren Kron (LMA) Chair of the 2017 GIS Council and Collin DeGeuerce, Vice Chair. Ryan Seidemann (Justice) stated that he would be willing to serve as Secretary of the Council and take the monthly minutes. After some discussion, it was decided that it would not be necessary to formally create the position of Secretary but that we could simply agree to have a member perform those duties if a majority of the Council agreed. A motion was made and passed unanimously by acclamation.

6. New Business:

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7. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, February 16th in Room 1-153 (Iowa Room) at the Claiborne State Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm on a motion by Rachel Watson (CRT) and seconded by Ryan Seidemann (Justice).

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