

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of April 20, 2017
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:38 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:

Department of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

Rachel Watson, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Alvin McDonald, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

Department of Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Warren Kron, **Member**

Louisiana National Emergency Number Association

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Chustz Surveying, Inc.

Chad Netto

Department of Health

Allen McDonald

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Joshua Manning

Louisiana Geological Survey

R. Hampton Peele

Louisiana Housing Corporation

Stark Moore

St. Tammany Parish Government

Craig Johnson

3. Approval of the March 16, 2017, Minutes

On motion of Clay Trachtman (DHH) and second by David Gisclair (Senate), the March 2017 Minutes were unanimously approved, as amended to correct the spelling of Kathrine Cargo's name in several places.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) discussed the progress of the LGISC Web site. The Web site is located at <http://www.lgisc.org/>. Mr. Kron (LMA) also mentioned ongoing efforts to update the membership list for the Council. Both Mr. Kron (LMA) and Mr. Trachtman (DHH) discussed listserv issues. They informed those present that there will now be a separate listserv for members and nonmembers. Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) cautioned members against using the listserv in such a manner that they inadvertently run afoul of the Open Meetings Law. During the Chair's report, a discussion was had by David Gisclair (Senate), Ryan Seidemann (DOJ), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), and Chris Pennington (DOA) regarding the lack of a member from the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors. Mr. Kron (LMA) agreed to send a letter to that organization to again invite participation. Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) agreed to research methods for removing non-statutory members of the Council, as the continued absence of members impacts the Council's ability to reach a quorum. Mr. Kron (LMA) again mentioned that there is a need for monthly presenters at the LGISC meetings and asked for suggestions from the members and audience.

5. Presentation:

Chad Netto, Chustz Surveying, Inc., presented "Drones and GIS."

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business:

Chris Cretini (USGS) announced the Hurricane Geospatial Data Mining Workshop in Lafayette scheduled for June 1, 2017.

Craig Johnson (St. Tammany Parish) mentioned that the RS/GIS Workshop is looking for locations for a joint Mississippi/Louisiana meeting. David Gisclair (Senate) noted potential problems for locating such meetings out-of-state due to the current State budget environment.

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) reminded those present of the URISA “Mappy Hours” and invited all to attend.

Brad Mooney (DWF) reported that the ESRI master purchase agreement has been finalized.

Warren Kron (LMA) and Lynn Dupont (LPDD) announced that notices have gone out to non-statutory member organizations asking them to make their nominations for LGISC membership.

David Gisclair (Senate) announced that the Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) for coastal and river parishes are complete and that they are now going into the maintenance phase of that project. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) also noted that the U.S. Coast Guard has renamed the GRPs “Geographic Response Strategies” or “GRSs.”

7. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 18, 2017, in Room 1-153 (Iowa Room) at the Claiborne State Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned on motion of Rachel Watson (CRT), seconded by Ryan Seidemann, at 3:14 PM.