

# Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of August 17, 2017

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was not 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 Culture, Recreation & Tourism

Rachel Watson, **Member**

#### Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

#### Department of Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

#### Department of Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

#### Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

#### Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

#### Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Joshua Manning, **Designee**

#### Louisiana Municipal Association

Warren Kron, **Member**

#### Louisiana NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

#### Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

#### Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

#### U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

### Others Present:

#### Department of Health

Kate Friedman Streva

#### Department of Transportation and Development

Nathan Baylot

#### Louisiana Geological Survey

R. Hampton Peele

**Louisiana Housing Corporation**

Starr Moore

**St. James Parish Government**

Scott Louque

**Terrebonne Parish Government**

Jack Gardner

**Woolpert**

Vince Sclafani

Sam Moffat

**Wyndston Services**

Wendi Couvillion French

**3. Approval of the July 20, 2017, Minutes**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the July 20, 2017, minutes could not be approved. They were reviewed by all present with no edits or errors noted. During this part of the meeting, there was a discussion between Warren Kron (LMA) and David Gisclair (Senate) regarding for a presentation with Rusti Liner at the next Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association board meeting.

**4. Chair's Report:**

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) reminded the Council that GIS Day is scheduled for November 15, 2017, and that there is an event planned in Baton Rouge. He also reported that Collin Degueurce is in need of reappointment from his appointing authority. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported he is in the process of reviewing the earlier-discussed LGISC files from Sharon Balfour from the years 1993-1999 and that he has been able to identify some missing documents from the history of the Council. During the Chair's report, there was also a discussion of whether the LGISC Web site should be used to host advertisements for university classes for GIS. The consensus of those present was that this was an inappropriate use of the LGISC Web site. No vote was taken, as there was no quorum present. Vice Chair Degueurce noted that Google Analytics had been set-up for the Web site and on average there were four visits per day. Also, the Vice Chair discussed setting up a form to allow Council members to propose Web site URL's for further development of the Resources Web page.

**5. Presentation:**

"Streamlining Environmental Reviews with GIS Web Tools" by Lori Cunningham, Technology Services Section Lead (East) with AECOM.

**6. Old Business:**

Chris Cretini (USGS) provided updates on LiDAR data acquisition projects by USGS, NRCS, and LaDOTD.

There was also a discussion had regarding the Louisiana Statewide Topographic Advisory Committee ("Committee") meeting held on August 7, 2017. Present at that meeting were LGISC members Mike Liotta (National Guard), Chris Cretini (USGS), John Sheehan (DEQ), and Darryl Mack (DOTD), but there was no clear representation from LGISC at this meeting. A discussion ensued on this matter among David Gisclair

(Senate), John Sheehan (DEQ), Warren Kron (LMA), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), and Ryan Seidemann (DOJ). Mr. Gisclair (Senate) noted that the LGISC is an entity created to set standards for data collection in the State and that that reality should be communicated to the Committee. He also noted that the LGISC Chair should be present at such Committee meetings to ensure representation by the LGISC. There was some discussion that the LGISC was to be represented on this Committee by its National Guard member—a matter never presented to the LGISC. Mr. Sheehan (DEQ) stated that he has a draft of the Committee's proposed charges and obligations, and he reviewed this document for the LGISC. Questions arose as to whether the obligations of DOTD under La. R.S. 48:36 conflict with the LGISC's obligations under La. R.S. 49:1051, *et seq.* There was further discussion regarding whether the LGISC should engage the Division of Administration on the matter of "topographic mapping." This led to a question of whether the new law (La. R.S. 48:36) stripped the CIO of his authority to set statewide GIS policy based on LGISC recommendations. Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) agreed to look into the above questions as well as to investigate whether the Committee was subject to the Open Meetings Law and report back to the LGISC on those findings and whether the LGISC can select its own representative to the Committee. Further, Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) was also asked to examine the question of whether LAGIC had been dissolved by statute or was simply unfunded.

#### **7. New Business:**

John Sheehan (DEQ) announced that the National Hydrographic Dataset is being transferred to NHD Plus. The result of this transition is higher resolution data.

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) asked whether LA URISA notices could be broadcast on the LGISC listserv. Although there was no quorum to vote on this question, the consensus of those present was that this would be an acceptable use of the listserv.

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) also noted that GITA was doing a webinar at the end of the month on the Geospatial Data Act.

**8. Next Meeting** – 1:30 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2017, in Room 1-153 (Iowa Room) at the Claiborne State Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

**9. Adjourn** - Because there was no quorum, there was no vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 3:08 P.M.