

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of December 21, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:51 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Capitol Park Welcome Center 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 Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

Department of Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Alvin McDonald, **Member**

Department of Transportation & Development

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Warren Kron, **Member**

Louisiana NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Member**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Health

Kate Friedman, **Designee**

Department of Transportation & Development

Brad Doucet

Chris Pennington

Iberia Parish

Amy Brassieur

Louisiana Geological Survey

R. Hampton Peele

St. Charles Parish Government

Jack Gardner

St. Tammany Parish Government

Craig Johnson

Department of Environmental Quality

Aimee Preau

3. Approval of Minutes

Minor errors were noted for correction on the July 20, 2017, August 17, 2017, September 21, 2017, October 19, 2017, and November 16, 2017, minutes. These minutes, as amended, were approved by the Council by unanimous vote, with Rachel Watson (CRT) making the motion to approve and Collin Degueurce (PJA) seconding the motion.

At the same time that the past minutes were approved and before the Chair's Report, in an abundance of caution for the possibility of shortfalls in prior quorums, Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) made a motion, seconded by David Gisclair (Senate), to ratify all past actions of the LGISC since the last time there was a proper quorum. This motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) discussed the upcoming officer nominations and elections and noted that he was not opposed to serving as the LGISC Chair again and that Collin Degueurce (PJA) is willing to serve again as the LGISC Vice Chair. Mr. Kron (LMA) expressed gratitude to Steve Gunning (DOE) for securing the meeting space for the LGISC for 2017 and 2018 at the Claiborne Building and noted that the 2018 room, unless otherwise announced, would be the Iowa Room. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported that the City of Baton Rouge passed its open data policy, noting that open data is now mandated by default.

5. Presentation:

"Geographic Response Strategies (GRS/GRP) SELA, SCLA, SWLA Area Subcommittee Report" by David Gisclair (Senate), Technical Assistance Program Director, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office.

6. Old Business:

There was a lengthy discussion among Ryan Seidemann (DOJ), John Sheehan (DEQ), Collin Degueurce (PJA), David Gisclair (Senate), Warren Kron (LMA), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), Rachel Watson (CRT), Chris Cretini (USGS), R. Hampton Peele, and Darryl Mack (DOTD) related to the historic problems of the LGISC being able to attain a quorum. On motion of Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) and second of Mr. Mack (DOTD), it was unanimously decided to change the bylaws to define a quorum as the majority of the lowest number allowable under the law to constitute a quorum and, if possible, to only allow a quorum to be composed of statutory members of the Council. Mr. Seidemann

will further research the possibility of redefining a quorum and report back to the Council at a future meeting.

Chris Cretini (USGS) provided LiDAR updates. He reported on short-term plans to acquire new LiDAR data at 0.5m DEM, 8 points per meter point spacing, covering a 19,400 square mile area. Brad Doucet (DOTD) reported that the Amite River Basin LiDAR data collection is in progress and that DOTD is also collecting LiDAR data in the northeastern part of the State. David Gisclair (Senate) and Lynn Dupont (PDD) participated in this discussion.

Clay Trachtman (LDH) and Rachel Watson (CRT) discussed administrative privilege problems with LDH computers and their effects on GIS functionality.

7. New Business:

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) announced that LaURISA officer elections are ongoing. She also noted that a GIS salary survey is available on the URISA Web site and encouraged others to visit the site. Ms. Cargo (LANENA) read the executive summary of the survey to the Council.

Lynn Dupont (PDD) discussed the Geospatial Fact Sheet by URISA for the Geospatial Data Act. Ms. Dupont (PDD) also discussed the 2020 Census Fact Sheet on the URISA Web site. Finally, she announced LUCA Census information on the RPC Web site and was joined in this discussion by Collin Degueurce (PJA).

Darryl Mack (DOTD) discussed DOTD's service provider request to the Council and he asked Council members to participate. Mr. Mack (DOTD) also had a discussion with Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) about DOTD being a repository for 911 data. Finally, Mr. Mack (DOTD) announced that Jason Carr is the new DOTD designee.

Warren Kron (LMA) discussed work being done related to addressing standards and matters. He was joined in this discussion by Collin Degueurce (PJA), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), and David Gisclair (Senate). Mr. Degueurce (PJA) noted the need to identify other sources of address datasets and Mr. Gisclair (Senate) suggested that the Council use the Digital Data Committee to work on this project.

Warren Kron (LMA) made a motion to reestablish the Digital Data Committee to work on standards for addressing statewide as well as to work on data governance issues and defining minimal attributes for each feature class in the LA Spatial Data Infrastructure (LSDI). Both Lynn Dupont (PDD) and Darryl Mack (DOTD) participated in this discussion. Collin Degueurce (PJA) seconded Mr. Kron's (LMA) motion and the motion unanimously passed. Following the passage of this motion, volunteers were sought to comprise the Digital Data Committee. It was ultimately decided that the Digital Data Committee would have Mr. Kron (LMA) as its chair and that the members would be Mr. Degueurce (PJA), Ms. Cargo (LANENA), Craig Johnson, Jack Gardner, and Mr. Mack (DOTD).

Craig Johnson announced the upcoming RS/GIS conference in Covington on May 8 and 9, 2018.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2018, in the Jefferson Room at the Claiborne Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

9. Adjourn – John Sheehan (DEQ) moved for adjournment and was seconded by Lynn Dupont (PDD). The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 3:57 P.M. The LGISC holiday party was held after adjournment.