

# Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of March 15, 2018

## **1. Call to Order**

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM and reminded all attendees to sign-in. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at the in the Iowa Room of the Claiborne 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 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 Wildlife & Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Member**

#### **Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness**

Kevin J. Breaux, **Member**

#### **Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts**

Josh 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, **Member**

#### **U.S. Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

### **Others Present:**

#### **City of New Orleans**

Greg Hymel

#### **St. Charles Parish Government**

Jack Gardner

## **St. Tammany Parish Government**

Craig Johnson

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The February 15, 2018, minutes were approved by the Council by unanimous vote, with Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) making the motion to approve with two minor edits on page 2 and David Gisclair (Senate) seconding the motion. The Digital Data Committee's February 15, 2018, minutes were also approved by the Council by unanimous vote, with Ms. Cargo (LANENA) making the motion to approve and Collin Degueurce (PJA) seconding the motion.

### **4. Chair's Report:**

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) thanked Steve Gunning (DOE) for reserving meeting space in the Claiborne Building for the 2018 LGISC and Digital Data Committee meetings. With the exception of June and December, all meetings will be held in the Iowa Room. The June meetings will be in the Thomas Jefferson Room (136-A), and the location of the December meetings will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Kron (LMA) reminded members of the Digital Data Committee meetings which take place before the regular Council meeting. All members are invited to participate.

Mr. Kron (LMA) announced the first annual Louisiana Digital Government Summit will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge on March 20, 2018, and indicated there will be many state and local government speakers at the event.

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) also asked members to forward along any potential speakers for upcoming Council meetings.

### **5. Presentation:**

There was no presentation for this month.

### **6. Old Business:**

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) discussed the RS/GIS conference scheduled for Covington at the Southern Hotel and reminded members that abstracts were being accepted. Craig Johnson also participated in this discussion.

Collin Degueurce (PJA) provided an update on the Digital Data Committee meeting. Mr. Degueurce (PJA) stated that the Committee is working with DOTD to establish the minimum schema requirements for a road layer. He further informed the Council that there is a need to identify which fields are considered primary (Tier I) and secondary (Tier II). Mr. Degueurce (PJA) stated that the resulting road schema would facilitate data sharing among local and state agencies. David Gisclair (Senate) questioned how long this process would take and Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) responded that the answer to that question depends on how long it takes DOTD to identify its needs. Mr. Degueurce (PJA) observed that road and address layers are the focus at this point because they have the most inherent standardization of all possible datasets. Craig Johnson suggested that the Committee meeting be moved closer in time to the Council meeting to allow for maximum attendance.

John Sheehan (DEQ) reported on his attendance at the Statewide Topographic Mapping Committee (“STMC”) meeting at DOTD. Mr. Sheehan (DEQ) reported that the committee charter had been approved by the leadership group and there was a discussion of forming a technical subcommittee. Mr. Sheehan (DEQ) also stated that the Council should coordinate with the STMC on such a subcommittee. Chris Cretini (USGS) discussed the membership of the STMC.

Chris Cretini (USGS) updated the Council about the DOTD LiDAR program. He indicated that this program includes 7-8 parishes in Northeast Louisiana. Mr. Cretini (USGS) reported that USGS is concerned about LiDAR data collection now, as the leaves are returning to the trees and the Mississippi River is rising. Due to the conditions, both DOTD and USGS may have to postpone LiDAR data collection until next winter.

David Gisclair (Senate) noted that a GRP meeting will occur at LOSCO on March 16, 2018, and he expects to have more information to report next month.

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

David Gisclair (Senate) reported on a meeting with the EPA and the U.S. Coast Guard to discuss emergency response plans on March 12, 2018. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) reported that ESF plans are to be updated and that reducing reporting redundancies are to be part of the new plans.

Kevin Breaux (GOHSEP) informed the Council about the upcoming release of the next version of Virtual Louisiana (VLA II). He expects the pilot program to be released in about two weeks and that the full release is likely to be at the LEPA conference in May. Mr. Breaux (GOHSEP) also reported that the Virtual Louisiana portal has been developed by GeoCortex in Canada and that the new portal will allow for collaboration in real time. He also assured everyone that all features that were in the original Virtual Louisiana will also be available in the new version. Further, the new system will be open to anyone who wants access, but that there will be a vetting due to security concerns. Mr. Breaux (GOHSEP) also reported that the next GOHSEP project will be a search and rescue app. There is not yet a public component to this project and GOHSEP is still debating whether the public will be granted access. GOHSEP is still coordinating with other agencies to make this app available to governmental entities.

**8. Next Meeting** – 1:30 PM on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the Iowa Room at the Claiborne Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

**9. Adjourn** – Rachel Watson (CRT) moved for adjournment and was seconded by David Gisclair (Senate). The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 2:35 P.M.