

# Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of May 17, 2018

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:39 PM. A quorum was not present, thus no business was conducted. 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, and Tourism (CRT)**

Rachel Watson, Member

**Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

John Sheehan, Member

**Department of Health (DOH)**

Clay Trachtman, Member

**Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Ryan Seidemann, Member

**Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)**

Darryl Mack, Member

**Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF)**

Brad Mooney, Member

**Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)**

Warren Kron, Member

**Louisiana Senate (Senate)**

David Gisclair, Designee

**Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJA)**

Collin Degueurce, Member

**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

Chris Cretini, Member

### Others Present:

**City of New Orleans**

Chris Ard

Caroline DeMay

**Lincoln Parish**

Jackson Matthews

**South Central Planning and Development Commission**

Jack Gardner

**U.S. Geological Survey**

Cole Ruckstuhl

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, it was not possible to approve the April 19, 2018 meeting minutes. No errors were noted in the review of these minutes. However, a clerical error was noted in the February 18, 2018 minutes regarding the number of members necessary for a quorum. It was noted that this number was reported in February incorrectly as 12 when it should have been 11. Because this was a clerical error, Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) advised that no vote was necessary to make this change and the error was corrected.

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

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) noted that the Digital Data Committee meeting minutes had been moved from the Minutes webpage on the LGISC website to the Committee Reports section. Mr. Kron (LMA) also told those present of upcoming various training opportunities for members of State boards and commissions. Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) reminded those present that the Council is exempted from the ethics financial reporting requirements pursuant to a formal letter from the Ethics Administration. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported that he and Collin Degueurce (PJA) recently did explanatory presentations about the Council and the Digital Data Committee at the RS/GIS and LEPA conferences and that those presentations were well received. Mr. Kron (LMA) also reported that he has notified LEPA of its need to appoint a member to the Council. He also proposed that a slide presentation be developed about the work by the Digital Data Committee on the Louisiana Spatial Data Infrastructure. Mr. Kron (LMA) discussed the need for the formation of a nonprofit entity to handle the RS/GIS funds. Finally, Vice Chair Collin Degueurce (PJA) recognized the career and contributions of Jack Gardner.

#### **5. Presentation:**

No presentation this month.

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

Chris Cretini (USGS) invited everyone to attend the Hurricane Data Mining Workshop put on by USGS and scheduled in Lafayette on June 7, 2018, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Jack Gardner commented on Chris Cretini's recent presentation at the South Central Planning and Development Commission and complimented him on it.

Both Warren Kron (LMA) and Brad Mooney (DWF) provided a summary about the RS/GIS workshop that was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Covington.

David Gisclair (Senate) provided an update on the Geographic Response Strategies (GRS). Mr. Gisclair reported that there is likely to be another discussion of how data are to be collected for GRSs. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) also reported that the LOSCO 2016 data from the LSU website is about to go offline and that the only availability of these data will be as PDFs from LOSCO after they go offline. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) also noted that comments about the Natural Disaster Response Plan had been submitted, but to date no feedback had been received.

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

Chris Cretini (USGS) introduced Cole Ruckstuhl as a new computer specialist at the USGS Wetlands Center in Lafayette. Collin Degueurce (PJA) introduced Jackson Matthews as GIS manager for Lincoln Parish.

David Gisclair (Senate) discussed the volume of reported oil spills and natural gas releases that are tracked in a national database dating back to 1990.

Warren Kron (LMA) reported that the Digital Data Committee met prior to today's meeting and approved last month's minutes, but because of the lack of quorum for the full Council meeting, those minutes could not be adopted today.

John Sheehan (DEQ) inquired as to the availability of DOTD culvert data. Darryl Mack (DOTD) reported that these data are likely not available and that many culverts have been removed from datasets. There was some participation in this discussion by Warren Kron (LMA), David Gisclair (Senate), Chris Cretini (USGS), and guests from the City of New Orleans.

**8. Next Meeting** – 1:30 PM on Thursday, June 21, 2018, in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the Claiborne Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

**9. Adjourn** – Because there was no quorum, there was no motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting broke up at 2:32 P.M.