

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of July 19, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Iowa Room of the Claiborne State Office Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign-in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism (CRT)

Rachel Watson, Member

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Department of Health (LDH)

Clay Trachtman, Member

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Ryan M. Seidemann, Member

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Alvin McDonald, Member

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF)

Brad Mooney, Member

Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA)

Louis Hebert, Member

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Warren Kron, Member

Louisiana National Emergency Number Association (LANENA)

Kathrine Cargo, Member

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LAPDD)

Lynn Dupont, 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:

Iberia Parish

Amy Brassieur

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LAPDD)

Josh Manning, Designee

Louisiana Department of Health

Allen McDonald

LSU AgCenter

Maurice Wolcott

Plan Acadiana

Phillip Breaux

3. Approval of Minutes

The June 21, 2018, meeting minutes were approved without corrections. The motion was made by Rachel Watson (CRT) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) with unanimous approval. The Digital Data Committee minutes for June 21, 2018, were also approved without corrections. The motion was made by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by John Sheehan (DEQ) with unanimous approval.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) noted that there is no speaker yet identified for the August meeting. There followed a discussion by Mr. Kron (LMA), David Gisclair (Senate), and John Sheehan (DEQ) of possible speakers. Mr. Kron (LMA) took a moment to complement the Council on its professionalism, noting that he had been to some other board meeting recently that were substantially disorganized and it reminded him of how professionally the Council functioned. Mr. Kron (LMA) announced that the "Great Flood of 2016" map prepared by the City of Baton Rouge had been featured in this year's Esri Map Book.

5. Presentation:

"Quest for the Holy Grail – Current Water Management and Protection Systems Data for Coastal Louisiana" by Maurice Wolcott, Coastal GIS Specialist/Instructor

6. Old Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) revisited the idea of creating a non-profit organization to handle RS/GIS and its funds. Mr. Kron (LMA), David Gisclair (Senate), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), Ryan Seidemann (DOJ), Louis Hebert (LAA), and Clay Trachtman (LDH) participated in this discussion. Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) reported that his research showed that the handling of such funds would subject the Council members to financial reporting requirements that they are otherwise exempt from under current law. Mr. Seidemann (DOJ) also observed that he did not believe that the Council was statutorily authorized to undertake this function.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) reminded Council members of the recurring LAURISA social events. She also reported that the Northshore socials were not going well and asked for people to spread the word about these events. John Sheehan (DEQ) and Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) participated in this discussion.

7. New Business:

Clay Trachtman (LDH) reported that he is working on a project to locate abandoned tire dumps for mosquito abatement purposes. Lynn Dupont (LAPDD), John Sheehan (DEQ), Kathrine Cargo (LANENA), David Gisclair (Senate), Warren Kron (LMA), and Brad Mooney (DWF) participated in this discussion.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, August 16, 2018, in the Iowa Room at the Claiborne Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

9. Adjourn – David Gisclair (Senate) moved to adjourn the meeting and Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) seconded the motion. After unanimous approval of Mr. Gisclair's (Senate) motion, the meeting ended at 3:01 P.M.