

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of September 20, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 Agriculture & Forestry (DAF)

Gus Rowland, Member

Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism (CRT)

Rachel Watson, Member

Department of Education (Education)

Steve Gunning, Member

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Department of Health (LDH)

Clay Trachtman, Member

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Christine L. Halling, Designee

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Alvin McDonald, Member

Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

Darryl Mack, Member

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Brad Mooney, 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)

Josh Manning, Designee

Louisiana Senate (Senate)

David Gisclair, Designee

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

City of New Orleans

Chris Ard

Department of Health (LDH)

Allen McDonald

ESRI

Michael Beavers

Nick Popovich

3. Approval of Minutes

The August 16, 2018, meeting minutes were approved without corrections. The motion was made by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate) with unanimous approval. The Digital Data Committee minutes for August 16, 2018, were also approved without corrections. The motion was made by John Sheehan (DEQ) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate) with unanimous approval.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) noted a possible timing conflict has arisen between the 2019 RSGIS Workshop and the March 2019 LGISC meeting. Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) participated in this discussion and noted that the meetings may actually be back to back rather than in conflict. Mr. Kron (LMA) tabled this topic until more information could be learned. Mr. Kron (LMA) next reported that he had been contacted by Craig Johnson regarding the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) survey for its annual meeting in Minnesota this October. Mr. Kron (LMA) stated the survey questions asked and the LGISC answers as follows:

1. What are Louisiana's three most important geospatial accomplishments during 2018? The LGISC answers were: (1) implementation of roads and highways by DOTD; (2) reinstatement of Digital Data Committee to further develop the LSDI; and (3) LiDAR collection through cooperation among federal and state entities.
2. What are the three greatest geospatial challenges Louisiana is facing? The LGISC answers were: (1) lack of a geospatial information officer position in state government; (2) lack of a statewide geospatial data clearinghouse; and (3) lack of a statewide address point layer that meets NextGen 911 requirements.
3. What are Louisiana's three geospatial goals for next year? The LGISC answers were: (1) continuing the Digital Data Committee work while building a local roads schema; (2) continuing the statewide collection of orthoimagery and LiDAR; and (3) discussing how to develop a statewide geospatial data clearinghouse.

Following the above report, there was a discussion about upcoming months' speakers.

5. Presentation:

Mr. Kron announced that the planned speaker had to cancel on the day of the meeting. However, Michael Beavers and Nick Popovich from ESRI were available to give a presentation, and Mr. Beavers presented "Hurricane Harvey Response."

6. Old Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) and Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) provided a Digital Data Committee update in which they reported they still working on the local roads schema. David Gisclair (Senate) joined in the discussion and provided a recap of the LSDI, and the need for a guidance document for explaining the purpose of furthering its development.

7. New Business:

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) reported on several upcoming conferences and recurring events: URISA GISPro in Palm Springs from October 9 to October 12, 2018.

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

9. Adjourn – David Gisclair (Senate) moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Brad Mooney (DWF) and was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 2:28 PM.