

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of November 15, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:36 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 Education (Education)

Steve Gunning, Member

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Department of Health (LDH)

Kate Friedman, Designee

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Ryan M. Seidemann, Member

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Alvin McDonald, Member

Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD)

Darryl Mack, Member

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF)

Brad Mooney, Member

Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA)

Louis Hebert, Member

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LPDD)

Lynn Dupont, Member

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Warren Kron, Member

Louisiana National Emergency Number Association (LANENA)

Kathrine Cargo, Member

Louisiana Police Jury Association (PJA)

Collin DeGueurce, Member

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

City of New Orleans

Chris Ard

Iberia Parish

Amy Brassieur

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (LPDD)

Josh Manning, Designee

Louisiana Department of Health

Runa Bakshi

Louisiana Geological Survey

R. Hampton Peele

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Geodetic Survey

Denis Riordan

3. Approval of Minutes

The October 18, 2018, meeting minutes were approved with three minor corrections. The motion was made by Collin DeGueurce (PJA) and seconded by John Sheehan (DEQ) with unanimous approval.

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) initiated a discussion of the December LGISC holiday party and circulated a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to bring items. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported that all of the meeting dates from January through November of 2019 will be in the Iowa Room of the Claiborne Building. The Chairman also reminded the membership of upcoming nominations for 2019 Council officers. Mr. Kron (LMA) reported that he will not serve again as chair but that Collin DeGueurce (PJA) may be interested in ascending to the chair, but nominations for vice-chair are still necessary. Mr. Kron (LMA) noted he was interested in continuing to serve as the chair of the Digital Data Committee. The Chairman announced that November 14, 2018, was GIS Day and that there was good turnout at the event in Baton Rouge by area schools and the public. During the Chair's Report, Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) announced that there was a GIS Day function at New Orleans City Park the prior week, and that the 2019 URISA conference is going to be in New Orleans with the possibility of a service event in City Park.

5. Presentation:

Denis Riordan, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Geodetic Survey, "NGS Update: 2022 Datums and Related Products."

6. Old Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) noted that both the Membership Committee and the Digital Data Committee had met prior to the regular Council meeting. Collin DeGueurce (PJA) reported on the actions and recommendations of the Membership Committee. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) reported that, because FEMA has neither an appointed member nor designee, the Membership Committee recommends reaching out to that agency to encourage participation. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) also reported that the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA), the U.S. Census Bureau (Census), and the Louisiana Surveyors Association (Surveyors) — all non-statutory members of the Council — have also been absent from meetings and participation for a long time. He further reported that, following multiple attempts to engage with these entities, the Council has received no response. Chairman Kron (LMA) led a brief discussion related to these nonparticipating members detrimentally affecting the Council's ability to meet quorums each month and, in light of that, as well as the lack of participation and nonresponse to requests for engagement should result in their removal as members of the Council. Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) moved to eliminate LEPA, Census, and Surveyors as members of the Council. This motion was seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and passed by all

members present with the exception of Gus Rowland (DAF), who abstained from the vote. It was generally agreed that letters should be sent to these three agencies notifying them of their removal from the Council. Mr. DeGueurce (PJA) also reported on the Membership Committee's recommendations regarding the Secretary of State's request to become a non-statutory member of the Council. He reported that the Membership Committee requests that the Secretary of State's office must make a presentation to the entire membership stating why it wants to be a member of the Council as well as why it wants to appoint a private party to represent the public agency. The Membership Committee recommended that this presentation should be made at the January 17, 2019, meeting for consideration by the Council and a subsequent vote on membership. Ms. Cargo (LANENA) made a motion to have the Membership Committee send a letter to invite the Secretary of State and his designee to make a presentation at the January meeting. This motion was seconded by John Sheehan (DEQ) and was unanimously approved. Chairman Kron (LMA) agreed to transmit the recommendation to the Secretary of State's office, and the Membership Committee would review the letter before transmittal.

7. New Business:

None.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, December 20, 2018, in the Capitol Welcome Center in downtown Baton Rouge.

9. Adjourn – Ryan Seidemann (DOJ) moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Brad Mooney (DWF) and was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 2:41 PM.