

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of September 19, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chair Collin Degueurce (PJA) called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. A quorum was present. The meeting was held 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 Agriculture & Forestry (DAF)

Gus Rowland, Member

Department of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism (CRT)

Rachel Watson, Member

Department of Education (LDE)

Steve Gunning, Member

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Department of Health (LDH)

Clay Trachtman, Member

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Christine Halling, Designee

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF)

Brad Mooney, 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

Louisiana Secretary of State (SOS)

Fran Harvey Member

Louisiana Senate (Senate)

David Gisclair, Designee

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 Geological Survey

Hampton Peele

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Phillip Breaux, Designee

Louisiana State University

Thomas Douthat

3. Approval of Minutes

The August 2019 meeting minutes were approved without edits. The motion was made by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) with unanimous approval. The Digital Data Committee minutes for August 2019 were approved without edits. The motion was made by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate) with unanimous approval.

4. Chair's Report:

Chairman Collin Degueurce (PJA) announced that the Geospatial Maturity Assessment survey had been completed and returned to the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC). During the Chair's Report, Hampton Peele (LSU) introduced Thomas Douthat, a new professor in Environmental Science at LSU.

5. Presentation:

None.

7. Old Business:

Lynn Dupont (LPDD) presented the Authoritative Data Statement ("ADS") for the purpose of meeting with the Louisiana Society of Land Surveying and LAPELs. Surveyors have authority to set boundaries. Working with definitions from the National Council of Examiners of Engineering and Surveying model law. The current ADS, which was circulated at the meeting, reserves certain data sources to GIS professionals and surveyors. Steve Gunning (LDE) discussed the legal effects of boundaries from legislation rather than from surveys. Ms. Dupont (LPDD), Collin Degueurce (PJA), John Sheehan (DEQ), David Gisclair (Senate), and Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) participated in this discussion. One mechanism discussed to avoid problems with GIS versus survey maps was to put a disclaimer on GIS-generated maps that such maps are "for graphic representation" and do not define legal boundaries. Some discussion by Mr. Gisclair (Senate) of whether a standard disclaimer could be created by the Council similar to the State Land Office disclaimer that was drafted in coordination with the Attorney General's Office. According to Mr. Degueurce (PJA), going forward, the drafters of the ADS would like for the Council to review and approve a version of the ADS and then present it to the surveying groups for review and comment. Following this, there was some additional discussion regarding whether to include information in the ADS about the use of GIS-generated maps in academic publications by Ms. Dupont (LPDD), Hampton Peele (LSU), and Ms. Cargo (LANENA). Warren Kron (LMA) suggested that, under the bylaws, the earliest that this statement could be approved by the Council is at the October meeting. Discussion among Mr. Gisclair (Senate), Mr. Kron (LMA), and Mr. Degueurce (PJA) about timing for final approval of the ADS and future meetings with the surveyors. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) made a motion to schedule a meeting with LAPELs and the Land Surveyors Society for December. The motion was seconded by John Sheehan (DEQ) and unanimously approved.

Mr. Kron (LMA) announced that the Digital Data Committee adopted the local roads schema that it has been working on. Ms. Cargo (LANENA), Mr. Degueurce (PJA), Mr. Gisclair (Senate) participated in this discussion. Mr. Kron (LMA) also discussed the creation of templates for creating address points using the national schema.

8. New Business:

Chris Cretini (USGS) announced that recent coastal aerial imagery has been released. Lynn Dupont (LPDD) provided an update of the grades K-12 poster showcase, along with educational sessions, to promote Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to students. Clay Trachtman (LDH) announced that the ESRI conference is scheduled for November 7-8, 2019. Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) announced the LAURISA meeting for the week following this meeting and noted that there would be presentations from Council members. Hampton Peele (LSU) announced that certain statewide aerial photography completed this summer will be available in 2020 by parish.

9. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, October 17, 2019, in the Iowa Room (1-153) of the Claiborne State Office Building in downtown Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn – David Gisclair (Senate) moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 2:22 PM.