

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of June 16, 2022

1. Call to Order

Chair Warren Kron began the meeting with a quorum present at 1:31 PM. The meeting was held at the Capitol View Room, 5th Floor, State Library of 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 Transportation & Development (DOTD)

Jason Carr, Designee

Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (DWF)

Scott Armand, Designee

Division of Administration (DOA)

Joel Brannan, Designee

Louisiana NENA (LANENA)

Kathrine Cargo, Member

Louisiana Military Department (LMD)

Grant Kleiner, Member

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Warren Kron, Member

Louisiana Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Lynn Dupont, Member

Louisiana Police Jury Association (PJA)

Ashley Callahan, Designee

Louisiana Senate (Senate)

David Gisclair, Member

Louisiana Secretary of State (SOS)

Fran Harvey, Member

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism (CRT)

Sam Huey, Designee

Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD)

Lucas Denson

Louisiana Military Department (LMD)

Nicholas Padgett, Designee

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Phillip Breaux, Designee

Louisiana Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Josh Manning, Designee

St. Tammany Parish Government

Christine Evans

David Koppenol
Adam Skeete
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Breagan Wood

3. Approval of Minutes

The May 2022 minutes were passed unanimously on a motion of Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) and second of David Gisclair (Senate). The May 2022 Digital Data Committee minutes were passed unanimously on a motion of Rachel Watson (CRT) and a second of Lynn Dupont (PDD).

4. Chair's Report:

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) reported that he had a call with NSGIC and reported that the organization wants to engage with the Council. The NSGIC representatives on the call offered to provide information for agency heads as well as putting us into contact with similar boards in neighbor states. Chair Kron (LMA) proposed to invite NSGIC and the Arkansas GIS officials to do a presentation. In the meantime, NSGIC will send information to the Council for review. They also informed Chair Kron that the upcoming 2023 NSGIC conference would be in New Orleans. Chair Kron (LMA) reported that the NSGIC report card for Louisiana was sent to the Governor's Office, but that he was unaware whether it was reviewed.

Chair Kron (LMA) also reported on updates regarding future presentations.

5. Presentation:

"Getting Ready for the next Disaster: Modern GIS for Emergency Management Operations" by Jon Doherty, ESRI, and Pam Kersh, ESRI.

6. Old Business:

Chris Cretini (USGS) reported on the USGS Hurricane Data Mining Workshop in Lafayette and informed the Council that information and recordings will be made available on request.

Chair Warren Kron (LMA) reported on the Digital Data Committee work on the land use data designation. He is not seeking any action on this matter at this meeting, but simply provided a handout for review and possible adoption at the July meeting. Chair Kron (LMA) also presented a spreadsheet prepared by Josh Manning (PDD) that shows the work done to-date by the Digital Data Committee.

Chair Kron (LMA) reported again on the Web site. He has been informed that there is a fee involved in running WordPress on the new site managed by DOTD. Jason Carr (DOTD) reported that the site should run, but updates may not be feasible until a license for the WordPress software can be acquired. There was no resolution regarding how to fund the cost of WordPress as well as a required security certificate for the Web site. Chair Kron (LMA) noted the real possibility that the approximately \$100/yr fee may have to be covered by contributions from members. Rachel Watson (CRT), David Gisclair (Senate), and John Sheehan (DEQ) also participated in this discussion. Mr. Carr (DOTD) suggested that the Council's new Web site could be configured with ArcGIS Hub as was

demonstrated during the prior presentation by ESRI. Chair Kron (LMA) concurred with this solution and will work with Mr. Carr (DOTD) to migrate the Web site.

7. New Business:

Jason Carr (DOTD) reported on a call that he had regarding the naming of an unnamed water body. This discussion led to a broader discussion of geographic names and name changes. He noted that there is a federal push to make name changes from less desirable names. He further proposed that the Council might want to consider creating a committee to handle name change requests as they arise. David Gisclair (Senate) noted that this issue was significant during the Deepwater Horizon disaster and that the tracking of such names could become a massive task. John Sheehan (DEQ) added that the importance of this name tracking is critical in disaster response efforts. Mr. Sheehan (DEQ) supports the idea of creating such a committee of the Council. Chris Cretini (USGS) also participated in this discussion to provide context for how GNIS assigns names and makes changes to those names. Jason Carr (DOTD) moved and Rachel Watson (CRT) seconded to create a committee entitled the Louisiana GNIS Advisory Committee to handle naming issues as they arise. The motion passed unanimously. The committee's original membership is: Jason Carr (Chair, DOTD), Rachel Watson (CRT), Ashley Callahan (PJA), and John Sheehan (DEQ).

Lynn Dupont (PDD) reported that several agencies have assisted in obtaining QL1 data for a portion of the Louisiana coast. She indicated that there are form letters available to send to the federal government to request that these data are collected. John Sheehan (DEQ) and David Gisclair (Senate) participated in this discussion.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the Capitol View Room, 5th Floor, State Library of Louisiana.

9. Adjourn – On motion of David Gisclair (Senate) and a second by Lynn Dupont (PDD), the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:05 PM.