

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of March 18, 2021

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rachel Watson called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. A quorum was not present at the beginning of this meeting, but was obtained at 1:43 PM when David Gisclair (Senate) joined the meeting.

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

Abigail Bleichner

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

John Sheehan, Member

Aimee Preau, Designee

Department of Health (LDH)

Clay Trachtman, 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

Division of Administration (DOA)

Chris Pennington, Member

Louisiana Assessors Association (LAA)

James Laurent, Member

Rusti Liner, Designee

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Lynn Dupont, Member

Josh Manning, Designee

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

Warren Kron, Member

Louisiana Police Jury Association (PJA)

Chelsey Salpietra, Member

Louisiana Senate (Senate)

David Gisclair, Member

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Chris Cretini, Member

Others Present:

Acadiana Planning Commission

Alicia Wiltz

Capital Region Planning Commission

Marta Castro de Sa

Guests (Unaffiliated)

Caller 2

Caller 4

Iberia Parish

Amy Brassieur

LSU Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety (CARTS)

Phillip Breaux

Ouachita Parish 911

James Green

Pointe Coupee Assessor's Office

Louis Hebert

3. Approval of Minutes

On motion of Lynn Dupont (PDD), seconded by David Gisclair (Senate), the February 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved. On motion of Warren Kron (LMA), seconded by Lynn Dupont (PDD), the February 2021 Digital Data Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Chair's Report:

No chair's report this month due to the absence of the chair from the meeting.

5. Presentation:

None.

6. Old Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) updated the Council on the progress of the Digital Data Committee ("DDC") meeting. The DDC has been working on the land cover framework and is making good progress towards finalizing this project. Lynn Dupont (PDD) reported on the number of questions that she is receiving regarding the RS/GIS meeting. There was no consensus regarding whether there had been a resolution to how this meeting could be handled. Warren Kron (LMA), Chris Cretini (USGS), and Rachel Watson participated in this discussion. Chris Cretini (USGS) reported on the mid-year NSGIC meeting.

7. New Business:

Warren Kron (LMA) reported that the City of Baton Rouge sponsored an open data event with several other U.S. cities last month. The event is recorded and available on the City's web site and Mr. Kron (LMA) will share a link. Chris Cretini (USGS) and Rusti Liner (LMA) will be planning the pre-hurricane season data mining workshop with the dates to be announced (likely in June). Rusti Liner (LAA) announced Ascension Parish's acquisition of aerial pictometry and her willingness to provide copies. Warren Kron (LMA) reported that the web server that hosts the LGISC site will have to migrate due to a server upgrade. Additional information will be available soon. Vice Chair Rachel Watson (CRT) raised questions regarding when the LGISC meetings might be able to return to in-person meetings, but no decision was made. Lynn Dupont (PDD), Chris Cretini (USGS), and David Gisclair (Senate) participated in this discussion, but it was decided that this matter would have to be answered by Ryan Seidemann (DOJ).

8. Next Meeting – 1:30 PM on Thursday, April 15, 2021, via video meeting.

9. Adjourn – On motion of David Gisclair (Senate) and second by Rusti Liner (LAA), the meeting, by unanimous vote, ended at 2:04 PM.