

# Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

*Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)*

**Draft Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2018**

**(To be approved)**

The January 18, 2018 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee (IGC-EC) was held at 9:30 am (Mountain) in the East Conference Room, Joe R. Williams (JRW) Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Members/Alternate(s) Present:**

Pam Bond, Dept. of Fish & Game (Chair)  
Jerry Korol, NRCS  
Wilma Robertson, Dept. of Water Resources  
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello  
Candice Dodson, Idaho Power (phone)  
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)  
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)  
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics (phone)  
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)  
Jared Stein, Bannock County Assessor (phone)

### **Others Present:**

Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO  
Danielle Favreau, Dept. of Water Resources  
Cyndi Coulter, Dept. of Fish & Game  
Jeff Cook, Dept. of Parks & Recreation  
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)  
Becky Rose, Office of Emergency Mgmt. (phone)  
Joe Johns, Kootenai County (phone)  
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)  
Angela VanderPas, City of Lewiston (phone)

### **Members Absent:**

Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe  
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO  
Michael Clancy, Ecopoint  
Tom Carlson, USGS  
Rick Campbell, US Census Bureau  
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture

## **WELCOME**

Pam Bond, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:33 am (Mountain). Lacking a quorum, the committee deferred the action items until later in the meeting.

## **GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT OF 2017**

Ms. Robertson discussed Senate Bill 2128, which includes a simplified definition of geospatial data. Discussion followed regarding whether the committee should support the bill. Several members stated that they had not yet reviewed the bill, and several concerns were expressed. Ms. Robertson agreed to draft a letter of support, forward it out to the IGC members for feedback, and then to bring it back to the committee for approval at the March meeting.

**Ms. Phillips and Mr. Godfrey joined the meeting at approximately 9:45, giving the committee a quorum.**

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION: Mr. Korol moved and Mr. Hill seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.**

## **COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

Chair Bond reviewed the proposed revisions to the bylaws. Several additional revisions were discussed.

**MOTION: Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Stein seconded a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the IGC-EC bylaws, as amended; the motion passed unanimously.**

### **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IMAGERY PROGRAM (NAIP)**

Chair Bond reported that Margie Wilkins had drafted a letter of support for the continued free and open access to data collected under the NAIP program. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the draft would be sent out to the IGC for their feedback and input, and then brought back to the committee for approval. Once approved, the letter will be forwarded to Idaho's congressional delegation and USDA FSA.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN – NOMINATION OF TIM LAYER FOLLOW-UP**

Chair Bond reported that she has created a spreadsheet with all of the listed framework layers. She asked the members to review the spreadsheet and contact anyone they might know on the list and encourage them to nominate their layers. Discussion followed, and Mr. Korol agreed to follow up on NRCS's interactive snow map. He also agreed to review the federal land use/landcover framework set.

### **GIS RECORDS RETENTION POLICY**

The committee discussed the cartographic records retention schedule, currently being reviewed by the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS). Chair Bond asked for volunteers to review the retention schedule and make recommendations to ISHS. Mr. Weber, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Coulter and Mr. Godfrey agreed to volunteer. They will review the current retention schedule and make recommendations to ISHS.

### **PURCHASE OF STATEWIDE PARCELS LAYER**

Chair Bond explained that there are private companies that create statewide parcel layers for sale. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility of pursuing a statewide contract with private companies for use by the public sector to purchase statewide parcels layers. There was concern about the quality and age of the data available for purchase, and it was noted that county agreements are not standardized. Chair Bond agreed to gather more information and the committee discussed inviting someone from the Tax Commission to a future meeting to discuss the issue.

### **TWG UPDATES**

**HYDROGRAPHY TWG** – Ms. Favreau reported on the recent Hydro TWG meeting, which was held on September 14, 2017. The TWG meets twice each year. Published minutes and presentations from the Hydro TWG meetings can be found at: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/GIS/NHD/hydro-TWG.html>. The next TWG meeting has been scheduled for March 15, 2018.

**GEODETTIC CONTROL TWG** – Mr. Weber reported that his manuscript describing the lifecycle of control points, emphasizing the importance of using the most current datum available, has been submitted to Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (PE&RS) journal, and is currently being reviewed. He agreed to forward the article out to anyone interested once it's published.

Mr. Weber added that the next TWG meeting has been scheduled for January 25, 2018. The agenda will be posted on the GIS website. All are invited to attend.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**TRAILS LAYER** – Chair Bond introduced Mr. Cook, Dept. of Parks & Recreation. Mr. Cook gave an overview of the Trails dataset, noting that the application has been in use for approximately 7 years and was one of the first comprehensive statewide trails datasets in the country. The app is updated as needed. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the committee would review the nomination and forward comments and feedback to Mr. Cook prior to sending it out to the listserv for comments. Once Mr. Cook is ready to present the final nomination, it will be brought back to the committee for approval.

**2018 IGC-EC ELECTION** – Chair Bond announced the upcoming IGC-EC elections. A call for nominations will go out shortly. Six seats are up for election this year, with members serving staggered, two-year terms, which run April 1 through March 31. Results will be announced at the March IGC-EC meeting.

CO-HOSTED FEBRUARY SWIG/IGC MEETING – Chair Bond announced that the next IGC meeting will be co-hosted with the SWIG in February. This will take the place of a spring IGC meeting. The meeting has been scheduled for February 22-23 at Boise City Hall, and the agenda will go out soon.

NEW ARCGIS ONLINE FEATURE – Chair Bond led a discussion about a new ArcGIS Online feature which allows users to mark content as authoritative or deprecated. Some concerns were raised over what qualifications a user might need, such as administrative rights, to be able to do this.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Hill queried the committee about ArcGIS Pro and who is currently using it. A brief discussion followed, and Chair Bond noted that one of the workshops being planned for the SWIG meeting is about Pro.

911 STANDARDS: Mr. Hill said that street abbreviations will not be accepted any longer in the 911 standards. Mr. Reynolds suggested discussing this with the Public Safety TWG.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am. The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, 2018.

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