

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Draft Meeting Minutes: July 19, 2018

(To be approved)

The July 19, 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:

Wilma Robertson, Dept. of Water Resources (CHAIR)
Pam Bond, City of Boise
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center
Bill Farnsworth, IT Services-Governor's Office
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)
John Koudelka, INL representative (phone)
Tom Carlson, USGS (phone)
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics (phone)

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, IT Services-Governor's Office
Brad Gamett, U of I
Leslie Durham, Atlantic Remote Sensing
Robin Kiska, Office of Emergency Management
Becky Rose, Office of Emergency Management
Wendy Bates, Idaho Transportation Department
Amber Knapp, Esri (phone)

Members Absent:

Craig Campbell, Digline
Candice Dodson, Idaho Power
Jared Stein, Bannock County Assessor
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture

WELCOME

Wilma Robertson, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:31 am (Mountain).

INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAT 5

Chair Robertson reported that Jared Stein has resigned from the committee. She nominated Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County, to serve the remainder of Mr. Stein's term.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to ratify the appointment of Cyndi Andersen to Seat 5 for the remainder of the term, which will end on March 31, 2019; the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Korol seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

TWG UPDATES

ELEVATION – Mr. Weber discussed the draft Idaho statewide LiDAR plan. The original plan was developed in August 2017, and has been reviewed and revised extensively, including input received from surveys. He noted that this is not a standard and does not commit Idaho to any funds.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Bond seconded a motion to approve the Idaho Statewide LiDAR Plan, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

GEODETIC CONTROL – Mr. Weber gave an overview of the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame (NATRF) datum slated for release in 2022.

Discussion followed regarding whether Idaho should adopt NATRF-2022 in place of NAD-83 and whether it would be beneficial to change from a transverse to an oblique Mercator, as suggested by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). Mr. Weber recommends staying with the current projection, Transverse Mercator, while adopting NATRF-2022 with a new false easting and false northing. Also discussed was whether NGS should create additional State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS) zones in Idaho or retain the three current zones. Creating new zones may split some counties. Mr. Weber emphasized that additional discussion is needed before any decisions are made. NGS has stated that they will only make changes if there is consensus by the stakeholders. The TWG will meet again in August.

IMAGERY TWG – Chair Robertson stated that there was no update to report on whether there will be a new funding structure or cost sharing for NAIP or Landsat.

GIS RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

Mr. Weber gave an overview of the GIS records retention policy recommendation drafted by a working group comprised of himself, Bruce Godfrey, Donna Phillips, and Cyndi Coulter. Input received from the GIS community has been incorporated. The current GIS records retention policy for the state of Idaho requires that all records be kept perpetually. The draft recommendation more clearly defines what should be kept. If approved, the recommendation will be submitted to the State Historical Society for review.

MOTION: Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Andersen seconded a motion to approve the GIS Records Retention Recommendation, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

GIS COORDINATION/ROLE OF GIO

Chair Robertson gave an overview of the findings of the working group tasked with researching the role of GIOs in other states. The group includes Chair Robertson, Pam Bond, Kelly Green and Cyndi Andersen. They interviewed GIOs from ten states. Chair Robertson noted that NSGIC also provided helpful information such as the value of having a GIO and information on a geospatial maturity assessment. The group will present their findings at the September IGC-EC meeting. Jeff Weak, Administrator of ITS has been invited to attend the meeting.

ESRI AUTHORITATIVE DATASETS

Chair Robertson discussed Esri authoritative datasets and explained the process by which organizations can be verified by Esri. The State is a verified organization, as well as several state agencies. The verification process takes approximately 24-48 hours and is fairly simple. Once an organization has been verified, they can mark as authoritative anything they have made available on ArcGIS Online.

Discussion followed about the definition of the term “authoritative.” It was agreed that Guideline G350 (Methodology for Recognizing a TIM Framework Dataset), which includes a definition of the term, should be reviewed. Mr. Farnsworth noted that it’s possible for a verified organization to mark something as authoritative even if it’s not theirs, which is a practice that should be monitored.

IDAHO’S PORTALS AND OPEN DATA SITES

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Farnsworth provided an overview of INSIDE Idaho (Idaho’s data clearinghouse), and the Idaho Enterprise Open Data Portal, which links together agencies’ open data portals and individual datasets from a variety of sources. The portal is a tool or site for linking open data portals, and includes links to cities, counties, and other organizations. It was created in response to the proliferation of data in multiple locations, and functions like a table of contents. INSIDE Idaho is a site

where users can find data, including historic data, and there are plans to include a link to INSIDE Idaho on the portal. Agencies interested in adding their links to the portal may contact Mr. Farnsworth.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ESRI USERS CONFERENCE

Chair Robertson led a discussion of the 2018 Esri Users Conference, held in July. Those who attended the conference shared highlights from the many sessions.

OTHER BUSINESS

2018 IGC FALL MEETING: Mr. Weber reported that the Fall IGC meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11th in Pocatello at the Pond Student Union Building at ISU. More details will follow soon. The GIS Center will be available for additional sessions if needed. Possible agenda items for the meeting were discussed, and suggestions for topics and RSVPs may be sent to Mr. Weber, Ms. Andersen, or Mr. Hill. The possibility of hosting a workshop or interactive demo the evening of October 10th was also discussed, as well as inviting URISA to participate.

ITS TOWN HALL MEETINGS – Mr. Farnsworth shared that more town hall meetings will be scheduled and will include the GIS community.

POSTING OF GIS STANDARDS TO ITA WEBSITE: Ms. Seaman reported that several previously approved GIS standards had not been consistently posted to the ITA website. She has cross-referenced them so they are now posted on both the ITA and the GIS websites.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 am. The next meeting was scheduled for September 20, 2018.

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