Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)
Draft Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2019
(To be approved)

The January 17, 2019 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)
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Craig Campbell, Digline, Inc.
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics (phone)
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County (phone)
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)

Members Absent:
Tom Carlson, USGS
Pam Bond, City of Boise
Bill Farnsworth, Governor's Office of IT Services
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
John Koudelka, INL representative
Candice Dodson, Idaho Power

Others Present:
Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services
Angie Schmidt, Dept. of Fish & Game
Joshua Page (student), BYU Idaho
Matthew Syphus, LHTAC (phone)
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Greg Newkirk, Fremont County (phone)
Angie Barnes, Gooding County (phone)
Heather Studley, Bannock County (phone)
Patricia Williams, TetraTech (phone)

WELCOME

Chair Robertson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:32 am (Mountain). Lacking a quorum, she deferred approval of the meeting minutes until such time as a quorum was achieved.

ITA GUIDELINES

ITA GUIDELINE G105 (ITA GLOSSARY OF TERMS) – Chair Robertson reported on her recent work with Mr. Campbell and Ms. Bond to review the GIS definitions in the current approved ITA policies, standards, and guidelines. The purpose of the review is to update and standardize definitions so they can be moved into G105, which is intended to be a single glossary of terms for all ITA policies, standards, and guidelines. Chair Robertson noted that they reached consensus for updated definitions for several of the terms and will be seeking approval from the committee at a later meeting.

Chair Robertson then led a discussion of several definitions with which they had issues that needed to be addressed. The definitions discussed included those for: The Idaho Map (TIM); Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI); framework; data customers; and metatags. It was agreed that more discussion was needed on these definitions before being submitted for approval to the committee. As a courtesy, the IT Leadership Council (ITLC) will be notified of the updated definitions.

Mr. Ward joined the meeting at approximately 9:38 am, giving the committee a quorum.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Campbell moved and Mr. Korol seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN AGENCIES

Ms. Schmidt discussed a pilot project her agency is working on to facilitate collaboration between the Dept. of Fish & Game's (IDFG) Salmon region biologists and the U.S. Forest Service to categorize trails based on their condition, and to prioritize trail maintenance. Jeff Cook at the Dept. of Parks & Recreation (IDPR) has been included in discussions to explore how IDFG and IDPR can work together to collaborate technically on this project and further bolster the trails layer that he is already supporting.

Ms. Schmidt explained that IDFG recently upgraded their entire system and now has Portal for ArcGIS, which allows them to collaborate from portal to portal between servers and edit the IDPR layer. She remarked that this is a new and unique concept that opens the door to future projects between state agencies. After a December technical discussion, the Office of IT Services is in the process of installing Portal on the state server which will allow collaboration between IDFG and IDPR.

OTHER BUSINESS

2019 IGC-EC ELECTION: Chair Robertson announced the upcoming IGC-EC election and reviewed the election timeline, noting that six seats are up for election this year, including hers. The chairmanship is also up for election this year. Chair Robertson, Mr. Korol, and Ms. Andersen all stated their intention to run again. Candidates must be members of the IGC and may only run for seats representing their stakeholder group. Elected members serve staggered two-year terms.

Ms. Seaman will send out a call for nominations to the IGC listserv, along with information about the election. Results will be announced at the March IGC-EC meeting.

IGC SPRING MEETING: Chair Robertson has spoken with the organizers of the upcoming Intermountain GIS Conference about hosting the IGC bi-annual spring meeting during their conference, which is scheduled for March 24-28 in Boise. Chair Robertson added that the conference organizers have agreed to waive the conference registration fee for those wishing to attend only the IGC meeting.

The conference organizers are still finalizing the details of their event, so the specific date and time for the IGC meeting will follow soon. Once there is a firm commitment that a room has been reserved for the IGC, Chair Robertson will be seeking assistance with organizing the agenda. She anticipates that the IGC meeting will likely be an hour.

ELEVATION TWG: Mr. Weber announced that he and Nancy Glenn will be hosting a series of free Lidar workshops across the state (including Pocatello, Boise, and north Idaho) beginning in mid-February and running through the middle of summer. The first series of workshops will be via webinar. Topics will include Globus, and how to use it to download large Lidar files, and how to access files on the server to find the data users are interested in.

OPENING AT DEPT. OF FISH & GAME: Ms. Schmidt announced that there is an opening at IDFG for a GIS developer. The position is posted as a Software Engineer III as per the new state IT classification system.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 am. The next meeting was scheduled for March 21, 2019.

Erin Seaman

Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services (ITS)