

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Draft Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2019

(To be approved)

The July 18, 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)
Craig Campbell, Digline, Inc.
Bill Farnsworth, Governor's Office of IT Services
Pam Bond, City of Boise
Shane Lim, Suez Water
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center
Kelly Green, Blaine County
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Betty Conces, Kootenai County (phone)
(Proxy for Donna Phillips)

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services
Robert Smith, Governor's Office of IT Services
Jeff Weak, Governor's Office of IT Services
Greg Zickau, Governor's Office of IT Services
Angie Schmidt, Dept. of Fish & Game
Margie Wilkins, Dept. of Water Resources
Wendy Bates, Transportation Department
Renee Bettis, Department of Lands
Lynn Gross, US Census Bureau
Bill Fleming, Resource Data, Inc.
Heather Studley, Bannock County (phone)
Jeremy Varley, Dept. of Agriculture (phone)
Dan Determan, National Geodetic Survey (phone)

Members Absent:

Tom Carlson, USGS
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden
John Koudelka, INL representative

WELCOME

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

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Campbell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

IGC-EC's ROLE IN SELECTING NEXT GIO

Chair Robertson led a discussion about what role the IGC-EC might play in helping with the search for the next GIO following the retirement of Bill Farnsworth.

Mr. Zickau gave some background on Mr. Farnsworth's role as the GIO, noting that following his retirement, the position will be converted from non-classified to classified. Since there is currently no GIO classification, an appropriate classification will need to be determined. The expectation is that the leadership skills of whomever is hired into the role will be more important than their technical skills, and that they will be able to work collaboratively with the GIS community.

Mr. Weak added that ITS was also considering hiring a Chief Data Officer in the next year or two, and one possibility being looked at was hiring a Chief Data Officer/GIO who would oversee GIS and data analytics. This will be a business decision.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that the committee would select two members to work with Mr. Weak and Mr. Zickau by providing input for the job description and participating on the hiring panel.

INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO STATE GOVERNMENT SEAT 1

Chair Robertson reported that Stephen Cox has left the Department of Agriculture, leaving the State Government Seat 1 on the committee vacant. She announced the appointment of Sydney Lewis from the Transportation Department for the remainder of the vacated term, which ends on March 31, 2020.

Ms. Bates gave an overview of Ms. Lewis' professional qualifications.

MOTION: Mr. Weber moved and Ms. Green seconded a motion to ratify the appointment of Sydney Lewis to State Government Seat 1 for the remainder of the vacated term, which ends on March 31, 2020; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA GUIDELINE AND DEFINITIONS

ITA GUIDELINE G105 (ITA GLOSSARY OF TERMS) – Ms. Bond gave an overview of the revisions that should have been made to several of the definitions in G105 which had inadvertently not been included in the document when it was approved by the committee at the May meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Weber moved and Mr. Farnsworth seconded a motion to approve the revision to ITA Guideline G105, as presented; the motion was approved.

TWG UPDATES

GEODETIC CONTROL TWG: Mr. Weber gave an update on the TWG, which has been working closely with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). Their primary focus of late has been the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame (NATRF 2022) and the deadline, which has been extended to March 2020, for submitting a letter of consensus regarding how NATRF 2022 will be implemented, if at all, for Idaho. Each state may define up to three layers in their state spatial reference system, and Mr. Weber gave an overview of the layers, noting that layer 3 is considered optional. The TWG has been focused on layer 2. The TWG is recommending the adoption of a revised Idaho Transverse Mercator (IDTM), and the recommendation has been sent out to the Geotech listserv for comments and questions. To date, none have been received.

The next step will be to draft a letter of consensus and determine who will sign from the GIS community, the engineering community, and the survey community.

MOTION: Ms. Andersen moved and Ms. Bond seconded a motion to approve the Recommendation of a Statewide Spatial Reference System for Idaho's GIS Community Relative to NATRF 2022, as presented; the motion was approved.

IMAGERY TWG: Ms. Wilkins announced that NAIP is currently being flown, although there is very little information yet. Once more information is available, she will forward it to the Geotech listserv. Ms. Wilkins expects that the preliminary product will come out in October or November and the final product will be available in early spring of 2020.

Mr. Farnsworth added that, as in prior years, ITS will purchase the drives with the data once they are ready and ship them to the universities. He will forward the contact information for the points of contact at USGS to Mr. Smith.

Ms. Wilkins also reported that the Landsat advisory group stated in their status report that Landsat data will remain open and free.

In response to a question regarding a statewide purchase of high-resolution imagery, Mr. Farnsworth explained that ITS does have a continuous appropriation for the purchase of enterprise licenses and services, but that agencies would need to cover the cost. He suggested that it might sense for the IGC-EC to lead that effort.

ITA REPORT

Chair Robertson reported on the most recent ITA meeting, held on May 30, 2019. She noted that the 2019 IGC-EC election results were ratified by the ITA. Approved ITA meeting minutes can be found at: <https://ita.idaho.gov/the-ita/>.

ITA POLICY P5030 (FRAMEWORK STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT)

Ms. Andersen gave an overview of her proposed edits to ITA Policy P5030, including updates to the flowchart depicting the process for drafting and approving framework standards. She is continuing to work on updating this document and will be seeking input from the committee between now and the next meeting in September. Committee members will have the opportunity to make comments and suggest edits ahead of the September meeting.

After discussion it was agreed to add this as an action item to the September meeting agenda.

INSIDE IDAHO PORTAL OVERVIEW

Mr. Godfrey discussed proposed updates to the search approach on the INSIDE Idaho portal that they are considering making. He is seeking feedback on the proposed updates. He briefly discussed the history of discovery through the Clearinghouse, and the growth of platforms like ArcGIS Online.

Mr. Godfrey is seeking volunteers to form a subcommittee to look at developing a guideline to determine requirements for sharing data through the Clearinghouse using a search approach and whether browse capabilities should be provided. Ms. Bond and Ms. Green volunteered to participate on the subcommittee. Others interested in participating may contact Mr. Godfrey or Ms. Seaman.

OTHER BUSINESS

2020 CENSUS: Ms. Gross announced that the Complete Count Committee has been formed through the Governor's office. Members will represent large agencies and businesses that will be working to get the complete count for the state of Idaho.

The Census Bureau has a GIS department with a Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM), which is an online program located at: <https://www.census.gov/roam>. Ms. Gross has been presenting this program to city councils. The program is available to the public.

In August they will begin address canvassing all residences and structures, and subsequently they will canvas general quarters (nursing homes, hospitals, jails, etc.) Once the canvassing is complete, they will be able to geocode all residents to a specific physical address.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 am. The next meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2019.



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