

MINUTES

State GIS Council Meeting

The State GIS Council met Friday, January 9, 2004 at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board Conference Room, in Oklahoma City, OK. Council Chair Mike Sharp called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. He stated this was a regularly scheduled meeting in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, Title 25 O.S. Sections 301-314. The agenda for this meeting was posted at the front entrance of the meeting room as well as the front entrance to the building. Following the pledge of allegiance, the Council members introduced themselves along with those in the audience. It was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Sharp, OK Conservation Commission
Mark Gregory, OK State University
David Wheelock, OK Dept of Agriculture
Mary Banken, OU Geo Information Systems
Tim Callahan, OK Dept of Transportation

Jane Weber, OK Geological Survey
Troy Frazier, OK Tax Commission
Mike Sexton, OK Dept of Commerce

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Office of State Finance
Mike Houts, Department of Environmental Quality
Jann Hook, OK Water Resources Board
Julianne Hoagland, OK Dept of Wildlife Conservation

Greg Plumb, ECU
OK Corporation Commission
Bob Springer, State Geographer

OTHERS PRESENT:

CM Lin, SWODA
Ray Fox, USGS
Travis Schindler, ESRI
Sara Cobb, City of Edmond
Derek Pate, OSDH
Charles Brady, City of Ardmore
Wade Patterson, Garfield County Assessor
James Mallory, OK County Assessor
John Gage, USBR
Melissa Baldwin, ACOG
Ray Hardy, OK House of Reps
Carlie Lawson, Center for Spatial Analysis

Verlita Sugar, Cherokee Nation
Laura Harjo, Cherokee Nation
Scott Horner, Duke Energy
Kevin Daugherty, Cherokee Nation
Steve Banks, Topographic Mapping
Julie Parker, MNTC
Dan Hough, OK Biological Survey
Mike Sughru
JB Akin, DESC, Inc.
Nathan Kuhnert, OWRB
Melissa Walker, Center for Spatial Analysis
Brad Nesom, City of Ponca City

4. Approval of September 5th Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Banken and seconded by Mike Houts to approve the minutes of the September 5th Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action concerning the position of State Geographer

Mike Sharp and the Council members discussed the resignation of Bob Springer as State Geographer and how to proceed with the recommendation to the Governor concerning the position of State Geographer. Mary Banken made a motion stating that Mike Sharp prepare a letter to the Governor on behalf of the Council. The purpose of this letter would be to inform the Governor of the interim study and encouraging him to fill the position of State Geographer as this position might bring a healthy perspective to the interim study process. Mark Gregory seconded the motion. Discussion followed about this topic. Jane Weber suggested that it be mentioned in the letter that the State Geographer is a current member of the GIS Council therefore the reason for the interest in the new appointment. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action concerning the GIS Council's role in providing information to the Governor and Legislature including, but not limited to, the present structure and funding of the Council and the role it should play in state government

Mike Sharp discussed the presentation made to the interim study committee on December 4, 2003 about the GIS Council, past, present, and future. There are three things of which Mike hopes to achieve with the interim study. Those things include expanding the GIS Council to include more members such as regional and local agencies, allow the Council to have the authority to set policy and standards, and to create a full time state GIS coordinator position as well as support staff for that position.

Mike created a budget for the proposed division of State GIS Coordinator. This budget consisted of 3 positions, the state GIS Coordinator and 2 GIS Specialists. The state would be divided into 2 sections and each GIS Specialist would work with the cities, counties and COGs within his/hers section. This would allow for a look at the data available across the state and as well as data needs in the future. The State GIS Coordinator would work with the state agencies and the legislature. The goal of this structure would be to provide consistent seamless data layers for the state. The budget included equipment, travel, and other needs for the first year of the division. The Council members discussed the budget and questions were answered by Mike.

7. GIS Discussion / Data Issues

Discussion was held about the new digital ortho photos that were flown by USDA this summer. Mike stated that once the images become certified by USDA, these images would be made available through the data warehouse.

Ray Fox announced that Geo Information is now part of the National Map. Ray acknowledged that the next step would be to work with the counties and cities to get more local data available on the National Map website.

8. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

9. Announcements

The 10th Annual GIS Day at the Capitol will be held on March 3rd inside the fourth floor rotunda of the Capitol. It was decided by the Council that vendors would not be allow to register until 2 weeks prior to the event to allow for state agencies to have more participation.

A representative from the Center of Spatial Analysis announced the 2nd Annual GIS Symposium would be held on May 28. Travel support will be available to those who need it. They will also be offering 2-day training courses beginning in June.

The MAGIC Conference will be held on April 18 – 25 in Kansas City. Mary Banken discussed the possibility of the Council becoming a sponsor for the conference, which would allow more exposure for the state.

11. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held Friday, February 6th at 9:30 am in the Conference Room at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board building.

12. Adjourn

The motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.