

# MINUTES

## State GIS Council Meeting

The State GIS Council met Friday, July 9, 2004 at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board Conference Room, in Oklahoma City, OK. Council Chair Mike Sharp called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.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  
Mary Banken, OU Geo Information Systems  
Mike Sughru, OK Water Resources Board  
Steve Stadler, State Geographer  
Jay Adams, OK Dept of Transportation

David Wheelock, OK Dept of Agriculture  
Mike Sexton, OK Dept of Commerce  
Joe Hapgood, OK Tax Commission  
Mark Gregory, OK State University  
Jane Weber, OK Geological Survey

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Office of State Finance  
OK Corporation Commission  
Department of Environmental Quality

Regional Universities of Oklahoma  
OK Dept of Wildlife Conservation

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Wade Patterson, Garfield County Assessors Office  
David Lowther, SCI  
Dan Hough, OK Biological Survey  
Ray Hardy, OK House of Representatives  
Julie Adams, NRCS  
Steve Telford, OK Dept of Transportation  
Kent Sanmann, City of Moore

Laird Hughes, Rose State College  
CM Lin, SWODA  
Ester Goldsmith, ODAFF  
Putnam Reiter, ODCM  
Eric Jones, SCI  
Charles Brady, City of Ardmore  
Sohail Hasanjee, OK Dept of Commerce

#### **4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

Mary Banken made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Sughru seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Workgroup Reports. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning recommendations of the Workgroups.**

Funding Workgroup- The Funding Workgroup was established to find possible funding sources for the Office of Geographic Information. The new workgroup met on June 9. Various ways to fund the Office of Geographic Information was discussed among the group. A possible solution for the funding issue would be for each agency on the Council to contribute a specified amount of money from their individual budgets. The workgroup did not feel that would be a viable mechanism due to the different budgeting priorities of each agency on the Council. Charging for data downloading was also suggested however this would discourage some data use and would not generate the money needed to fund the Office. Mary Banken discussed with the group how Kansas has funded their coordinating activities. Kansas places a fee on water usages with a portion of that fee going toward the support of their GIS efforts. Grants were also mentioned but tend to be only a one-year option. The consensus among the group was that the Legislature

would need to come forward with a core level of funding to establish the Office. The workgroup also discussed the need to generate a statewide interest in the idea of a functioning Office of Geographic Information. A GIS Conference such as a Governor's Conference on GIS that would bring people in from other states to highlight how they are currently coordinating their GIS activities would be one mechanism that could generate the interest needed. The focus of the conference would be all levels of GIS activities in the state and how GIS needs to be coordinated throughout Oklahoma. A conference could raise the awareness of the need to have a coordinating agency and could possibly raise some money for the Office. It would be beneficial to have this conference toward the beginning of the Legislative session however that does not give much time to coordinate a large conference. Discussion was held among the group of other ways to possibly fund the new Office of Geographic Information.

Fees Workgroup - The fees workgroup had not had the opportunity to meet as of the meeting.

**6. Discussion and possible action concerning implementation of HB2457.**

Mike stated that he had not had the opportunity to send out letters requesting the names of the people who will be representing the new Council members in November. Mike informed the group that he would also be contacting the Department of Homeland Security to discuss their new seat on the Council. Mike acknowledged that he would like to approach the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Office of State Finance, and Regional Universities about submitting names from their agencies to represent them on the Council since they have not had representation in many months.

**6. GIS Discussion/Data Issues**

David Lowther asked Mary Banken if it would be possible to send out a notice through the OKGIS List Serve as to when the data layers at Geo Information Systems were updated. Mary stated that data is updated weekly and the update information is available on the website next to the list of data layers.

**8. New Business**

No new business.

**9. Announcements**

The NSGIC meeting will be held September 12 - 16 in Austin, TX.

The OK SCAUG Conference is scheduled for October 7 at the Moore Norman Technology Center in Norman.

**10. Next Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 7 at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board building.

**11. Adjourn**

The motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.