

MINUTES

State GIS Council Meeting

The State GIS Council met Friday, June 4, 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
Mike Houts, Department of Environmental Quality
Julianne Hoagland, OK Dept of Wildlife Conservation
Gordon Johnson, OK Dept of Transportation

David Wheelock, OK Dept of Agriculture
Mike Sexton, OK Dept of Commerce
Jeff Spelman, OK Tax Commission
Steve Stadler, State Geographer
Mark Gregory, OK State University
Jane Weber, OK Geological Survey

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Office of State Finance
OK Corporation Commission

Regional Universities of Oklahoma

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Brandley, Canadian County Assessors Office
Angela Mead, Cleveland County Assessors Office
Sam Woodfork, Cleveland County Assessors Office
Bob Springer, SCI
Michelle Matthews, City of Norman
Ray Hardy, OK House of Representatives
Stacy Cejka, COEDD
Steve Telford, OK Dept of Transportation
Kent Sanmann, City of Moore
Rob Gragg, OK Dept of Commerce

Brad Neson, City of Ponca City
Troy Frazier, OK Tax Commission
David Lowther, SCI
Joyce Green, City of Norman
Dan Hough, OK Biological Survey
Putnam Reiter, ODCEM
Julie Adams, NRCS
JB Akins, DESC
Sohail Hasanjee, OK Dept of Commerce

4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

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

5. 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 legislation with the Council members. The legislation was passed by both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on May 27, 2004. Copies of the new law are available on the House of Representatives and Secretary of State websites. Mike expressed his thanks to Representative Clay Pope for being a primary sponsor of the legislation. Mike summarized the process of taking the ideas from the January 2003 meeting, where it was first determined that there needed to be changes made to the GIS Council, and getting those ideas changed into law. Mike stated that although the legislation went through some significant changes through the process,

the final product was a great start. However, a funding source has yet to be found in order to accomplish the goals of the new legislation. Mike stated that he would like to have a work group meet and discuss some possible sources of funding for the Office of Geographic Information and new Coordinator position. Jeff Spelman stated he would like to see some funding sources, whether it be appropriations, grants, etc, identified before the Council undergoes the changes in November.

Jeff Spelman introduced the staff of Denise Heavener, County Assessor of Cleveland County, who was submitted by the Oklahoma County Assessors' Association to represent the County Assessors on the Council starting in November. The process of nominating the new members of the Council was discussed and Mike stated that he would like to have the new members begin attending the meetings as soon as possible. This will allow the new participants to become familiar with the group when they become official members in November.

Mary Banken suggested talking with other states that have gone through similar state coordination efforts to gain suggestions as to where funding might be available. Mike asked for volunteers to serve on the work group. Mike Houts, Mike Sughru, Jeff Spelman and Mary Banken agreed to serve.

6. Discussion and possible action concerning fees for distribution of GIS data

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission occasionally gets calls to place data, especially the 1995 Ortho Photos, on CDs for people who are unable to download the information. The typical charge for this service has been a fee of \$25 per county with the money being placed in the GIS Council revolving fund. Mike asked the members if the Council would like to be involved in setting fees for data. Mary asked several questions concerning this issue. Discussion was held about how different organizations and agencies charge fees for hardcopy data. Mike suggested having a work group look into the issue of fees. Mike made the recommendation that Jeff Spelman and Mary Banken be part of the new work group. Both accepted the recommendation to serve on this new work group.

7. GIS Discussion/Data Issues

Mike Sharp stated that the Conservation Commission had received copies of the 2003 county mosaic orthos from NRCS and had placed them on an ftp server linked to the Council's Data Warehouse at Geo Information Systems. Within a few days (less than a week) of doing this, the Conservation Commission learned that the orthos were provided to them for internal use only. Immediately upon becoming aware of this, the Conservation Commission removed the link to the Data Warehouse and disabled the ftp server. Julie Adams with NRCS acknowledged that the link had been removed and requested that any reference to the orthos be removed from the website. Mary Banken stated that would be taken care of as soon as she returned to Norman. Julie then read a prepared statement (not made available for these minutes) reiterating that the imagery had been placed on the ftp server and linked to the Data Warehouse without NRCS authorization.

Discussion and questions followed about when, and under what conditions, the 2003 orthos might be available for release. It was noted that the county mosaic orthos can be purchased from the USDA Aerial Photography Field Office in Salt Lake, Utah for \$50 per county. It was also noted that the imagery obtained from USDA-APFO was not copyrighted and could be freely distributed.

8. New Business

No new business.

9. Announcements

NSCIG meeting will be held September 12 – 16 in Austin, Texas.

Mike Sughru announced that SCAUG presented Julie Parker and the Moore Norman Technology Center the Thumbs Up Award for their continuing support of the Oklahoma SCAUG conference.

Mary Banken discussed the Oklahoma involvement in the MAGIC conference that was held in Kansas City in the month of April.

10. Next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 9 at 9:30 am 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 11:00 am.