Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board (GISB)
Board Meeting

Arkansas Real Estate Commission
AREC Board Room
612 South Summit Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
9:30AM - 12:00PM

➢ Board Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Ms. Sharon Hawkins at 9:33 a.m.

➢ Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Ms. Sharon Hawkins (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Anthony Davis
Honorable Rusty McMillon
Honorable Beth Rush
Ms. Amy Whitehead
Mr. Marion Scott Foster
Dr. John Dennis
Dr. Cody Decker
Mr. Matthew Charton

Board Members Absent:
Ms. Yessica Jones
Mr. Taylor Wynn
Mr. Russell Gibson

➢ Vice-Chair Welcomes and Acknowledges Board Members, Board Member Designees, & Guests

AGISO Staff:
Mr. Shelby Johnson, Arkansas Geographic Information Officer
Ms. Kayla Lyon, AGISO
Mr. Jonathan Duran, AGSO
Ms. Maria Owen, AGISO
Ms. Jennifer Wheeler, AGISO
Mr. Matt DeLong, AGISC
Mr. John Thornton, Division of Land Surveys
Ms. Ashley Vandiver, Division of Land Surveys

➢ Meeting

➢ Minutes: The Vice-Chair called for any corrections to the December 6th meeting minutes. No one contested the December 6th minutes.
Motion: Motion to accept the December 6, 2017 minutes- Mr. Anthony Davis
Second: Honorable Beth Rush
No discussion; Unanimously Approved.

➢ Old Business

1. AGISO Report (Shelby Johnson)

Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure Usage — There have been 10,144 users from April 2017 to March 2018 and 2,270 since January 2018. There have been 15,025 layers downloaded since April 2017 and 3,445 since January of this year. The number one product being used is Parcels. The Feature Services, from January 1st- March 6th, shows Boundaries being used the most. There was a spike in Boundaries Feature Service Requests between December 26, 2017-January 3, 2018. There were 1.8 million views on December 28, 2017 alone. Image Services from January 1st to March 6th, show Imagery 1ft 2017 being the number one product used. The Plats count for the Division of Land Surveys is 192,764 records as of March 6th. There have been 131 corners done from April 2017 to March 6th, 18 of them being in January and February 2018. The Surveyors under contract for the Corner Restoration Program have been paid a total of $33,500 leaving $66,500 to be used before the end of the fiscal year. The AGISO is exploring the idea of working with Northwest Arkansas for a Corner Restoration Project similar to the project with Jonesboro last year.

City Annexation Status — AGISO submitted the 2017 BAS to the U.S. Census Bureau on February 28, 2018. There have been 37 municipal boundary changes processed in 2018 as of March 6th.

Discussion Followed.

MAP21 All Public Roads Linear Referencing System — The entire state has been completed. Maintaining the data will be the focus going forward.

Ongoing Policy Tracking — AGISO has been a Participant in the NG911 Strategic Planning Effort. Currently, Arkansas has no Next Generation 911 strategy. The AGISO is helping to form one along with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the Association of Arkansas Counties, the Arkansas Municipal League, and several others like the 911 directors and dispatchers. There is a public phone call every other Tuesday.

Honorable Rusty McMillon gave a brief description of his counties Next Generation 911 strategies and efforts.

Progress of ACF Standard Revision Process — The Public Comment Period for the ACF Standard Revision has been completed. AGISO is preparing a summary report for the Bureau of Legislative Research. The Rules and Regulations Subcommittee will meet in April. The AGISO will update the Board once this revisions have been approved and completed.

U.S. Census Bureau 202 Census Preparation Work — On the School District Boundary Review Example provided, the blue lines are what’s recorded in the record books as the accurate boundaries. The red lines are the wrong boundaries and reflect changes that need to be made. If the boundaries are difficult to find, the AGISO will confer with the county clerks or election commission and even read through the
original assessment rolls. The AGISO had 30 counties of school districts to change and submit to the Census. The 2018 Voting District Boundaries have been reviewed by each county clerk for verification. The corrections by the AGISO staff are underway and will be transmitted to Census before the May 31st deadline. The Local Update of Census Address map shows the participation of cities, counties, and the state to review the Census master address file. The blue are counties that have enrolled to participate, the purple are cities that enrolled to participate, and the yellow is the AGISO. The AGISO has actually just elected to review the master address file for the whole state. There are only 120 days to complete this review. The AGISO will review the data independently of the cities and counties that have opted in to participate. The review at the state level will begin at the end of March.

Discussion Followed.

2. **Surveyor Plat Archive Technical Change to Access**— This is a new tool that AGISO Sr. GIS Analyst, Wes O’Donohue, has been creating. It is a PDF viewer for plats that is password protected. A letter has been provided to the board to review about the reasoning behind this transition. The public will only have viewing rights to the plats and will need to reach out to the office if a paper copy of a plat is needed. This new tool enables surveyors and assessors to have the same access they currently have with the plats. If anyone tries to print, snp, or download the plat it will not work and will only display a black box.

Discussion Followed.

➢ New Business

1. **Election of 2018 Officers – Chair & Vice-Chair**— There were nominations for Ms. Sharon Hawkins to be elected Chair and for Mr. Matthew Charton to be elected Vice-Chair.

**Motion:** Motion to cease nominations for chair and to elect Sharon Hawkins – Mr. Anthony Davis
**Second:** Ms. Amy Whitehead
**Discussion Followed; Unanimously Approved**

**Motion:** Motion to elect Mr. Matthew Charton for Vice-Chair – Ms. Sharon Hawkins
**Second:** Ms. Amy Whitehead
**Discussion Followed; Unanimously Approved.**

2. **Board Expense Reimbursement & Board Authorization of Agency Purchasing Card Use for Board Meeting Expenses**— AGISO’s annual approval from the Board to reimburse members for any travel expenses and for uses of the agency Purchasing Card for meeting expenses according to state requirements.

25-16-902, Expense reimbursement:

(a) Every state board may, by a majority vote of the total membership of the board cast during its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year, authorize expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties.

(b) The expense reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

**Motion:** Motion to authorize Board Expense Reimbursements and Agency Purchasing Card Use for Board Meeting Expenses – Honorable Rusty McMillon
Second: Honorable Beth Rush
Discussion Followed; Unanimously Approved.

3. **Agency Recommendation on Repealing Mapping Grade GPS Standard** — The current mapping standard was put into place in 2000 or 2001. This has not been changed since it was adopted and is now out of date with the current technology used to collect data. Governor Asa Hutchinson has asked the state agencies to look at their rules and regulations that are no longer relevant and repeal them. He has authorized the repealing to be done immediately. The AGISO asks the board to read through the current mapping standard and then put it on the agenda for the next meeting as an action item.

**Discussion Followed.**

- **Announcements**
  - The spring meeting will be at University of Arkansas Monticello. The AGISO will coordinate with Dr. Dennis for travel logistics.

- **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Honorable Rusty McMillon
**Second:** Honorable Beth Rush

**Next Meeting:** June 13th, 2018 in Monticello, Arkansas

Minutes Adopted

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Ms. Sharon Hawkins, Chair (Signature)