Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
Quarterly Meeting

Timberlands Conference Room and online via MS Teams
501 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR 72118
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
10am - 12pm

MINUTES

Board meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Matt Charton, Board Vice Chair. Roll call taken to establish a quorum. Quorum of members present; meeting proceeded.

- **GIS Board Members Present:**
  - Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair
  - Mr. Jonathan Askins (proxy Brian Fortson)
  - Dr. Cody Decker
  - Mr. Terry Cleaver
  - Dr. John Nowlin
  - Mr. Doug Melton
  - Mr. Darrell Allen
  - Hon. Beth Rush
  - Mr. Scott Lane
  - Mr. Darin Mitchell
  - Mr. Scott Foster (proxy Jay Langston)
  - Hon. Rusty McMillon
  - Mr. Scott Alsbrook

- **Board Members Absent:**
  - None

- **GIS Staff Present:**
  - Shelby Johnson
  - Daniel Phillips
  - Matt Delong
  - Casey Vannoy
  - Katy Hattenhauer
  - Jonathan Rhymes
  - Nita Weeks

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Guests Present:
   Ms. Sharon Hawkins, departing GIS Board Chair
   Mr. Dawson Belk

Call Meeting to Order, Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2022 Meeting*
   Motion to approve: Mr. Rusty McMillon
   Second: Mr. Darin Mitchell
   Motion Unanimously approved

Welcome and Opening Remarks, Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair
   • Announced that Ms. Sharon Hawkins has termed out of the Chair position.
   • Introduction of new Board member Scott Alsbrook, Senior GIS Analyst,
     Department of Health.

Agency Report, presented by Mr. Shelby Johnson, State GIS Officer
   • Mr. Darin Mitchell and Mr. Scott Lane reappointed to Board by Governor
     Hutchinson.
   • Mr. Scott Alsbrook was presented with a NSGIC national award for his work
     in coordination and outreach with the COVID Dashboard operated by the
     Department of Health.
   • Mr. Jonathan Duran is away representing Arkansas in Washington DC,
     advancing support of the National Geospatial Data Act. He met with Senator
     John Boozman, one of the bill's sponsors.
   • Ms. Beth Rush asked about the status of the Searcy County Parcel Mapping
     Project. Mr. Johnson explained the project is on track and about 40% complete
     according to the latest report submitted by Schneider Geospatial. Mr. Johnson
     stated he will be in Marshall next week to update the Searcy County officials.

Old Business
   • Mr. Johnson shared an update on the Digital Orthoimagery project:
     • Sanborn is finalizing flight plans this week.
     • Sanborn is in discussions with other entities who are requesting buy ups
       on the project.
     • Cooperative funding is now available with the possibility of more to
       come, facilitating full funding of the project.

New Business
   • Mr. Johnson reviewed the proposed Biennial Budget for the Arkansas GIS
     Office and the process by which it is established. The GIS Office had requested
     $450,000 in funding and $225,000 was approved. This will cause the
     Orthoimagery project to be limited to perhaps one-quarter of the state
     annually, rather than the one-third that was planned.

   • Mr. Johnson presented the proposed Legislation for 94th General Assembly
     Request to Repeal A.C.A. § 15-21-503 (j) The board shall provide an annual
     report on the status of the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure to the Joint
     Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology. Mr.
     Johnson asked for the Board's approval to support the legislation. After
     discussion, Mr. Melton moved to advance the recommendation.
Motion to approve: Mr. Doug Melton
Second: Mr. Matt Charton
Motion Unanimously approved

- Mr. Johnson presented a request to load new data on the platform, a Building Footprints Composite. The dataset represents 1.8 million building footprints in the State of Arkansas that were extracted from Orthoimagery and published by Microsoft and FEMA with its partners. This dataset is a composite of the 2 datasets in order to isolate and publish a more comprehensive building footprint layer in a single dataset than available in the 2 datasets individually. This dataset has never been published on the platform before.

  Motion to approve: Dr. John Nowlin
  Second: Mr. Scott Lane
  Motion Unanimously approved

- **Adopt 2023 Meeting Dates** proposed, informational only
  - Wednesday, March 1st
  - Wednesday, June 7th as an opportunity to have meeting in different area of the state.
  - Wednesday, October 18th at Arkansas GIS Users Conference, Jonesboro, AR
  - Wednesday, December 6th

- **Other Matters to Come Before the Board**
  - Board agreed to table Chair election until March meeting.
  - Board acknowledged Ms. Sharon Hawkins's contribution to the success of the AR GIS Board. Ms. Hawkins was presented with a plaque of recognition.

- **Motion to Adjourn**
  
  Motion to approve: Ms. Beth Rush
  Second: Mr. Scott Lane
  Motion Unanimously approved

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Mr. Matthew Charton, Board Vice-Chair