



Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Secretary Joseph Wood

Director Shelby Johnson

Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board Fourth Quarterly Meeting

Delta Conference Room, 5th Floor

Rockefeller Bldg., 501 Woodlane Street

Online via MS Teams

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

MINUTES

Board meeting called to order at 10:48 p.m. by Mr. Matt Charton, Board Chair. Roll call taken to establish a quorum. Quorum of members present; meeting proceeded.

◆ GIS Board Members Present:

Mr. Matthew Charton, Chair

Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Vice Chair

Mr. Doug Melton

Mr. Scott Lane

Mr. Scott Foster

Mr. Darrin Mitchell

Mr. Darrell Allen

Mr. Doug Melton *via Teams*

Mr. Terry Cleaver

Mr. Brian Fortson, *proxy for Mr. Jonathan Askins*

Mr. Eric Nelson, *proxy for Dr. John Nowlin*

◆ GIS Board Members Absent:

Dr. Cody Decker, *approval memo attached*

Hon. Beth Rush, *term expired - pending new appointment*

Hon. Rusty McMillon, *term expired - pending new appointment*

◆ Staff Members Present:

Mr. Shelby Johnson

Mr. Matt DeLong

Mr. Daniel Phillips

Ms. Nita Weeks

Mr. Casey Vannoy

Mr. Jacob Loomis *via Teams*

Ms. Katy Hattenhauer

◆ Guests Present

Mr. Chris Cretini, USGS *via Teams*

Ms. Michelle Fisher, USGS *via Teams*

Mr. Deano Traywick, AR GIS Users Forum *via Teams*

Ms. Christina Scarlat, NWARPC *via Teams*

Mr. Wayne Reynolds, Mississippi County 911 *via Teams*

Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board

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◆ **Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2023 Meeting***

Motion to approve: Scott Foster

Second: Scott Alsbrook

Motion was unanimously approved

◆ **Welcome and Opening Remarks,** Mr. Matthew Charton

◆ **Agency Report** by Mr. Shelby Johnson, AR GIO

- Presented the staff update, including status of the new Systems Specialist who will begin working with Matt DeLong after the first of the year. The search is still underway for a GIS Analyst.
- Coordination activities since the last Board Meeting include APCO/NENA Conference in October; the Professional Surveyors Fall Conference in November; and the Open GIS Consortium in December.
- The NG911 Project continues, with all counties now in the “Started” column. Notably, Pulaski County has moved into the “Load Pending” column.
- NSGIC news includes Jonathan Duran serving as National Geospatial Collaborative President. He is currently attending the 2023 Innovation Days Meeting in Washington, DC. He will also attend the Mid-Year Meeting in Arlington, VA where he anticipates visiting with Arkansas’ congressional staff.
- Division of Land Surveys has exceeded last year and broke a new record in number of plats recorded and filed.
- As of this date, 61 corners have been restored in-house and 119 by vendors. The budget was depleted within the first two months of the new fiscal year.
- Governor Sanders held a “Capitol for a Day” event in Walnut Ridge. Because it was nearby, the Governor’s Office was able to coordinate the participation of Gov. Sanders in a tribute to the three-county common corners of Greene, Randolph and Lawrence Counties. The governor assisted Steve Martin with placing markers on trees.

◆ **Old Business**

- Digital Orthoimagery Update
 - Referencing the Orthoimagery Project Map, blocks 1 through 6 have been delivered. Blocks 7 through 8 should arrive soon.
 - After the first of the year, the compiled imagery will be sent to counties and agencies rather than ask them to download their data.
- LiDAR Project Update
 - On December 4, Sanborn notified the GIS Office they were cleared to fly, weather permitting.
 - The Western AR Project was awarded approximately two weeks ago and will be on the January Legislative Review for matching funding. This has created a scenario where AR will have Quality Level One data statewide. It may not be completed in this flying season, but it is on track. USGS has planned to initiate a coordination call, however that has not been scheduled. The Board will be updated as operations progress.
- Fulton County Tax Parcel Mapping Update
 - Fulton County has authorized rebidding their parcel mapping project, as current bids were well above budgeted amounts and limited in number.

contact with the parcel mapping industry, with the goal of obtaining more favorable bids.

◆ **New Business**

- Publishing plat FOIA requests has consuming a great deal of time, with no significant return on the time invested. With 1.5 million site visits in 2023, only 1569 visitors accessed this page, or approximately 0.105%. The Land Survey Advisory Board approved this request at their last meeting.
- Division of Land Surveys would continue to respond to all FOIA requests, and the records will be maintained and available to all inquiries, but no longer published on the website.
- Removal of Survey Plat FOIA Tracking - Publication. See publication page for reference <https://surveyor.arkansas.gov/foia-requests/> *

Motion to approve: Darrin Mitchell

Second: Darrell Allen

Motion was unanimously approved

◆ **Other Matters to Come Before the Board**

- Statement of Financial Interest from Board Members due January 31, 2024.
- Schedule 2024 Meetings (Tentative - Mar 6, June 5, Sept 4, Dec 4)
There was discussion of where and when to hold 'around the state' meetings in 2024. Matt Charton requested to have a few location suggestions available at the next meeting.
- Michelle Fischer, via Teams, introduced herself as our new USGS liaison, replacing Chris Cretini. She stated she and Chris will work out travel arrangements so she can come to Little Rock and meet in person.

◆ **Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Scott Lane

Second: Darrell Allen

Motion was unanimously approved

***Vote Required**



Matthew Charton, Board Chair

3/25/24

Date