

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2010
(Approved by Council October 21, 2010)

The August 19, 2010 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee was held in Room 302 of the LBJ Building, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Nick Nydegger, Chair, Idaho Military Division
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho (phone)
Gail Ewart, Idaho Geospatial Office (phone)
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello (phone)
Diane Holloran, HDR Engineering
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Donna Pitzer, Bureau of Reclamation
Frank Roberts, Coeur d’Alene Tribe (phone)
Scott Van Hoff, US Geological Survey
James Zehner, Idaho County (phone)

Others Present:

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO
Ross Dodge, Community Planning Assoc.
Joe Johns, Kootenai County (phone)
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor’s Office
Wilma Robertson, Idaho Geospatial Office

WELCOME

Nick Nydegger welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Scott Van Hoff moved and Donna Pitzer seconded a motion to approve the June 17, 2010 minutes as presented; the motion passed with 7 in favor and 3 abstaining.

<http://itrmc.idaho.gov/minutes/igc/20100617.pdf>

IGC-EC MEMBERSHIP

Nick Nydegger reported that he sent out a survey to the current IGC-EC members regarding continued participation and, from the feedback received, some turnover in the membership could be expected with representatives being sought to fill State, Federal, Local Government and Utility positions. Nick encouraged participation in the nomination committee, if anyone is interested in filling these positions they can contact Nick, Gail Ewart or Gail Eckwright. Current members are asked to continue their participation until replacements are appointed.

IGC MEMBER REGISTRY

Nick advised that the registry database is being tested and it should be ready within the next few days for sharing with the IGC-EC committee, followed by the geospatial community at large. People signing up will be able to select the stakeholder group that they represent.

IDHO TRANSPORTATION FRAMEWORK PROJECT UPDATE

On behalf of Bruce Godfrey, Gail Eckwright reported that no additional comments had been received since the project presentation at the last IGC-EC meeting (June 17, 2010). For the purposes of the grant, the document is considered final. Several data stewards are still involved in fixing some metadata issues. This effort will be presented twice in September – by Gail Ewart at the NSGIC, and by Bruce Godfrey at the North West GIS Conference. The grant itself concludes on September 30, 2010.

REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (RRC) PROJECT STATUS

Nick advised that a draft business plan is available online and encouraged everyone to take a look through it and provide comments: <http://giscenter.isu.edu/research/Techpg/caprrc/index.htm> .

IMAGERY TWG – 2011 NAIP COOP

On behalf of Margie Wilkins, Wilma Robertson reported that Idaho will be flown again in 2011 with full state coverage at one meter in true color. There is a partnership opportunity to purchase the 4th band, the color infrared band (CIR), and the deliverables in a single package for \$140,911. The partnership will provide access to the color infrared band and all the deliverables including the compressed county mosaics (CCMs) and quarter quads (QQs). Without the partnership, other arrangements will have to be made to acquire and distribute the data within the state. The true color CCMs may become available for downloading through the NRCS Spatial Data Gateway or another image/web service provided by the USDA.

The next imagery TWG meeting will be September 1 at the Idaho Water Center from 10:00 – 12:00. For further information: <http://gis.idaho.gov/portal/framework/imagery2011a.htm> or contact Margie at Margie.wilkins@idwr.idaho.gov.

In the discussion that followed, Scott Van Hoff advised that the USGS receives the NAIP true color tiles (for which there is no cost) and he can distribute these. USGS is committed to continuing to fund NAIP and that means they have access to all the Idaho (and neighboring states) data. Scott received the 2009 deliverables directly from the vendor through an internal QAQC and that is what he delivered to federal partners, he did not get any data from the consortium.

Gail Ewart advised that the Department of Administration is working on the financial arrangements in order to make the NAIP renewal process smoother and quicker.

LAND USE / LAND COVER (LULC) WORKING GROUP STARTUP

Wilma reported that the working group had so far held two meetings and discussed the following:

- Breaking down the LULC Framework into elements, i.e. land cover, land use (actual, permitted, planned), and land tenure. First priorities will be land cover and land tenure.
- Existing datasets to see if they could become a TIM layer, or form the starting point of a TIM layer. A survey will be sent out to determine which land cover datasets people are using, how they are using them and what the minimum requirements are. The group has started looking at the BLM's Surface Management Dataset as a starting point for land tenure.
- Vertical integration and identifying a strong relationship with, for example, the parcels framework element. Consideration is being given to developing a "Super" TWG. A discussion of the "Super Twg" concept will be included in GIS Week (October 18-22).

GOVERNMENT UNITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP STARTUP

Joe Johns of Kootenai County reported that the working group had held one meeting so far and current work involves:

- Reviewing and becoming familiar with completed or proposed work from the FGDC (Federal Geographic Data Committee), Oregon, Montana.
- Assessing the results of a survey in which people have been asked to identify their top ten types of government boundaries that they work with or have to function within. To date there have been 46 responses to the survey.

- Looking at the vertical integration aspect of government boundary elements – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

LOCAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Anne Kawalec provided copies of the draft of the Idaho Parcel Framework Standard. This is on the Framework website for comments, which can be sent directly to Anne and will be discussed at the next meeting (September 9). Gail Ewart noted that this would be taken to the Assessors' Conference the following week.

Donna Pitzer reported that the Cadastral Reference TWG is working on a stewardship plan for the cadastral reference layer which is the PLSS (Public Land Survey System). They are moving ahead with the stewardship plan rather than a data exchange standard because the standard will be set by the layer itself. They are working on a GCDB-based layer and whatever layer is chosen to be the TIM layer will dictate what the standards are. BLM has contracted with a company to assemble GCDB-based statewide PLSS for nine western states; this is the layer that BLM wants to provide to the GIS community specifically for parcel mapping.

Nick Nydegger mentioned a current and innovative project involving stereo radar acquisition for elevation models and suggested an online search for more details.

Scott Van Hoff responded to a query regarding USGS funding: the funding priority for FY11 is elevation. The USGS is in the beginning stages of establishing a National Elevation Project and there is an emphasis on improving NEP to a higher resolution. They will be partnering with FEMA and other federal agencies to coordinate the collection of LiDAR data. The CAP grant is funded through the FGDC, with the exception of Category 7 which is a USGS-funded effort. Scott was not aware of any changes.

Frank Roberts reported that, he had recently presented a one-day class for county assessors/appraisers at the Tax Commission and he thanked Joe Johns and Anne Kawalec for helping to assemble the information on data-sharing methods. Contact Frank for the presentation slides and handouts.

Donna Phillips advised everyone about a grant from the Idaho State Historical Records Advisory Board, this might be useful for the smaller jurisdictions who are trying to get their historical data archived and yet tie it back into their GIS layers. Further information will be distributed.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM; the next meeting of the IGC-EC is scheduled for October 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO