

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

Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2011

(Approved June 16, 2011)

The April 21, 2011 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:

Liza Fox, Chair, SUPERVALU
Charlla Adams, Boise State University
Dave Christianson, Kootenai County (phone)
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho (phone)
Gail Ewart, Idaho Geospatial Office
Danielle Favreau, Dept. of Water Resources
Diane Holloran, HDR Engineers
Jerry Korol, Natural Resources Cons. Services (phone)
Brian Liberty, Idaho Power
Donna Phillips, City of Haden (phone)
Donna Pitzer, Bureau of Reclamation (phone)
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (phone)
Loudon Stanford, Idaho Geological Survey
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center

Others Present:

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO
Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho (phone)
Berne Jackson, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (phone)
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor
James Twoteeth, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (phone)

WELCOME

Liza Fox welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – February 17, 2011

MOTION: Danielle Favreau moved and Gail Ewart seconded a motion to approve the February 17, 2011 minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – March 30, 2011

MOTION: Loudon Stanford moved and Keith Weber seconded a motion to approve the March 30, 2011 minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Gail Ewart noted that four people had been nominated for the position of Chair but three of those had declined to stand.

RECOGNITION OF NICK NYDEGGER

Nick Nydegger was unable to attend.

REVISION OF BYLAWS

A question had been raised at the March 30, 2011 meeting about the process for handling the resignation of the IGC-EC Chair and appointing a successor, this process is not addressed in the current IGC-EC bylaws. Gail Ewart raised another issue that was not addressed, that of ex-officio members. An ad-hoc committee, led by Donna Phillips, will be formed to consider revising the bylaws accordingly. A question was raised about whether ad-hoc committees should comprise IGC-EC members only, it was suggested that participation should be extended to the Idaho Geospatial Council at large.

IT GOVERNANCE PLANNING - UPDATE

Gail Ewart reported that a two-day strategy session had been held on April 7 and 8, the outcome will be presented to ITRMC on April 27. One of the recommendations is for the proposed IT governing body (currently ITRMC) to include the Chair of the IGC-EC. This would require a change in statute so would take some time to implement. The powerpoint presentation from April 18 (report to the wider IT Manager community) will be distributed to the IGC-EC members.

FRAMEWORK LEADERSHIP UPDATES

There have been some changes to the chairing of TWGs: the Energy and Resources TWG is now chaired by Dan Jenson (INL) and the Transportation TWG is being chaired by Dan Spinoso (Bonner County).

TWG REPORTS

PARCELS: Anne Kawalec reminded the committee that the Parcel Framework Standard presented at the last meeting, had been approved for presenting to ITRMC on April 27. The TWG is working on the stewardship plan – the data will reside the IGO but the State Tax Commission will be the framework steward. Jeff Servatius is working on a pilot project which will contribute to the stewardship plan. Ada and Canyon Counties are participating in the pilot, other smaller counties will be recruited. The pilot project will be presented to the County Assessors in August.

ELEVATION: Danielle Favreau advised that the LiDAR specifications are available (<http://gis.idaho.gov/portal/pdf/Standards/Themes/ElevationStdDraft.pdf>). Gail Ewart reported that USGS is rolling out a comprehensive elevation assessment study with an associated survey.

GEODETIC CONTROL: Keith Weber reported that the Business Plan element of the CAP grant project has been awarded to Croswell-Schulte IT Consultants, they will look at the multi-state control point database as well as a GNSS real-time network. There are some new high accuracy base stations going up, one in Meridian (ISU). Work is continuing towards a test pilot of the densified cores area in Eastern Idaho. For interest, Keith mentioned the GeoHX receiver from Trimble which is GLONASS and VRS compatible.

CADASTRAL REFERENCE: Donna Pitzer reported that the second element of the CAP grant project was expanding the current Montana Control Point Database to include information from Idaho. A statement of work is being developed Rj Zimmer and Stu Kirkpatrick (both of Montana). The contractor best suited for this project is GCS Research in Montana, this is the company that assembled the Montana Control Point Database, they should be awarded the contract in the next couple of weeks.

Other Cadastral work includes a pilot project with BLM, concerning how to update and enhance accuracy for the GCDB for the state of Idaho. Idaho has volunteered to be a Beta test site for the BLM which is obtaining new tools to carry out updates. Part of this project includes how to combine information from federal and private land, incorporate information from counties that have created their own PLSS fabric, and determine stewardship boundaries.

STRUCTURES: Gail Ewart reported that the Bureau of Homeland Security was no longer able to take on the framework stewardship. The IGO team has a preliminary draft of the structures framework that can be found on the GIS website at <http://gis.idaho.gov/adm/structures/>. Note: the metadata compilation is still being worked on. The structures framework will still be visible through Inside Idaho but will be hosted on the IGO server.

NW USERS CONFERENCE PLANNING OF GEOSPATIAL FORUM

Gail has been working with the organizers Linda Davis and Bart Butterfield and they are considering how to blend the Geospatial Forum and GIS Week activities into the conference. Thursday October 20 is the date for the Idaho Geospatial Forum track. A basic framework for the day is ready for populating with relevant material. The IGC is required to hold two meetings a year and this conference would be an ideal opportunity.

The Road Centerlines and Land Use/Land Cover standards might be ready in time for presenting. There is an opportunity for TWG meetings or collaborative input as required for grants. Ideas for content are encouraged. Slots were requested for a Geodetic Control TWG/Project meeting and the Parcels Pilot.

OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Roberts noted his intention to resign from the IGC-EC, a recommendation will be put forward regarding his replacement.

Danielle raised a concern regarding an FCC ruling with a mobile broadband company allowing them to broadcast on the L1 band, and questioned whether the IGC-EC might want to communicate opposition to this or similar issues. Gail Ewart noted that NSGIC is aware of this matter and it is understood that mitigation will be carried out. However, in such situations a response or position would be drafted for the committee's approval and possibly other interested parties. The committee agreed that there was some merit in pursuing this particular issue.

Keith Weber reported that the East Idaho RRC had met the previous day and bylaws were approved. A Steering Committee is now in place, chaired by Craig Rindlisbacher, secretary and co-chair is Dawn Latham. Eric Smith will develop a prototype of the RRC website which will be shared with the IGC-EC and other RRCs for feedback. It was reported that the North Idaho RRC will comprise all 10 northern counties.

Gail Ewart provided an update on the NSGIC conference (last week of September). The first call for content has gone out. Tony Morris will present on the Evapotranspiration Methodology, Gail is arranging for Senator Risch to speak on the policy piece and the use of Community Analyst to make water project decisions using Idaho data, this might be followed by Tim Petty who is doing the analysis. More ideas are sought from everybody.

Gail also mentioned a new iPhone app called "Geology ID". It was noted that the data being used for the app is not adequate for the detail required. Loudon Stanford will develop a recommendation for the Committee to consider.

Jerry Korol told the Committee that Keith Metzger from Intermap has said they have a full, seamless, bare earth digital terrain model at 1 meter, based on IFSAR data not LiDAR.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM; the next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO