

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

Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2011

(Approved October 20, 2011)

The August 18, 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
Dave Christianson, Kootenai County (phone)
Danielle Favreau, Dept. of Water Resources
Diane Holloran, HDR Engineers
Jerry Korol, Natural Resources Cons. Services
Donna Pitzer, Bureau of Reclamation
Loudon Stanford, Idaho Geological Survey (phone)
Scott Van Hoff, US Geological Survey
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center
Alternate Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho (phone)

Others Present:

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO
Linda Davis, Dept. of Water Resources
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Paul Reyes, Idaho Geospatial Office

WELCOME

Liza Fox welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Bill Farnsworth moved and Diane Holloran seconded a motion to approve the June 16, 2011 minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

STATUS OF BYLAWS REVISION

Bill Farnsworth is reviewing the bylaws to ensure they do not supersede ITRMC authority; an updated draft will be shared for review and comment ahead of the next meeting.

NSGIC CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 26-29

Bill Farnsworth is working with the national NSGIC committee, preparations are going well and the final agenda should be available in about two weeks. Senator Hill will be the opening speaker, Bill asked for talking points that could be suggested to the Senator. Everyone was encouraged to forward “Idaho content” suggestions for the conference to Bill.

Registration information will be shared through the listserves. The conference is open to everyone, member and non-member costs are the same. As this is a national conference with a number of visitors coming to Boise, it was suggested that Mayor Bieter be invited to make a welcoming speech.

NORTH WEST GIS USERS CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 17-21

Linda Davis (Dept. of Water Resources) shared highlights of the forthcoming conference, more information is available at <http://nwgis.org/program>. It was decided during initial discussions about the conference that it would be worthwhile holding the Idaho Geospatial Forum at the same time (The IGC is required to hold two meetings per year, this will be the first for 2011). A room has been set aside (at no

cost to the IGC) for the Forum on October 20 and a preliminary schedule has been developed. There is no cost for people attending only the Forum, though it is hoped people will register for the full conference.

Bill Farnsworth agreed to be the primary contact for the Idaho Geospatial Forum and will send out a call for presentations. It was suggested that “SuperTWG” or cross-framework meetings be held, as these were very successful last year. Coincidentally the next IGC-EC meeting is scheduled for the same day as the Idaho Geospatial Forum; it will be included in the program towards the end of the day.

SENATOR HILL DISCUSSION

Liza Fox reported that a meeting had been held about a month previously, initiated by Senator Hill and arranged by the Governor’s Office. The purpose was to discuss possible duplication of effort among agencies with regard to parcel mapping. It had been suggested to the Senator that there was not enough sharing of information for emergency services between counties as well as at state and federal levels.

The meeting had been attended by Senator Hill, Roger Brown (Governor’s Office); Linda Davis (Dept. of Water Resources); Jeff Servatius and two Commissioners (State Tax Commission); Teresa Luna, Greg Zickau and Bill Farnsworth (Office of the CIO); Craig Rindlisbacher (City of Rexburg and Madison County) and the Dept. of Lands was also represented.

This had been a high-level meeting, an opportunity to gather information. Senator Hill is actively engaged in this matter and it will form part of his agenda at the next legislative session. A request was made that the GIS community be allowed to present at some of the Senate Affairs Committee meetings – preparations for which will need to start this fall.

The meeting also included a discussion (ongoing) regarding the appropriate placement of the GIO position – currently within the Office of the CIO, which is part of the Department of Administration. Liza encouraged committee members to consider these matters and share their perspectives.

STATE AGENCY GIS MEETING: AUGUST 31

Bill Farnsworth has arranged a meeting to promote greater participation across state agencies. The discussion will include the positive and negative implications of an enterprise-wide ESRI license. Bill will report back at the next IGC-EC meeting.

FEDERAL PARTICIPATION ON STATE COMMITTEES

Scott Van Hoff reported that the U.S. Dept. of the Interior (DOI) Ethics Office is reviewing the rules around the participation of federal employees on state committees. There is a potential question of ethics regarding federal employees being able to vote, particularly in relation to financial and contracting decisions. It is possible that new rules will come into effect in October; Scott advised that he might be required to become a non-voting member of the IGC-E C. This could also impact Donna Pitzer (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation). This will be discussed further once the DOI Ethics Office has made a final determination.

DRAFT LAND COVER STANDARD

Keith Weber presented a final draft of the Idaho Land Cover Dataset Standard.

MOTION: Donna Pitzer moved and Jerry Korol seconded a motion to approve the Idaho Land Cover Standard and forward it to ITMC; the motion passed with all in favor and one abstaining.

It was noted that ITRMC had recently delegated the approving of IT Standards and Guidelines to the ITLC (IT Leadership Council), and that the responsibility for approving GIS Standards and Guidelines could similarly be delegated to the IGC-EC. This will be raised at the next ITRMC meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

GIO POSITION: Bill Farnsworth advised that the position would probably be advertised and filled around the beginning of November.

CAP GRANT UPDATE: Keith Weber reported that a service contract had been awarded to GCS Research in Missoula (Montana) to work on the multi-state control point database and web interface upgrades. Pete Crosswell of Crosswell-Schulte IT Consulting has drafted a business plan for a geodetic reference center, this will ultimately be shared via the geotech listserv for wider input.

LANDSAT THERMAL IMAGERY: Linda Davis reported that the Dept. of Water Resources is concerned about the future of landsat thermal imagery. There is a lack of funding at present and Linda agreed with Liza's suggestion that a letter be drafted to the Idaho congressional delegation in support of landsat.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM; the next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Brevick".

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO