Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

(Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority [ITA])
Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2016
(Approved June 14, 2016)

The March 17, 2016 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee was held at 9:30 a.m. in the East Conference Room, Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:
Pam Bond, Dept. of Fish & Game (Chair)
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Brian Liberty, Idaho Power
Wilma Robertson, Dept. of Water Resources
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Tom Carlson, USGS (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)
Jared Stein, Bannock County Assessor (phone)
Frank Roberts, Innovate! Inc. (phone)

Members Absent:
Rick Campbell, US Census Bureau
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics
Brynn Lacabanne, ITD

Others Present:
Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO
Bob Smith, Office of the CIO
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
Matthew Syphus, LHTAC (phone)
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County (phone)

WELCOME

Ms. Bond, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions were made.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Meeting and the February 4, 2016 Special Meeting as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA REPORT

Mr. Farnsworth reported on the ITA meeting which was held on February 23, 2016. Revisions to ITA Policy P1080 (Cloud Computing) and several ITA policies related to cybersecurity were approved, along with the 2016 State IT Strategic Plan. Updates were presented on the Telecommunications Contract, the Access Idaho project, and the impact on state agencies of the move of Microsoft to a subscription-based model for Office 365. There was notification of the upcoming 2016 Center for Digital Government Survey.

Ms. Bond asked if there was anything IGC-EC could do to raise awareness in the GIS community of the opportunities to participate in some of these surveys and awards programs.
Mr. Farnsworth responded that information has been sent out to Public Information Officers at state agencies, and he confirmed that he would forward information out to the geotech listserv. He noted that participation in some of these opportunities is limited to state agencies.

AUTHORITATIVE DATASET STRATEGIC MEETING

Ms. Bond reported on recent meetings between herself, Mr. Farnsworth and Greg Zickau, Office of the CIO, to discuss creating a GIS-related goal for strategic planning purposes. She explained that, based on data from the recent survey done by Mr. Weber which assessed Idaho's Spatial Data Infrastructure and Strategic Plan, they are ranking the authoritative datasets. Ms. Bond and Mr. Farnsworth discussed their goal, and some of the challenges, of coming up with a single list of the authoritative datasets.

Mr. Hill asked if the next survey could include a question about using ArcGIS Online. He added that he had not been aware of how much his data was being used and was curious about who is consuming these services.
Mr. Farnsworth responded that there are many casual GIS users across the state now, in addition to those who are in positions classified as "GIS" in the state, and that there is a need for guidance and education for the consumers of this data.

Ms. Bond suggested that the next step was to solicit datasets and work with the TWGs to help them get their datasets nominated. It was noted that datasets don't have to be perfect or complete to be nominated. Also discussed were the possibility of branding, how advertising and education might be done, and the need to consider how this data would be catalogued and whether INSIDE Idaho or ArcGIS would be used. Mr. Farnsworth emphasized that any solution should include INSIDE Idaho.

STATE GIS STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE
Ms. Bond discussed the work being done to update the state GIS strategic plan. The review committee has created a first draft, and the focus will be on obtainable goals over the next three to five years. The document will tie in with the 2016 state IT strategic plan.

METADATA STANDARD AND GUIDELINE REVIEW
Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Roberts reported on their review of the current metadata standard and guideline (Enterprise ITA Standard S4220 [Geospatial Metadata] and Enterprise ITA Guideline G320 [Geographic Metadata]). Their request for comments and feedback yielded only a single response, so they are extending the comments period. Mr. Godfrey noted that the metadata landscape has changed since these documents were drafted in 2005 and gave a brief overview of the updates they have made to the Standard. They recommend a yearly review cycle of the standard.

Mr. Godfrey explained that as ISO continues to evolve it could become difficult to maintain the guideline, and due to the proliferation of metadata catalogs and other better, available resources, they recommend that the guideline be rescinded.

They plan to ask for a vote to approve the revised standard and rescind the guideline at the next meeting, which has been scheduled for June 14, 2016.

TWG UPDATES
HYDROGRAPHY – Ms. Robertson reported on the Hydrography TWG meeting which was held on March 10, 2016. She gave on overview of some of the items discussed at the meeting, including the IDWR update to the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), a presentation by DEQ on wastewater mapping efforts in the Treasure Valley and the Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD).

In response to a question from Mr. Liberty, Ms. Robertson responded that the NHD contains some lines showing underground features but that this data may be incomplete, and usually is provided as a straight line where the water goes underground and where it surfaces.

Mr. Hill reported that the Upper Snake LiDAR project is complete and available, and that Mr. Weber would be serving it up as a service shortly.

OTHER BUSINESS
2016 IGC-EC ELECTION – Ms. Bond discussed the election results. Of the six seats up for election, four members were re-elected, and two new members were elected. The new members are Stephen Cox of the Department of Agriculture, and Dawn Dionne of TerraMapping LLC. The new terms will begin on April 1, 2016 and end on March 31, 2018.

2016 SPRING IGC BI-ANNUAL MEETING – Ms. Bond briefly discussed the upcoming spring bi-annual IGC meeting, which has been scheduled for June 14, 2016. Requests for additional agenda items can be forwarded to her or Ms. Seaman. Items which have been confirmed for the agenda include:

- GIO Update
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Open source GIS
- TWG Updates
- Updates on GIS accomplishments from around the state will be solicited

Ms. Robertson requested that during the TWG updates there be a discussion of the process for nominating authoritative datasets.

EDS WORKSHOP: Mr. Hill reported on the upcoming EDS workshop on tools for adding a local government data model. The workshop will follow the Geodatabase workshop in Pocatello at ISU. Mr. Farnsworth agreed to help arrange meeting space if EDS planned to present a workshop in the Boise area.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING
The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am (Mountain). The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2016 in the East Conference Room, Joe R. Williams (JRW) Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Seaman

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