

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2017

(Approved March 16, 2017)

The January 19, 2016 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee (IGC-EC) was held at 9:30 am (Mountain) at the Dept. of Fish & Game, Washington Group Plaza, 720 E. Park Blvd., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Pam Bond, Dept. of Fish & Game (Chair)
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Jerry Korol, NRCS (phone)
Jared Stein, Bannock County Assessor (phone)
Wilma Robertson, Dept. of Water Resources
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Brian Liberty, Idaho Power (phone)
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Chase Fly, Frontier Precision, Inc. (phone)

Members Absent:

Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe
Bruce Godfrey, U of I
Tom Carlson, USGS
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
Rick Campbell, US Census Bureau

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO (phone)
Paula Dillon, Dept. of Water Resources
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Angela Vanderpas, City of Lewiston (phone)

WELCOME

Ms. Bond, chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:35 am (Mountain).

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the ITA meeting which was held on December 6, 2016. The ITA members heard reports on the state strategic planning session, which had been held in November, and the recent implementation of statewide Cyber Liability insurance; and approved two new ITA Policies (P4502 – Privilege Access Management, and P4150 – Privacy), and the state GIS strategic plan. Minutes from the ITA meetings can be viewed at: <https://ita.idaho.gov/council.html#meetings>.

There was a brief discussion about how the recently signed Cybersecurity Executive Order might impact GIS, and the need to educate users of ArcGIS Online about public versus private data. Mr. Farnsworth agreed to provide updates on the status of taskings associated with the EO.

STATE GIS STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVAL AND HOW TO PROCEED

Ms. Bond asked the members to begin thinking about possible ways to work on achieving the goals and objectives as defined in the plan, now that it's been approved by the ITA. She stated that she would like to track the status of specific goals and objectives in order to maintain momentum.

A discussion followed about the status of several of the goals, and the need to address GIS server security, which relates to several of the goals in the strategic plan. Ms. Bond discussed the possibility of hosting a roundtable related to this, on a date yet to be determined, which would include a policymaker as well someone who implements policy. Mr. Farnsworth volunteered to help coordinate this.

IDAHO ESRI GEONET GROUP

Ms. Bond discussed the possibility of creating an Idaho-specific Esri GeoNet group. GeoNet is a forum where members can post questions and seek responses from within the community. It was agreed that additional information on this would be forwarded to the geotech and IGC listservs in order to gauge the level of interest in such a forum.

OTHER BUSINESS

2017 IGC-EC ELECTIONS – Ms. Bond reviewed the timeline for this year’s IGC-EC election cycle, noting that there are six seats up for election this year. Several members announced their intention to run again, and it was agreed that a call for nominations would be posted to the geotech and IGC listservs. Candidates must be members of the IGC listserv in order to run, and must be a member of the stakeholder group they would represent.

PLANNING FOR 2017 IGC SPRING MEETING – Ms. Bond reported that this meeting will be held during the Intermountain GIS Conference in West Yellowstone. This will be a 2-hour meeting, and is being planned for Thursday, April 20, 2017. She asked the members to think about possible items for the agenda, in addition to TWG updates and GIS accomplishments from around the state.

SDI WORKSHOP – Ms. Bond, Mr. Farnsworth, Ms. Phillips and Mr. Weber are working on the agenda for the SDI Workshop, which will be held during the Intermountain GIS Conference in West Yellowstone on Friday, April 21, 2017. Additional information will be forthcoming.

STATEWIDE ESRI CONTRACT – Mr. Farnsworth announced that the state Esri contract is in place until 2018, although the price updates, which include new products, are not yet on the contract. The Division of Purchasing (DOP) is working on an Esri sole source option for agencies, which would allow agencies to purchase other GIS applications. This would result in a sole source option for Esri products and an additional option for “other GIS” products. DOP is currently reviewing this plan.

Discussion followed regarding Enterprise License Agreements (ELAs). Mr. Farnsworth explained that the state does not currently have any ELAs, since they might increase the costs to small agencies, but noted that they might decrease the costs to a large agency. He added that one agency was considering doing an ELA, which would open the door for other agencies to do so.

PARCEL PROJECT – Mr. Farnsworth reported on the status of the parcel project, noting that he is now focused on speaking to the county commissioners, who’s support should help move the project forward. Mr. Farnsworth will be speaking at a land use subcommittee meeting on February 8, and Mr. Stein suggested that he also request time on the agenda for the annual summer conference for county commissioners and clerks. It was noted that Esri will allow non-state users access to ArcGIS Online licenses so long as they are working on state GIS projects.

Discussion followed regarding some of the difficulties with implementing this project, including the difficulty of converting county data. The possibility of simplifying the standard was discussed in order to improve that process.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO