

# Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

*Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)*

**Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2019**

(Approved November 13, 2019)

The September 19, 2019 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee (IGC-EC) was held at 9:30 am (Mountain) in the East Conference Room, Joe R. Williams (JRW) Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Members/Alternate(s) Present:**

Wilma Robertson, Dept. of Water Resources (*CHAIR*)  
Craig Campbell, Digline, Inc.  
Sydney Lewis, Transportation Department  
Pam Bond, City of Boise  
Shane Lim, Suez Water  
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County  
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)  
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)  
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)  
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)  
Betty Conces, Kootenai County (phone)

### **Members Absent:**

Tom Carlson, USGS  
Jerry Korol, NRCS  
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics  
John Koudelka, INL representative

### **Others Present:**

Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services  
Robert Smith, Governor's Office of IT Services  
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County (phone)  
Angie Schmidt, Dept. of Fish & Game  
Wendy Bates, Transportation Department  
Matthew Syphus, LHTAC (phone)  
Heather Studley, Bannock County (phone)  
Amber Knapp, Esri (phone)

## **WELCOME**

Chair Robertson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am (Mountain). Ms. Lewis, who was appointed to the committee at the July meeting to serve the remainder of the term for State Seat 1, shared an overview of her professional experience and background.

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION: Ms. Andersen moved and Ms. Bond seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 Meeting, as corrected; the motion passed unanimously.**

## **INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SEAT 6**

Chair Robertson reported that Donna Phillips has resigned from the committee, leaving the Local Government Seat 6 vacant. She announced the appointment of Betty Conces from Kootenai County for the remainder of the vacated term, which ends on March 31, 2020.

**MOTION: Mr. Weber moved and Ms. Ames seconded a motion to ratify the appointment of Betty Conces to Local Government Seat 6 for the remainder of the vacated term, which ends on March 31, 2020; the motion passed unanimously.**

## **ITA POLICY P5030 (FRAMEWORK STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT)**

Ms. Andersen gave an overview of the proposed edits to ITA Policy P5030, including updates to the flowchart depicting the process for drafting and approving framework standards, and several edits suggested during the July meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed to leave references to the Framework Leadership Team in the document, and to add this revised policy as an action item to the November meeting agenda.

**ITA GUIDELINE G360 (STATEWIDE GEOSPATIAL CLEARINGHOUSE (INSIDE IDAHO) PUBLISHER GUIDELINES AND PUBLISHERS SUPPLEMENT**

Ms. Bond gave an overview of the new draft proposed guidance and supplement for publishing to the Statewide Geospatial Clearinghouse (INSIDE Idaho). In addition to Ms. Bond, the working group also included Mr. Godfrey, and Ms. Green. The group is seeking feedback on these guidelines, and has also drafted a publishers' supplement, which provides information on best practices for those wanting their data to be searchable and downloadable and includes a checklist that can be printed for easy reference.

Several suggestions were discussed, and it was agreed to seek feedback from the IGC and the IGC-EC ahead of the next meeting and add this to the agenda for the November meeting.

**TWG UPDATES**

**ELEVATION TWG:** Mr. Weber reported that FEMA has approved collection of southern Idaho for Lidar QL2 data, with several counties opting to buy-up to QL1 data. Ms. Glenn added that a portion of the Upper Boise watershed that has been flown by FEMA is available now or will be shortly. Ms. Bond reported that there has been Lidar collected (QL1 in urban areas, and QL2 outside of urban areas) for parts of Ada and Canyon Counties through COMPASS. She was unsure whether any of this data would become publicly available but believed those interested may be able to purchase access through COMPASS.

Mr. Weber shared that several workshops have been held recently which were paid for by FEMA, and he anticipates that another round of these workshops will be held to support the Lidar collection. Mr. Weber also reported on FEMA's upcoming Regional Hazus training which relates to applying Lidar data for hazard assessment and floods.

Ms. Glenn announced she is taking a leave of absence from BSU. Josh Enterkine will take over the Lidar coordination with the Lidar Consortium, and will be the main point of contact.

**HYDROGRAPHY TWG:** Chair Robertson reported on the most recent meeting of the Hydrography TWG, which was held on September 12. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Ryan Thompson from USGS on the selective drainage toolbox to hydro-enforce culverts and other features in Lidar-derived DEMs. Also discussed at the TWG meeting were updates to VisFilter, changes to the Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) schema, the NHDPlus VAA website, and the NHD/WBD tool status.

Chair Robertson also shared an updated map provided by Jerry Korol of the areas of the 2019 NAIP which have been flown as of September 17, 2019.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**FALL IGC MEETING:** Chair Robertson discussed possible options for the Fall IGC meeting. She proposed holding the fall meeting in north Idaho. Following discussion, it was agreed that the fall meeting and the November IGC-EC meeting would be held concurrently with the GIS Day event on the afternoon of November 13<sup>th</sup> at the University of Idaho. Mr. Godfrey and Ms. Conces agreed to assist with coordinating the location and resources for these meetings.

**IDAHO GEOSPATIAL OFFICE UPDATE:** Mr. Smith gave an update on phase two of the Governor's IT modernization initiative. Additional details about the initiative can be found on the FAQs page on the ITS website. He explained that the only GIS positions being targeted for the initiative are those single person shops. GIS positions at the larger agencies are not currently being considered.

Mr. Smith also shared that the Dept. of Agriculture will be filling the GIS position vacated by Stephen Cox, and the position will be cross trained with Mr. Smith's position and eventually be moved to ITS.

DEPT. OF FISH & GAME: Ms. Schmidt announced that Cyndi Coulter has retired. They hope to have her position filled by November.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: Ms. Bates stated that ITD is currently recruiting for two vacancies. She added that they also have a three-year GIS integration and app deployment project starting.

SUEZ WATER: Mr. Lim reported that Suez Water has plans to move to ArcGIS Pro.

STATE GIO POSITION: Mr. Campbell and Chair Robertson reported that they recently met with Jeff Weak and Greg Zickau at ITS to discuss desired qualifications for the future part-time state GIO/data manager position.

NORTHERN ROCKIES URISA: Ms. Bond reported on her recent appointment as the member-at-large for the Northern Rockies URISA. She will be acting as the southwest Idaho liaison, and will be promoting the SIG as the local GIS organization and section of URISA. A brief discussion followed about how to request funding and resources from URISA for workshops or other meetings.

BANNOCK COUNTY: Ms. Andersen shared that Bannock County is hiring a new GIS analyst. She also announced that the East Idaho Geospatial group (EIG) recently elected Heather Studley as the president. Finally, the County is continuing its work preparing for the 2020 Census.

TRANSPORTATION TWG: Ms. Lewis discussed a revival of the Transportation TWG, noting that she would like to take the lead on the TWG.

BLAINE COUNTY: Ms. Green announced that they implemented ArcGIS Enterprise a few months ago. All core applications have been converted, although they are still working through some issues.

ISU GIS TRc CENTER: Mr. Weber is attending the upcoming NSGIC conference and is particularly interested in attending the sessions related to Elevation and Lidar.

ESRI: Ms. Knapp announced that the upgrade to the new ArcGIS License Manager is now available. The upgrade addresses several vulnerabilities, and she has added a link in the chat window with more information. She also encouraged everyone to check out the new ArcGIS Story Map and the ArcGIS Experience Builder. The new Story Map platform is a newer version of the ArcGIS Story Map, and Experience Builder is going to replace the web app builder.

#### **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am. The next meeting was scheduled for November 13, 2019.



Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services (ITS)