

Geographic Information Coordinating Council
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

August 11, 2014

2:00 to 3:00 PM

OITS

3700 Wake Forest Road

Conference Room 4

MINUTES

Chair Stan Duncan welcomed Bob Brinson, Dan Madding, Tim Johnson, and Jeff Brown, and on the phone Drew Pilant (for Bob Wayland), Kathryn Clifton, Ryan Draughn, and Bob Coats.

1. Minutes of the July 21st meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Quick Updates

a. Working Group for Census Geospatial Data

Bob Coats reported that the Working Group has not met recently, but work is ongoing. Bob, Tim, Stan, and Joe Sewash met with North Carolina Government Efficiency and Reform (NCGEAR) staff to discuss the vision of their process. NCGEAR is headed by Joe Coletti and supplemented by consultants. The team is looking for ways state government can be improved. Jeff Brown and other state GIS coordinators are assisting with maps, as well. NCGEAR is interested in geospatial issues. CGIA also met with NC Connect staff at Commerce last week to discuss concepts of centralized resources. Bob sees more stakeholders and more support for centralized data. He observed that the study of GIS capabilities getting underway will relate to the concepts of enterprise geospatial data coming from the Working Group for Census Geospatial Data. Stan added that the meeting with NCGEAR placed emphasis on parcels and addresses as key resources for the enterprise.

Also, Bob met with a delegation from the Census Bureau (on the topic of Census of Government) last week and touched on addressing with that group. There is work outside of the full Working Group. The next task is to look at what datasets the members of the Working Group are using (e.g., for addresses) and how they use data. This could be done by survey virtually. Stan noted that Joe Sewash and Luis Carasco have an Address NC plan and Bob is familiar with that. A primary question is how we maintain resources for a sustainable product.

b. Statewide Orthoimagery Program

Tim reported, for the Northern Piedmont and Mountains (2014), the first four counties delivered for quality control have been reviewed by the project team for a week and are ready to start review by county contacts. Four more counties are scheduled to be delivered today. The schedule provides for concurrent review of adjacent counties coming from different contractors to assure color balance between study areas.

For the Southern Piedmont and Mountains (2015), a Request for Qualifications will be issued next week. Contractors will be selected by November and under contract in December. The region includes areas of extreme relief as well as parts of Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall.

3. Legislative Items

Senate Bill 614 was ratified. This law mandates that “the State Construction Office shall maintain, and make available to the public, accurate maps of areas surrounding major military installations, including Military Training Routes and Military Operating Areas...” For the Council, the key action will be to publish data through NC OneMap for data sharing. This is an opportunity for NC OneMap to collaborate with the State Construction Office and the Governor’s Military Liaison. Dan added that the military areas described in the bill are quite expansive. Questions remain about a third dimension to the areas (training flight altitudes). Representatives of military bases in North Carolina are meeting to discuss priority military areas that may be a subset of what is described in the bill, but it is not clear if a subset will be published.

Senate Bill 744 (the budget bill) was ratified. Provisions include a report by the State Chief Information Officer on GIS capabilities and consolidation opportunities, and a report on the feasibility of selling GIS data. Stan understands that the public records law covers all data with a few exceptions that have to be specified. He observed that making GIS data available at no charge has been a boon for Henderson County for local commerce, including realty services, and for improving quality in county data. Some counties are charging fees for geographic data, meaning the issue is alive at the local level. Bob Brinson pointed out that a report could include an analysis of fees for value added to geographic data.

Regarding the consolidation study, Stan observed that this is related to the report on GIS applications in state government completed last year. Chris Estes asked Kristen Culler to organize a working group to develop the reports. M&O committee members do not know the origin of the provisions. Dan noted a trend in legislative provisions to generate receipts in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Tim shared the 2008 GIS Study and Implementation Plan with Kristen as background for this effort and shared contact information for GIS coordinators in state departments. Reports are due December 1.

The budget bill transferred \$3.1 million from Department of Commerce disaster relief funds to the Department of Public Safety for a LiDAR Reserve to be applied to LiDAR topographic mapping.

There has been no action on Senate Bill 762 (aerial imagery, GPS, and agricultural operations).

4. Preparation for August 13 GICC Meeting

Presentations on the parcels project (including discussion) and NCDOT’s GO!NC project will mean a full agenda. Jeff confirmed that feedback on the action plan for the parcels project will be welcome. The meeting will be paperless. Tim will send out directions for connecting to the DPI wireless network. Metadata is targeted for the November Council meeting.

5. Report from Each of the Standing Committees

Kat reported that the Local Government Committee work plan has been sent to members. The committee will meet on August 20. The 2-pager for statewide parcels will be finalized soon. LGC membership renewal is in process, and the committee is seeking a new representative for the Working Group for Orthophotography Planning. Kat will send the metadata standard to LGC and its Advisory Team for review and comment.

Drew reported that the Federal Interagency Committee's work plan is complete. The executive committee under Chair Bob Wayland is working on a general meeting in the fall.

Dan Madding, Technical Advisory Committee, added a fourth element to its work plan: mobile applications for geospatial data. Dan requested help from the Local Government Committee for information about local mobile applications. Jeff will connect Dan and Kat. The TAC reviewed the metadata standard and submitted comments about the need for a reference section about metadata editing tools. Regarding a participant from OITS on the TAC, Sarah Porper recommended Tim Purcell. An alternate is Patrick Blalock.

Dan added information from a SGUC Executive Committee meeting (August 5). Sarah Porper has offered to discuss the opportunity to include GIS strategic elements in department IT Strategies, and SGUC Executives are interested in knowing more. The group discussed the budget bill provisions and is interested in enterprise geoprocessing services, especially related to address matching.

Ryan reported thanked David Giordano for distributing the draft metadata standard to stakeholders for feedback. The deadline is September 5. Comments are coming in already. Steve Averett has done a fine job managing the committee.

Tim added that the orthoimagery standard is in review, sent out by Tim last week, with comments due September 5 as well. There will Ryan will include information about the timetable and expectations in his committee report to the Council.

7. Other Items from the Group

NC GIS Conference website is nearly completion. A preview of the design today was very favorable.

8. Future Meeting Dates:

September 15

October 20

November 17

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.