

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Meeting Minutes: November 15, 2018

(Approved January 17, 2019)

The November 15, 2018 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)
Pam Bond, City of Boise
Bill Farnsworth, Governor's Office of IT Services
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
Craig Campbell, Digline, Inc.
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics (phone)
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County (phone)
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
John Koudelka, INL representative (phone)

Members Absent:

Bruce Godfrey, U of I
Tom Carlson, USGS
Candice Dodson, Idaho Power

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Governor's Office of IT Services
Angie Schmidt, Dept. of Fish & Game
Nancy Glenn, Boise State University (phone)
Cole Hibbard, City of Rexburg (phone)
Jennifer Stefanacci, Quantum Spatial, Inc. (phone)

WELCOME

Wilma Robertson, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:31 am (Mountain).

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Campbell seconded a motion to move the Elevation TWG update to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Ms. Glenn's schedule; the motion passed unanimously.

ELEVATION TWG UPDATE

Ms. Glenn gave an update on Lidar activities around the state. She is seeking input and comments to update the Idaho Statewide Lidar Plan in 2019 and correct any deficiencies. The update will reflect new acquisitions and priority areas. She also asked those with information on datasets they're involved with to contact her.

Ms. Glenn also discussed several FEMA planned/proposed Lidar acquisitions in Idaho for 2019. FEMA Headquarters has funding to collect in Idaho with FY18 money, so there will need to be some coordination. Acquisitions will be at Quality Level 2 (QL2), but it may be possible to upgrade to Quality Level 1 (QL1) through a partnership buy-up. The TWG recommends that Lidar data be collected at QL1. Ms. Glenn will send out a notice to the Geotech listserv, and she can assist with coordination of certain areas, but most areas will be handled by Cynthia McCoy through FEMA Region X.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Campbell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 Meeting, as corrected; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA GUIDELINES

ENTERPRISE GUIDELINE G350 (METHODOLOGY FOR RECOGNIZING A TIM FRAMEWORK DATASET) – Chair Robertson explained the proposed revisions to Guideline G350.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Cox seconded a motion to approve the revisions to Enterprise Guideline G350, as corrected; the motion passed unanimously.

ENTERPRISE GUIDELINE G105 (ITA GLOSSARY OF TERMS) – Chair Robertson gave an overview of the new Guideline G105, to which the ITLC has begun moving its policy definitions. The guideline is intended to serve as a single repository for definitions. Chair Robertson, Ms. Bond, and Mr. Farnsworth discussed the feasibility of moving the GIS policy, standard, and guideline definitions to this new guideline. Ms. Bond has done an initial review of GIS definitions listed in current policies, standards, and guidelines, and noted that there were some inconsistencies in the current definitions, as well as some broken hyperlinks.

Discussion followed, and it was agreed that a working group would be formed to reach consensus on definitions internally before forwarding information out to the wider group. Those volunteering to participate were Chair Robertson, Mr. Farnsworth, Mr. Campbell, and Ms. Bond. Chair Robertson anticipates that this can be completed in time for the January IGC-EC meeting, and that changes would be approved as part of a consent agenda. ITLC will be notified as a courtesy of approvals made by IGC-EC.

GIO UPDATES

GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT (GDA) – Mr. Farnsworth reported that the GDA has passed and been signed into law. It was supported by NSGIC, as well as many others in the GIS community.

NSGIC STATE LEADERS MEMBERSHIP – Mr. Farnsworth announced that the Office of IT Services can pay for up to five NSGIC memberships. Currently, he is the only state member for Idaho, in his capacity as GIO. Those with a membership can attend NSGIC conferences and will have access to the NSGIC member list and resources as well as the ability to serve on NSGIC committees. These additional memberships may be purchased anytime, and those who are interested may contact Mr. Farnsworth.

NAIP LICENSING UPDATE – Mr. Farnsworth stated that there are no updates at this time regarding the status of NAIP funding.

GIS COORDINATION AND THE ROLE OF THE GIO – Mr. Farnsworth discussed NSGIC and how it coordinates GIS and the GIOs nationally. He noted that the role of the GIO going forward will be important in Idaho.

PROPOSED BROADBAND SATELLITE/NETWORK INITIATIVE UPDATE – Mr. Farnsworth stated that there were no updates regarding the status on the broadband satellite/network proposed by Ligado Network.

TWG UPDATES

GEODETIC CONTROL – Mr. Weber reported that the TWG has approved a second draft recommendation of a Statewide Spatial Reference System, to be recommended to IGC-EC following additional discussions with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) to determine whether NGS recommends any additional changes. The recommendation is to use an Idaho oblique Mercator based on the 2022 datum. A letter of consensus must be provided to the NGS before December 2019.

Mr. Weber also discussed the Idaho State Plane Coordinate System (ISPCS) zones, noting that the survey community, as well as counties and local governments, most likely wouldn't use Idaho oblique Mercator, but rather the ISPCS. Those stakeholders need to know about this change.

Discussion followed regarding how to reach these stakeholders, and Chair Robertson stated that she has contacted the Tax Commission for information and is awaiting a response.

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF FREE AND OPEN LANDSAT IMAGERY DATA

Mr. Weber reported that the current free-and-open policy for Landsat data is currently under review by a Federal Advisory Committee. The Imagery TWG recommends sending a letter of support to encourage keeping this data free and open. The draft letter has been provided to the committee for approval.

Discussion followed, with several members stating that they were opposed to a letter of support. Reasons for the opposition were discussed. Concern was also expressed regarding the ability to access historical data under a pay model, and whether licensing would add restrictions to the ability to use and share the data openly.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Bond seconded a motion to approve the signing, on behalf of the Idaho geospatial community and the IGC-EC, a letter in support of continued open and free access to Landsat imagery data, as presented; the motion passed with a majority, with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Cox opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

GIS RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE UPDATE: Ms. Seaman has spoken with David Matte, Idaho State Historical Society, regarding the status of the GIS records retention schedule recommendations. Mr. Matte hopes to be able to present at the March IGC-EC meeting on this project.

GIS IN IDAHO: Mr. Farnsworth highlighted the support for GIS in Idaho, noting the support from ITS leadership and the broad use of GIS for IT and security-related projects, in addition to GIS projects.

TRAILS MAP: Mr. Korol shared that an article appeared in the Idaho Statesman that morning about the trails mapping system.

GIS DAYS: Ms. Bond shared that GIS Days is being celebrated in Boise at the Watershed Center this week.

DIOPTRA UPDATE: Mr. Ward announced that Dioptra has signed an agreement with ITD District 3 to add their historic Public Land Survey System (PLSS) control right-of-way monuments to the Multi-State Control Point Database (MCPD). He anticipates the first batch to be up and onto MCPD by mid-February 2019.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2019.



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