

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Subcommittee of the Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Draft Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2019

(Approved July 18, 2019)

The May 16, 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)
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Craig Campbell, Digline, Inc.
Bill Farnsworth, Governor’s Office of IT Services
Pam Bond, City of Boise
Shane Lim, Suez Water
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Bruce Godfrey, U of I (phone)
Cyndi Andersen, Bannock County (phone)
Kelly Green, Blaine County (phone)

Members Absent:

Tom Carlson, USGS
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden
John Koudelka, INL representative

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Governor’s Office of IT Services
Robert Smith, Governor’s Office of IT Services
Angie Schmidt, Dept. of Fish & Game
Danielle Favreau, Dept. of Water Resources (phone)
Heather Studley, Bannock County (phone)
Sadie Beal (phone)

WELCOME

Chair Robertson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am (Mountain).

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Korol seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Andersen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 Special Meeting, as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA GUIDELINE AND DEFINITIONS

ITA GUIDELINE G105 (ITA GLOSSARY OF TERMS) – Chair Robertson thanked Ms. Bond and Mr. Campbell, who helped review the definitions currently contained in the GIS-related ITA policies, standards, and guidelines (PSGs). If approved, definitions currently in PSGs will be moved to ITA Guideline G105 (Glossary of Terms) and be replaced with a link to G105.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Andersen seconded a motion to approve ITA Guideline G105, as corrected; the motion was approved.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Mr. Campbell seconded a motion to approve moving the individual definitions out of the GIS ITA Policies, Standards, and Guidelines, and inserting a link to ITA Guideline G105; the motion was approved.

ITA POLICY P5030 (FRAMEWORK STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT)

Chair Robertson explained that when the definitions in ITA Policy P5030 were being reviewed, it became apparent that this policy needed a more substantial review and revisions. After discussion, Ms. Andersen agreed to review the policy and recommend revisions for approval at a later meeting.

TWG UPDATES

GEODETIC CONTROL TWG: Mr. Weber reported on the Geodetic Control TWG, which typically meets bi-monthly. The TWG has begun meeting monthly because of the upcoming changes to the datum from the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). All are welcome to attend.

A focus of the TWG is the Multi States Control Point Database (MCPD), which is hosted and maintained at ISU's GIS Center, and they are now looking at the changes coming with the NATRF-2022 (North American Terrestrial Reference Frame). A letter of consensus will need to be submitted to NGS by March 2020 and the TWG is working on a recommendation to go out to the Idaho Geospatial Council for comments via the listserv in June, followed by their final recommendation for layer one to be presented to the IGC-EC at the July 18th meeting.

HYDROGRAPHY TWG: Ms. Favreau gave an update on the Hydrography TWG, which meets twice a year. Full minutes from their meetings can be viewed at: <http://idwr.idaho.gov/GIS/NHD/hydro-TWG.html>. Their next meeting is September 12. She noted that for those interested in using lidar to create hydrography, the presentations from their meeting are available in the minutes posted on their website and are a great resource. Anyone with questions may contact the presenters for more information.

Ms. Favreau also gave updates on the National Hydrography Database (NHD) and the Watershed Boundary Database (WBD). She explained that there are some model changes being done for the WBD, and she will email Geotech once those model changes have been put into effect. The USGS is requesting edits from local subject experts, so anyone wishing to suggest edits to either the NHD or the NHD+HR should contact Ms. Favreau.

OTHER BUSINESS

IGC SPRING MEETING: Chair Robertson shared that the IGC spring meeting was very well attended.

GIO POSITION: Chair Robertson noted that Mr. Farnsworth has announced his retirement. His last day is July 26th. She has requested a meeting with ITS leadership to discuss what type of assistance the IGC-EC might be able to provide in filling the state GIO position.

NATIONAL STATES GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL (NSGIC) MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Farnsworth has received authorization to purchase a state NSGIC membership, which will include up to five Idaho members. He gave an overview of NSGIC and invited those interested in having one of the memberships to contact him. ITS will cover the cost of the membership, but each member's agency will be responsible for paying any travel costs associated with conferences. The new GIO will be a member.

IT MODERNIZATION AND ITS: Mr. Farnsworth noted the major changes currently underway at ITS because of the IT modernization initiative. Anyone with questions may contact him.

DEPT. OF FISH & GAME: Ms. Schmidt reported that IDFG is bringing in a GIS intern for the summer.

SOUTHWEST IDAHO USERS GROUP (SWIG): Ms. Bond stated that the SWIG is no longer being supported. Instead, they are now working through the Ada County Special Interests Group (SIG), and invite all interested from the GIS community, including those outside the cities/counties, to get involved. Their next meeting is May 30th and all are invited to attend.

PRO: Mr. Lim reported that Suez Water is getting ready for Pro.

CITY OF BOISE: Ms. Bond shared that the City has just started hosting co-hort office hours for GIS staff to come in and get help with Pro or ArcGIS Online. It has been very successful.

BLAINE COUNTY: Ms. Green reported that Blaine County has just upgraded their database.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO: Mr. Godfrey announced that they are hosting a geo lunch today. Frank Roberts will be giving a presentation.

LIDAR WORKSHOP: Mr. Weber announced that they are having a lidar workshop next Tuesday, funded by FEMA and BSU. It filled up quickly, but there will be upcoming workshops as well.

2020 CENSUS: Ms. Andersen shared that Bannock County is working with the cities to start promoting the 2020 census. They have created several smaller subcommittees with a variety of focus areas.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. The next meeting was scheduled for July 18, 2019.



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