

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Committee
December 20, 2007, Meeting Minutes
(Approved February 28, 2008)

The December 20, 2007, meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) was held in the East Conference Room of the JRW Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Designate(s) Present:

Chris Clay, Idaho Department of Lands
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho / University of Idaho Library (*via phone*)
Gail Ewart, Office of the CIO
Nancy Glenn, Idaho State University
Sean Harwood, USDA Forest Service (*via phone*)
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Mike McDowell, Kootenai County (*via phone*)
Nick Nydegger, *Chair*, Idaho Military Division
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Jim Szpara, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Scott Van Hoff, U.S. Geological Survey

Designate(s) –

Janet Cheney, Bonneville County
(for Craig Rindlisbacher, Madison County/City of Rexburg)
Donna Pitzer, USDI Bureau of Reclamation
(for Cindy Lou McDonald, USDI Bureau of Land Management)

Others Present:

Linda Davis, Idaho Department of Water Resources
Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho / University of Idaho Library (*via phone*)
Joseph Johns, Kootenai County (*via phone*)
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor/Land Records

APPROVALS:

- October 18, 2007, IGC meeting minutes
(http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/20071018_IGC_minutes.pdf)

REPORTS, UPDATES, MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The committee was introduced to **Gail Ewart, Idaho's new Geospatial Information Officer.**
 - Gail Ewart discussed her experience in Oregon at the Geospatial Enterprise Office (GEO).
 - Gail Ewart discussed the creation of a new web site for the CIO Office.
 - Gail Ewart mentioned standards, framework dataset life cycles, outreach and education, governance and coordination.

- Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, presented information on a vision for the development of a **National Approach to Land Parcels** (refer to slides and handout: <http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/RobertsReport-Recommendations.pdf>, <http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/LandParcelReportBrief080607.pdf>).
 - This vision is the result of a National Research Council Committee sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Geographic Committee, the Bureau of Census, the Department of Homeland Security and Environmental Systems Research Institute.
 - The vision includes a federation of systems with state and local coordinators.
 - The vision follows a collaborative model supported by all parcel producers and users.

- Chairman Nick Nydegger, Idaho Military Division, presented information about the **50 States Initiative CAP grant proposal**, and other grant opportunities(refer to handout: http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/ServerTemplates_Grants.pdf).
 - - The 50 States Initiative CAP grant proposals was successfully submitted thanks to Gail Ewart.
 - Emphasized the lengthiness of the application process, and the need to get all of the application components in place as all federal grants use the same process. Future grant opportunities can be more successfully pursued if the required ground work is completed before hand. Information on the federal grant process can be found at <http://www.grants.gov>
 - Be aware of and looking for grants from other entities.
 - ESRI grants from the ArcGis Server Demonstration Project in 2007 totaled more than \$800,000 for software, hardware and training. More information on ESRI grants can be found at <http://www.esri.com/grants>

- Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello, provided an update on concerns about **electronic data access in the Pocatello vicinity**.
 - Century Dynamics and other companies are requesting data from counties and municipalities for application development and “resale of data.”
 - Ann Kawalec, Ada County, said that Ada County also sells data to Century Dynamics and other companies.
 - Janet Cheney, Bonneville County, is working to change their parcel data request forms to include a statement like “this data is not to be used in commercial development and not for re-distribution to other parties.”
 - Mike McDowell, Kootenai County, works with a local consortium where the data has been used to produce a search tool for title companies. This has proven to be a beneficial tool. The data they provide has been scrubbed for key problems related to safety and security.

- Gail Ewart provided update on **Idaho GIS Center activities**.

- Chairman Nick Nydegger, Idaho Military Division, reviewed **Statewide E-911 initiatives in other states** (refer to handouts: http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/VermontE911_ESRI-GovernmentMattersFall07.pdf,

<http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/MauiCountyHIPublicSafetyLogFall2007.pdf>,

<http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/NewMexicoE911.pdf>).

Presentation highlights:

- Vermont, Hawaii, and New Mexico have made strides in developing statewide geospatially enabled E-911 systems.
 - Funding mechanisms and statewide collaboration are illustrated in the handouts.
 - Nick Nydegger encouraged each member to take a few minutes and read each of the cases presented in the handouts.
 - These statewide initiatives save time, are cost effective and improve emergency response.
 - It was noted that the final goal of enhancing 911 systems is to adapt to the changing communication environment to provide emergency services quickly and confidently.
 - There was discussion around the following aspects of public safety improvements:
 - 50-75 percent of calls to 911 are from wireless phones, voice over ip, or other mobile not directly addressable method.
 - Statewide geospatial tools will help meet the increasing demands of public safety.
- Chairman Nick Nydegger, Idaho Military Division, provided a status update on **Idaho's Height Modernization** (refer to handout: <http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/HeightPlanComp.pdf>).
- **RAVAR – Wildland Fire Support** – Nydegger reviewed information received from Nathan Bentley, Ada County GIS Manager (<http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m071220/RAVARComposite.pdf>).
- RAVAR (Rapid Assessment of Values At Risk) is a fire management planning and response tool. RAVAR can help agency administrators, incident managers, and fire planners develop wildland fire suppression strategies by rapidly identifying and quantifying the significant resource values most likely to be threatened by an ongoing fire event.
 - The USFS will continue to pursue this technology.