

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Committee
February 28, 2008 Meeting Minutes
(Approved April 17, 2008)

The February 28, 2008, meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) was held in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at the Idaho Department of Agriculture, 2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Designate(s) Present:

Nick Nydegger, *Chair*, Idaho Military Division
Gail Ewart, Geographic Information Officer, Office of the CIO
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Jim Szpara, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Chris Clay, Idaho Department of Lands
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho, Univ. of Idaho Library (*via phone*)

***Designate(s)* –**

Michelle Porter, USDI Bureau of Reclamation
(*for Cindy Lou McDonald, USDI Bureau of Land Management*)
Joe Johns, Kootenai County (*via phone, for Mike McDowell*)

Others Present:

Linda Davis, Idaho Department of Water Resources
Wilma Robertson, Idaho Department of Water Resources
Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho, Univ. of Idaho Library (*via phone*)

APPROVALS:

➤ December 21, 2007, IGC meeting minutes
Approved with one correction. Joseph Dons:Others Present, last name is actually, Johns.
(http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/20071220_IGC_minutes.pdf)

REPORTS, UPDATES, MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Cooperative Assistance Program (CAP) Grant 50 States Initiative
- Gail Ewart discussed details and next steps regarding the successful 50 States Cap Grant Proposal. The project is fully funded.
 - Gail Ewart will attend the National State Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), CAP training on March 9, 2008; she would like one member of the IGC to attend.
 - A consultant will be hired to to do most of the work;
 - \$40,000 has been budgeted for the consultant.
 - Six regional strategic planning meetings will be facilitated by the consultant to obtain input from stakeholders.
 - IGC acting as is the steering committee.

- Nick Nydegger stated to expect movement on the project by the next IGC meeting. and that the communication plan must be adaptable.
 - Nick Nydegger reinforced the fact of maintaining constant and consistent communication between the members of the IGC.
 - There was a discussion on the need for special meetings, the IGC will try to communicate by email and/or phone to address issues related to this grant process first.
 - Chris Clay noted, during discussions, that the state network connectivity to northern Idaho was in need of evaluation as this connection was very poor and could impact future activities.
- Idaho Geospatial Office, Gail Ewart, presented information on the new name of her section; it is now called the Idaho Geospatial Office (IGO).
- Watch for new web pages for the IGO
 - ITRMC web site is being revamped <http://cio.idaho.gov/>
 - Watch the site <http://gis.idaho.gov>
- A follow-up discussion from the December 2007 meeting of the concerns about the release of electronic data from counties and cities to private entities and corporations for commercial application development.
- Gail Ewart discussed the **West Virginia legal ruling on release** of information she obtained from Bruce Godfrey.
 - Nick Nydegger discussed that in a lot of cases there is a process in place to remove sensitive information concerning individuals whose position or work functions could contain a reason for them to be targeted by others with malicious intent.
 - Dennis Hill, said legal actions will be required in Pocatello and vicinity for these entities to acquire the data.
 - We should stay apprised of this issue in the Pocatello area as these legal actions unfold.
- Gail Ewart asked if anyone was using the discussion forum concerning the issue of releasing private information.
- Gail Ewart discussed the possibility of using Wikis as a communication resource. It was decided we should take a look at this technology.
 - Nick Nydegger stated that there is a problem with getting on the discussion forum and that we either fix the problem or get rid of the discussion forum. Registration is a problem as the forum is kept closed. Potential users can be turned away due to the complexities of getting on board
 - Nick Nydegger said that we need to sit down and figure out a solution to the Discussion Forum and that they are a number of options available.
- Gail Ewart presented a video named navigatOR.
- <http://gis.oregon.gov/>.
 - This will help familiarize us with what our sister state Oregon is doing to promote and implement state-wide geospatial technologies.
 - Gail Ewart stated that this is a big concept and a large scale implementation but there was much we could adapt for Idaho. Gail mentioned that she was the principal contributor to the video.

- Gail Ewart explained that navigatOR is a comprehensive initiative for Oregon's spatial data infrastructure, from data development to access. navigatOR envisions having base data at your fingertips.
 - Nick Nydegger stated that navigatOR is a well defined comprehensive vision and a marketing item, for the development and deployment of enterprise geospatial technologies. This marketing information approach is something that is needed here.
 - Nick Nydegger stated that we will need committed funding to implement a program of this magnitude.
 - Gail Ewart stated that we need to find a combination of financial resources in order to receive funding for a navigatOR-like initiative.
 - Dennis Hill stated that we should look to fund an activity like this through the legislature.
- Proposed Framework for Idaho was presented by Gail Ewart
 - Gail Ewart detailed the proposed framework for Idaho. She stated she was the Framework coordinator in Oregon.
 - Gail Ewart stated that there were separate working groups that focused on each element of the Framework.
 - Gail Ewart stated that this is a Framework organizational plan and it will evolve.
 - Nick Nydegger encouraged everyone to think of what the federal government as well as the State of Idaho would consider framework and contribute their ideas to this Framework plan...
 - Frank Roberts. Coeur d'Alene Tribe provided an update on the Idaho Roads Pilot Project
 - Funding was received through a partnership grant from the USGS.
 - Ashley McFarland from the tribe has taken the lead on this project and has contacted every county in Idaho to see if they want to participate.
 - Ashley McFarland is working on getting all the legal paperwork data policies and MOUs in place to move forward.
 - USGS is harvesting the data.
 - This data can be accessed or downloaded from Inside Idaho at <http://www.insideidaho.org/geodata/frameworkPilot/transportation/>
 - Nick Nydegger stated these roads data sets are critical infrastructure for the state and we should be looking to Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security and the E911 areas for further funding to move this project forward.
 - Gail Ewart gave an update on the legislative activities.
 - Transfer of the Real Property Land Record System to IGO is moving along.
 - Gail Ewart appeared before the Senate State Affairs Committee Hearing
 - Department of Lands has provided good support for the the bill .
 - Senate Affairs Committee did move the bill along with one amendment to accommodate for ITD's volume of right-of-way.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.