

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Committee
June 15, 2006, Meeting Minutes
(Approved September 7, 2006)

The June 15, 2006, meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) was held from 10:05 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the East Conference Room of the Joe R. Williams Building, 700 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Designate(s) Present:

Chris Clay, Idaho Department of Lands
Linda Davis, Chair, Idaho Department of Water Resources
Sean Harwood, USDA Forest Service (*via phone*)
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Mike McDowell, Kootenai County (*via phone*)
Donna Pitzer, USDI Bureau of Reclamation
Craig Rindlisbacher, Madison County, City of Rexburg
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Designates – Betty Conces, Urban and Regional Information Systems Assoc.,
Northern Rockies Chapter (Kootenai County)
Rich Elwood, ITRMC Staff

Others Present:

Genna Ashley-Poulson, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources	Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho
Gail Eckwright, University of Idaho Library, INSIDE Idaho	Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor's Office
	Donna Phillips, City of Hayden
	Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County

APPROVAL(S):

- April 20, 2006, IGC meeting minutes (idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m060420.pdf)

NATIVE NAMES – COEUR D'ALENE CAP GRANT UPDATE

Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, presented an update on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) grant awarded to the tribe for its Native Names project (refer to slides: idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m060615/nativenames.pdf).

ROADS BETA PROJECT

Frank is also working on a Transportation pilot project. INSIDE Idaho, USGS, USFS and Northern Counties have been working with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe on this project. (refer to slides: idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m060615/roads.pdf).

- At the request of Chairman Linda Davis, Department of Water Resources, meeting attendee and IGC Transportation Technical Working Group (TWG) member Donna Phillips agreed to try to reconvene the TWG to address some of the issues discussed by the committee.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) UPDATES

Imagery TWG

- Per Linda, Idaho is waiting for some corrected National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) data from the 2004 flights. Per Imagery TWG notes, agricultural areas are to be flown in 2007 and 2008 and hopefully the entire state flown in 2009. Entire state coverage will require additional funds. Coordination will be needed for areas covered, resolution and type of imagery acquired.
- It was suggested that a consortium be developed, or a lead agency identified, to coordinate and consolidate areas for collecting light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data.
 - Collection and use of LiDAR was talked about at length.

Landuse/Landcover TWG

- Linda reported that national landcover data for 2001 was available for north, central, and eastern Idaho. Zone 16, a small part of southern Idaho, was also available. Data may be downloaded from <http://www.mrlc.gov/>.

Hydrography/Watershed TWG

- Per Linda, this group was working on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for stewardship with USGS for 1:24,000 scale hydrography.
 - For more information, contact Sandy Thiel, Department of Water Resources.
- Genna Ashley-Poulson, Department of Water Resources, later communicated the following:
 - As of the current month, the Watershed TWG had looked at and put together concept lines for every hydrologic unit code (HUC) in the state.
 - The next step was to bring all the watershed boundary line work to 24k compliance.
 - It is hoped that this work will be done by the end of 2006. The data will then be sent out for statewide review and comment.
 - Upon completion, the watershed boundary data would be sent to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA) for certification.
 - This watershed boundary delineation is part of a national effort.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

USGS Western Region Funding. According to an e-mail Linda received from IGC member Tracy Fuller:

- \$75,000 had been approved for Boise imagery, and would be written as a grant to the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS).
- A \$20,000 grant for the north Idaho roads partnership and tool development was approved.
- Another possible round of funding, including \$10,000 to \$20,000 for western U.S. projects, was being discussed. Possible funding may include
 - \$15,000 for National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) stewardship
 - \$15,000 for Idaho Geospatial Data Implementation Plan (I-Plan) replacement
 - \$20,000 for Boise River LiDAR
 - \$8,000 for LiDAR processing tool development
- USGS leadership was selecting projects to fund based on current high-level strategies.
- Members of multiple agencies in Idaho and Oregon were setting up the northwest community on the Geospatial One Stop portal (<http://gos2.geodata.gov/wps/portal/gos>).

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) UPDATES (continued)

Cadastral and Geodetic Control TWG

- Per Donna Pitzer, the TWG's most recent focus was on the potential creation of a state surveyor position.
 - Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB) was interested in releasing to the state, stewardship for GCDB in non-Native American and non-BLM lands (private lands).
 - No major conclusions had been reached.
 - An overview paper written by Bob Smith, Department of Lands and State GIS Service Center, would be revised for presentation to the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors Board in August.
 - The revised paper might also be presented to Idaho county assessors.

OTHER ADDITIONAL ITEMS

NAIP Flights

Sean Harwood, USDA Forest Service, advised there was a 2006 statewide NAIP flight in Utah.

The flight was:

- Paid for by the Utah State Legislature
- Open to participation by anyone with funding to do so

It was mentioned that 1-meter imagery was also being flown in Wyoming, Nevada, and Washington.

URISA Annual Conference Planning

Attendees were encouraged to participate in a June 16 planning meeting for the Intermountain GIS Conference 2007.

- The event, sponsored by URISA's Northern Rockies Chapter, would be held at the Tamarack Lodge.
- The American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) had expressed interest in participating.
- It would be useful to coordinate IGC issues with this URISA conference

Also, URISA was interested in helping with/promoting communication to local governments.

GIS Coordinator for Ada County

It was expected funding would be approved to hire a GIS coordinator for Ada County Information Technology (IT), to adopt a business plan for the county.

IGC Direction

Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County, was curious as to future action by the IGC.

- He expressed concern regarding lack of legislative funding for, as well as the perceived lack of state-level interest in, NAIP photography.
- More GIS education for elected officials and legislators was needed.
- He felt general state-level funding and direction concerning GIS was lacking in the State of Idaho.
 - Rich Elwood, Statewide IT Coordinator and ITRMC Staff, assured the group that the ITRMC Staff would try to educate the four legislative members of the ITRMC.

- Per Rich, the Idaho GIS Service Center (IGSC) could be utilized to raise the visibility of GIS in the state.

BUSINESS PLAN (CLEARINGHOUSE AND STATE SERVICE CENTER)

Rich continued.

- The MOU facilitating the creation of the IGSC called for:
 - 1) The drafting of legislation to transfer resources from the Department of Lands (IDL) to the Department of Administration (DoA).
 - The ITRMC Staff was working with IDL to finalize the legislation.
 - 2) Establishing and funding the IGSC
 - The ITRMC Staff was working on a business case to be presented in support of IGSC funding.
 - Rich had identified some funding in his budget for servers and storage.
- The state would undergo two gubernatorial transitions in the next seven-month period.
 - The ITRMC Staff was trying to lay the groundwork to gain the visibility and funding needed for the IGSC.
- Nathan Bentley, State GIS Coordinator and ITRMC Staff, had been working very heavily with the counties to generate interest.

Rich also mentioned that DoA had nominated the state geospatial data clearinghouse, the Interactive Numeric and Spatial Information Data Engine for Idaho (INSIDE Idaho), for recognition by the National Association of Chief Information Officers (NASCIO).

Discussion items:

- Business plan. Rich was unsure of the status of the completion of a combined business plan for INSIDE Idaho and the IGSC.
- Funding
 - A pro forma statement regarding DoA funding to be requested for the IGSC included that necessary to support Bob Smith and the tools he needed to do his job.
 - The University of Idaho (UI) had submitted Idaho Technology Incentive Grant Program (State Board of Education) requests for INSIDE Idaho.
 - It was unknown if the requests had been approved.
- Support. IGC support would be important as the process of organizing the IGSC moved forward.
- Deadlines
 - There was a pre-filing deadline for legislation.
 - There was an August deadline for submitting agency budget requests to the Division of Financial Management (Office of the Governor).
 - The DoA budget request would contain the IGSC component.
- Resolution of perceived competing interest: IGSC and INSIDE Idaho. Discussion included the following concerns:
 - Whether or not the IGC should formally support the INSIDE Idaho Business Plan, separate from that of the IGSC.
 - IGC's lack of formal support could possibly disadvantage the clearinghouse, and hinder UI's ability to move forward with the plan.
 - Per Rich, although there could be a joint business plan, there must be separate budget requests for the IGSC and INSIDE Idaho because of the state's funding mechanism.
 - He was uncertain whether both plans could be brought before the legislature at once.
 - It was suggested that, if the business plans were written separately, the responsibilities of each organization be outlined in both plans.

- Rich proposed a *strategic* plan, rather than a business plan, should identify the relationship between the two organizations. Further, either:
 - The INSIDE Idaho Strategic Plan endorsed by the IGC at its April 20, 2006, meeting should be modified to mention the IGSC, and establish procedural guidelines with respect to the relationship between the two valuable organizations (see idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m060420/inside_strategicplan.pdf); or (and preferably),
 - The IGC should draft its own strategic plan that established procedural guidelines with respect to the relationship between the two valuable organizations.
 - Timeline for completion/approval
 - Business plans versus strategic plans
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Rich advised he would follow up with Nathan regarding his progress in the drafting process, and have him contact Linda and, perhaps, Gail Eckwright (University of Idaho Library and INSIDE Idaho project Director) during the week of June 19.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, from 10 a.m. to noon in Conference Room 302 of the LBJ Building, Boise.

ADJOURN

Davis adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gales, ITRMC Assistant