

Executive Summary

Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC) March 2, 2006

Members

Mike Boyer, Department of Administration/ITSD; **Mike Birtles**, US Department of Interior/BLM; Ted Chase (designee for **Dan Bucks**, Department of Revenue); **Lance Clampitt**, USGS; **Dave Davis**, Department of Transportation/MARLS; **Jim Hill**, Montana State Library; **Ed Madej**, Tetra Tech; **Catherine Maynard**, USDA/NRCS; **Art Pembroke**, Lewis & Clark County; **Loren Peterson**, Tribal Government; **John Sesso**, Butte-Silver Bow Planning Dept; Rick Bush (designee for **Mary Sexton**, DNRC); **Steve Shannon**, Northwestern Energy; **Chris Smith** Fish, Wildlife and Park); **Michael Sweet**, U of M – Missoula representing MAGIP; **Robin Trenbeath**, Department of Environmental Quality; **Senator Joe Tropila**; **Ken Wall**, GeoData representing MAGIP; **Don Patterson**, USDA/USFS.

Guests

Lydia Bailey, Jens Bolstad, Gerry Daumiller, Randy Fusaro, Sibyl Govan, Nancy Henderson, Stu Kirkpatrick, Joel Kolman Robert LaMacchia, Kris Larson, Catherine Love, Bryant Ralston, Kally Semenza, Mark Tripp, Katy Wrona

Denotes motion(s)*

Welcome and Introductions – Mike Boyer

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Mike Boyer welcomed the Council and audience to the March MLIAC Meeting. Mike thanked the Census Bureau for attending the meeting.

Executive Summary Approval – December 2005 Meeting ****Action Item****

Don Patterson requested that he be added as a meeting attendee in the December Executive Summary. There was a motion to accept the minutes as amended, it was seconded and passed.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Report – Stu Kirkpatrick

CAP Grant Status

A stakeholder meeting with the Federal Government employees was held this quarter. Meetings with local government, private and tribal sectors have not been held but are being scheduled. After all the stakeholder meetings are concluded, the final scheduled meeting is a facilitated strategic planning session with Council.

NSGIC, in cooperation with FGCD has developed standardized templates for geospatial strategic and business planning. These templates will be evaluated for use in Montana.

Council discussed dates for a facilitated planning session. Council recommended that the Strategic Planning subcommittee evaluate alternatives and determine a date before the next meeting.

Address by Montana's New CIO – Dick Clark

New CIO, Dick Clark addressed the Council. He indicated that in his opinion, GIS and the Web are the 2 major vehicles for moving forward and providing knowledge to the citizens. The new State Strategic IT Plan has a GIS focus in it. That is important because it makes a statement to the agencies that GIS is an important part of where we are going in the future. There needs to be focus on how the State supports the IT infrastructure with funding - data security is another big issue. GIS has to be managed in a professional manner in order to add value to the state's business. There is an opportunity to move forward in the next 10 years but GIS needs to be marketed because it is not just for the GIS professionals but also for the citizens.

Mike Sweet asked Clark what he thought the role of this Council should be. Clark responded, saying that he believed the Council needs to have a unified marketing approach as well as some follow through and execution. The CIO's job is to be the champion.

Census Bureau Visit to Montana – Robert LaMacchia, Randy Fusaro, Katy Wrona

Lance Clampitt introduced Robert LaMacchia, Randy Fusaro and Katy Wrona from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Census Bureau Presentation

The Census Bureau reported on progress toward the 2010 Census, TIGER/MAF modernization, boundaries, the LUCA program and the new FIPS standard. They answered several questions pertaining to the above issues, as well as the relationship between states and the bureau. Fusaro noted that there is the opportunity to enter into a partnership agreement similar to that already presently in place with the USGS. Council directed staff to follow up on that procedure and report back in June.

Montana Land Information Act – Mike Boyer
Status of Administrative Rules

There has been progress on MLIA Administrative Rule and the Rule Subcommittee has come to a consensus on version 7. That version has been submitted to DOA legal staff for review and after any questions will be submitted to the Director of DOS for approval. The hearing and final approval may take up to 3 months. Jon Sesso asked what is precluding the effort to start in on the planning process right now. He felt that a good deal of planning had already been conducted and that should be able to be rolled into a draft plan very soon. There was general Council consensus that this was the case. Mike Boyer asked that the Council caucus within their general sectors and get back with him in two weeks regarding who the members of the Council's Land Information Plan Subcommittee would be.

Status of Land Information Account

The account currently has \$591,000. This reflects the 7 months because the collections in January are due February 28. There is about \$73,000 deposited per month. If everything comes in for the year there will be around \$960,000. There should be over a million dollars for the first granting period.

MAGIP Report – Catherine Maynard Council presence at the Intermountain GIS Conference

The GIS Conference will be held April 3-7 at the Great Northern. All council members were encouraged to attend. Council members should look at the agenda within the next week and contact Catherine and let her know if they will be attending. The conference agenda was attached to a letter Mike sent out or they can get that information on the MAGIP website. MAGIP's revised bylaws have been posted on the website. The bylaws will be voted on prior to the April conference. The organization is up to 159 members.

Imagery (NAIP and CIR) Update – Stu Kirkpatrick

There are two imagery partnerships. The first project was a partnership with FSA and the National Aerial Imagery Program (NAIP), and local, state, private and tribal partners to purchase 1-meter natural color imagery. This imagery is being delivered as two products - compressed county mosaics (CCM) and uncompressed DOQQ tile tiffs. The CCN's have been delivered and are available for download at ITSD and MSL. The true uncompressed tile imagery is due to be delivered this summer. That will be 1.2 terabytes of data.

The second project was the purchase of color-infra-red (CIR) imagery. When NAIP was flown it was captured digitally using a sensor that also captured the IR band. The principle funders of this project are the Department of Transportation, Homeland Security, Critical Structures working group, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation and Plum Creek Timber. The data is being processed and Western Montana should be delivered March 10. The USGS has 45 days to look at the data and give their approval. All data on the initial delivery is scheduled for June 30 and will be public on September 30.

Framework Data Subcommittee Report – Mike Sweet

A document, written by Mike Sweet, was given to council members regarding MSDI (framework) data and the Council's advisory role in managing MSDI. Mike Sweet gave a summary of that document.

At the December meeting a framework data subcommittee was created. This subcommittee was created to better understand the scope of the council's MSDI role. The Council appears to have an advisory role regarding standards and guidelines pertaining to MSDI. What is the Council's expectation regarding framework data and is the subcommittee a valid approach of meeting MLIA expectations. If it is valid what guidance and advice does the Council give the

Department of Administration regarding framework and the administration of framework data?
How is this process going to be enabled?

Sweet also went on to say that previously, MGIC established a process of quarterly reports by each framework chair. Quarterly reports disappeared and the council never asked for quarterly reports again. What is this Council's responsibility in ensuring that we are making progress? Has this council ever formally identified MSDI layers? Mike contended that the draft document he presented would give accountability and assign responsibility. If champions didn't come back and give a report it would tell the Council that it wasn't an important framework category. Some agencies have taken these framework categories on but were not the right agencies to do so.

Lance Clampitt said that he sees this as more than assigning a data theme to an agency - it means the agency needs to really step up and making that data theme important.

Ed Madej also felt the Council need something better to help them with policy level direction and agreed that the draft document was the direction to go. If this Council is going to be advisory we need to be explicit and define what the business functions are. Then it is the responsibility of the Department of Administration to get this job done.

John Sesso's view was that passed MLIA for a reason and the Council needs to take their assigned role seriously. Council has to get busy with those entities within our control on the state level on what work is being done to achieve the goals - and if it is not being done then why not? As a member of the council John said he has been confident and trusting that this framework situation is moving forward in a competent and effective fashion.

There was Council consensus that Mike Sweet should proceed with the document, further refine it and then have adoption as an action at the June meeting. A motion to this intent was made, seconded and passed.

New Business

Senator Tropila would like a current membership list for the council.

Art Pembroke requested the entire ITSD GIS coordination budget, including funds expended for cadastral and other MSDI themes, for 2006 and 2007.

Dave Davis requested an update on GCDB accuracy enhancement be given at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

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