

Executive Summary
MONTANA LAND INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MLIAC)
January 28, 2010

Members or Designees

Robin Trenbeath – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – Department of Transportation; Rudy Cicon via video from Havre -- MARLS Representative; Mike Birtles via video from Billings – Bureau of Land Management; Annette Cabrera via video from Billings– Yellowstone County; Janet Hess-Herbert – Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Erin Geraghty – Base Map Service Center; Don Patterson via video from Missoula – USDA Forest Service; Lorin Peterson – Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes IT Manager; Darlene Staffedlt – Montana State Library; Kris Larson – CDM; Alan Peura – Department of Revenue; Dan Chelini – Department of Environmental Quality; and Catherine Maynard – Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Guests

Lonnie Robinson – DOA/ITSD Video Conferencing; Michael Fashoway – DOA/ITSD/BMCS; Evan Hammer – MSL/NRIS; Jennie Stapp – North State Library; Gerry Daumiller – State Library; and Julie Kriedeman – DOA/ITSD.

Approval of December Executive Summary **Action Item******

Motion to approve made by Darlene Staffeldt, second by Dan Chelini.

- o Unanimously approved.

GIS Funding-Jennie Stapp/Robin Trenbeath

MSDI Funding Proposal - Jennie Stapp

- Handout provided “The Interdependence of Geographic Phenomena-The Case for the Holistic Funding of the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure”
- Changes to the document represent the suggestions made by the Council in the December meeting.
 - Page 5 (Problem Statement) was:
 - o Removed the statement “MLIA funds were not intended to be the sole source of funding for MSDI.”
 - Page 6 changes generally reduced the amount and manner of funding, including recommending:
 - o \$200,000 annually be deposited in an imagery account;
 - o \$600,000 be directed towards MSDI Theme Stewardship; and
 - o \$335,000 funding for data archival (1FTE) and data publishing (2 FTE).

Conclusion:

- The Council recognizes this is a larger request, but believes the premise is strong and the request is justified. The holistic funding document stands on its own and should be used as the basis of future proposals, while continuing to add new MSDI ROI studies.

Budget proposal from the GIO-Robin Trenbeath

- Agree whole heartily with the approach of Holistic funding. Wish economic times were such that this could stand on its own merit.
- Handout provided is entitled “FY2012-2013 GIS Budget Proposal Transition of Holistic Funding”
- Since Robin put the proposal together over a month ago, the State’s economic environment has changed drastically. Nevertheless, the proposal as presented requests funding for three items:
 1. Imagery at \$200,000 per year.
 2. One MSDI layer, Cadastral, at \$115,000 per year.
 3. Data archival (MSL) at \$135,000 per year.
- The hope is that this proposal sets the precedence for future MSDI funding.

Council Discussion

- Robin summarized the council discussion by stating that he heard no actual funding request, but that this document should be prepared for use with the Legislature should the opportunity arise.
- Council would like to see imagery and cadastral move forward as far as it will move.
- Q: What would be the options in decision package to recommend the funding?
 - ITSD rates or the General Fund would be options. General fund deficit takes most of discussion during legislative and budgeting process. Rates get distributed back to all agencies. May be others special fees but that would take awhile.
- If the Council agrees, let a small group strategize on decision package.
- Darlene Staffeldt made a motion that the Council accept Holistic Reporting as presented recommending that the subcommittee continued work on the report and further, that the Council urge the GIO pursue funding for Imagery and Cadastral as far as reasonably and possible in the process. Seconded by Dan Chelini.
- Although they agreed with the general conclusion of the report, the Council was unable to support the document before seeing the proposed changes. Members suggested separating the Council approval into 2 motions. Darlene and Dan agreed with that approach.
- Darlene Staffeldt motioned that the Council approve the holistic report as presented, and that we continue to work with the document to wordsmith certain sections, building it into a strategic, long range report. Dan Chelini seconded the motion. The motion failed because Council members wished to see the final product before approving it.
- As part of the discussion, the point was made that funding proposals are for the agencies to request; it should not be the Council’s job to request funding. Theme steward should be asking for the funding from their agencies. The Council should support the agency ask. We should focus our efforts on letting others know how important the MSDI layers are and supporting the stewards’ requests.

- Janet Hess-Herbert proposed a motion that the author revises as suggested today and electronic vote be cast when revisions are completed, motion seconded by Cathy Maynard.
- Darlene Staffeldt restated the motion that the Council urges the GIO to pursue funding for cadastral and imagery as far into the budget requesting process as reasonable and politically possible. Seconded by Dan Chelini, the motion was unanimously approved.
- Janet makes a motion that the authors of “The Interdependence of Geographic Phenomena-The Case for the Holistic Funding of the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure” revise as suggested at this meeting and provide an electronic vote to be cast when revisions are completed. Cathy Maynard seconds the motion.
- Robin had concerns about the timing of the Council's approval of the document, and how that might impact the State's budget cycle.
- The motion was revised to include that the vote be cast no later than February 24th. The motion passed. (Subsequent to the meeting, Robin met with Dick Clark and determined that he could work around the budget deadlines and the need for a Council approved document until after the April 2010 meeting; therefore, there was no electronic vote necessary).

Council Code of Ethics – Robin Trenbeath

- Handout provided “Draft Grant Review Code of Ethics”.
- The draft was presented at the last meeting and there have no suggested changes.
- A motion to approve proposed Code of Ethics dated Nov. 23, 2009, was made by Alan Peura and second by Mike Bousliman. The motion was unanimously approved.

GNIS as MSDI Layer – Robin Trenbeath

- GNIS was recently adopted as a Data Layer at the Federal level (after the meeting, it was determined that this may not be absolutely accurate). The subcommittee is looking to approve GNIS as an MSDI framework data layer theme. Ideally, this would occur at Conference in April. The process for achieving that goal is unclear. The GNIS decision group needs some guidance from the Council on what needs to be done to move this action forward and request that the council move forward with the vetting process.
- The vetting process occurs after a proposal (such as has occurred here) is made. Robin called for interested Council members and others to develop information on GNIS as a MSDI theme; including using the current Stewardship Review Cycle as a “test” case before being returned to the Council for formal action.
 - There was a question concerning whether the GNIS proposal is to adopt it as the Federal or the Montana name base? Answer: Montana Geographic Names database.

- Action on the request today is simply notification to the Council that the proposal is being made. Robin anticipates a formal proposal coming to the Council as an action item.
- Kris (Chair), Robin, Cathy, Erin, and Annette volunteered to work on the process and bring a report back to the Council in April.

Open Forum and Public Comment - None

Adjourn 11:21 a.m.