

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration SITSD; Kevin Kauska for Mike Bousliman - State Agency Representative; Annette Cabrera – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Warren Fahner - Local Government Representative; Fred Gifford - Private Sector Representative; Carl Glimm - Montana House Representative; Elaina Graham – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Matt Heller - U.S. Interior Department Representative; Wendy Largent - GIS Professionals Representative; Ryan Leland - Private Sector Representative; Cathy Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Lance Clampitt - DOI; Dave Carlson - SITSD; Michael Pipp - DEQ; Meghan Burns - MAGIP; Allan Cox – MTNHP; and Ken Wall - GeoData on the phone.

Staff: Michael Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Stu Kirkpatrick, Diane Papineau and Marlys Stark.

Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

May Executive Summary – Council

Motion was made by Member Maynard and seconded by Member Cicon to approve the May executive summary as presented and the motion passed.

2015 Legislative Session – Governor’s Budget – Jennie Stapp

There were three Executive Planning Process (EPP) requests pertaining to MSDI operations or other work reviewed by this council that were submitted to the Governor. The two cadastral positions were not approved even though this request received support from several entities. The Water Information System Manager position and part of the Montana Natural Heritage Program request were approved. Legislative items pertaining to Council that MSL will watch will include a bill that would affect the geographic names database by requiring the removal of all names with the terms breed or half breed, and the long range planning bill including the SITSD infrastructure requests. MSL will continue to monitor proposed bills for additional items of Council interest.

Strategic Vision Tasks – Jennie Stapp

The task document reviewed by the council in May was reviewed by the Library Commission. The MAGIP Board also reviewed and shared comments regarding it last week. Task focus areas

include funding, collaborative efforts such as continuing to meet with MACo, biennial reporting due in December, interacting with the CIO, making MSL and GIS efforts more visible and moving into a testing phase with ESRI and many others.

MSL FY 2015 Work Plan – Jennie Stapp/Stu Kirkpatrick

MSL work plans were requested to be focused more on opportunities and priorities rather than day to day activities. The Geographic Information Program work plan was accepted by the Library Commission in August. The vision is to provide staff leadership opportunities and document the data workflows.

Jennie announced that Stu Kirkpatrick is the State Library's Governor's Award for Excellence winner for this year.

MLIAC Policy Work Group – Jennie Stapp

MSL developed the submitted document outlining guidelines and parameters that would guide the group. Comments regarding this document included that the guidelines were completely in line with the Governor's stated values, and that data quality and accessibility and transparency is important when encouraging agencies to use authoritative sources. Cathy Maynard and Leslie Zolman had previously volunteered for the policy work group and Matt Heller will join them. Other interested parties should e-mail Jennie Stapp.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget Status- Jennie Stapp

Spending for FY14 was slightly under the authorized amount and the unexpended funds simply remain in the account. FY15 funds are projected to be just under the approved land plan amount so some savings will likely be required. The small amount of funding already under council expenses reflects funding for Annette Cabrera to attend the next NSGIC meeting. The contractual amount for NHP is less than FY14 by \$20,000.

MLI Account – Stu Kirkpatrick

Collections were down in FY 2014 to their lowest level in fund history after nearly record high collections in FY 2013. There are no definite indications at this time about how FY 2015. This does not require any current reductions for grants. Future discussions about how to encourage fund stability will be held.

FY2016 Land Information Plan – Jennie Stapp

The Chair made a request for volunteers to work on the annual Land Information Plan. Cathy Maynard, Wendy Largent Art Pembroke and a representative from Department of Transportation will serve as volunteers for this group. Rudy Cicon also volunteered with the understanding that he would only be available for very limited in person meetings.

MSDI Status Updates

Lance Clampitt reported that the USGS 3-DEP process will roll out in January with systematic acquisition of high quality enhanced elevation data on an eight year cycle and quality two lidar data. There is an elevation working group in Montana but they need a strategic plan, a state

agency lead and a task force. Queries sent out to see if any state agency would be interested in service as the elevation steward received no response.

Michael Fashoway has been involved with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) for about a year and they are currently working on standards for next generation 9-1-1. The NSGIC address work group moved to committee status where they analyzed address use cases which was provided to the Council. .

MLIA Grant Status – Stu Kirkpatrick

Six FY14 grants were extended for valid reasons and all FY15 grants have been signed.

State/Esri ELA Negotiation Status – Dave Carlson, SITSD

The negotiation is completed and the new two year contract will begin July 1, 2015. The new ELA will include 8 ArcGIS Online subscriptions. Changes are being made to how the Enterprise Advantage Program credits will be distributed so state agencies can make more efficient use of them.

MAGIP Report – Meghan Burns

Chuck Fahner has taken over as the MLIAC representative and Leslie Zolman is vice president. The Board retreat is scheduled for September 18 and 19. The fall technical session will be in Bozeman November 17 and 18. Monthly seminar series will not be maintained but MAGIP can be contacted if presentations are needed.

Council Updates

Rudy announced that the funeral for Jim Claflin, former BLM representative to MLIAC, was September 6.

Open Forum and Public Comment

There were none received.

November Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The November 13 meeting will be at the Lewis and Clark Library in Helena.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.