

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, May 28, 2015
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Mike Bousliman - State Agency Representative; Dan Chelini - State Agency Representative; Rudy Cicon – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Warren Fahner - Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Matt Heller - U.S. Interior Department Representative; Cathy Maynard - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Ted Chase for Cynthia Moore - State Agency Representative; Art Pembroke - Local Government Representative; Mike Sweet for Christiane von Reichert - University System Representative; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Dave Carlson, Corey Richardson, Ken Wall, and Paul Wick

Staff: Meghan Burns, Allan Cox, Maya Daurio, Michael Fashoway, Stu Kirkpatrick, Diane Papineau and Marlys Stark.

Chair Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

March 2015 Executive Summary – Council

A revised summary was made available with corrections noted by staff. Motion was made by Member Fahner and seconded by Member Bousliman to accept the revised executive summary as presented and the motion passed.

Legislative Recap

- MSL/MT Heritage budget - The water information manager position approval was the most significant increase followed by fixed costs resulting in a total increase of about one point three percent. There were also some reductions but none that will impact any council issues. The Natural Heritage funding request and the cadastral FTE request did not make it into the Governor's budget and were not heard by the legislature.
- HJ 7 - The next generation 911 interim study was third in the overall priority so it has been assigned to the interim Energy and Telecommunication committee. MSL was a proponent for the study and hopes to have a large part in the actual work on the study.
- HB 331 - The place name bill was signed by the Governor and will result in a small increase in work for staff.
- SJ 18 (LC 2057) The LIDAR interim study was amended to say that MSL would coordinate the study but did not come out of committee.
- SB 162 – This bill involved document recording and may have impacted MLIA collections. It involved no recordation required for mortgage transfers. MACO opposed the bill and brought it to MSL attention. The bill did not move out of committee.

- Ted Chase reported that the DOR reappraisal cycle was changed from six years to two years. They received between 12 and 15 additional FTE. They did not receive any additional funding for oblique imagery. An imagery work group is scheduled for early June and oblique imagery will be discussed.
- Mike Sweet said the university system had funding passed to increase economic value and the climate office applied for an award.

MSDI FY 2016 Draft Work Plan – Diane Papineau

Diane was again available to discuss the work plan draft and receive input and suggestions from council members. Several edits have been noted but feedback is being sought on the overall plan.

After approval, identified edits will be made and then the work plan will go to the commission for approval. The plan will be used to direct MSL efforts in the future.

In the interest of moving toward less time being spent on developing plans and more on getting and using input from others, Stu developed a story map for each theme and issue. He showed a preview of the map which is in the early stages of development. There is a potential to use the interactive story map as the plan itself.

In interviewing theme champions, common issues kept being brought up. A suggestion was made to add MSDI issues into the strategic vision including improve federal/state coordination, establishing an elevation theme steward and next generation 911 concerns and funding.

Motion was made by Member Pembroke to accept the MSDI FY2016 work plan with the discussed revisions and the motion passed.

MSDI Funding – Stapp

Funding collections seem to be stabilizing but the level it has stabilized at is not adequate to support the work that has been done previously so other sources need to be found or the work needs to be adjusted to match funding coming in. MSL does apply for one time only grants but a program can't be built on one time only federal money. A task force or work group will be formed to look into various funding issues in order to have recommendation by EPP time. Health and broadband could be big funding drivers. University systems might provide other opportunities also.

MLIA Grant Presentation - Ken Wall

Ken Wall from GeoData and 4 county representatives presented their work on this ArcGIS Online training grant. The goal was training, collaboration and working in peer groups and was definitely a learning experience for all. Blaine, Lincoln and Sanders Counties had presentations online about their successes. Paul Wick was available from Teton County with his presentation. The presentations showed a variety of uses and results.

The meeting was recessed at 12:13 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

MLIA Account FY'15 Analysis and 3rd Quarter Update – Stu Kirkpatrick

As mentioned previously, the collections are up a bit and seem to be stabilized.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget Status- Jennie Stapp

The budget is on track other than the council budget which is up a bit due to some travel.

Strategic Vision Tasks – Jennie Stapp

Good funding discussions have been held and meetings have been set up which hopefully will result in concrete steps. A few tasks have not been started due to staff time. The Council agreed to discuss adding the MSDI issues identified in the work plan into the strategic vision.

MLIA Grant Status – Stu Kirkpatrick

The three FY14 grant extensions must be finished by June 30. There are no problems with FY15 grants.

For the FY16 grants, there were only nine applications received and they all ranked fairly well. The smaller number of the grant makes the requested amount well within the funding available. The recommendation of the grant subcommittee is to fund all nine grants.

Motion by Member Chelini and seconded by Members Pembroke and Cicon to approve the grant applications as recommended and the motion passed.

MSDI Status Updates – Administrative Boundaries - Meghan Burns and Maya Daurio

Meghan discussed what boundaries are, what are the complications and what all is involved. Maya discussed what changes have been worked on, periodic updates, the different workflows required, and the important of communication with federal and state agencies as well as relationships between all entities.

Member Maynard suggested that a formal form or mechanism to notify federal agencies of MSDI changes would be helpful.

ESRI ELA/Managed Services Update – Dave Carlson, SITSD

Dave was called away before his turn to present so a brief discussion was held in council updates.

MAGIP Report – Meghan Burns

Leslie Zolman will be taking over from Meghan as president. The MAGIP spring meeting in Miles City was well received and all presentations will be on the MAGIP website. The meeting included a good discussion on Next Gen 911. Planning is underway for the Intermountain Conference in Great Falls in April 2016. MAGIP announced their grant recipients and that information is available on the website also.

Council Updates

Michael Fashoway was one of 80 participants from 16 states who attended the National Address Summit. He gave a brief presentation on some of the issues discussed including how to move forward with the efforts. It requires a huge collaborative effort between local government and private entities as well as state agencies.

The National Geospatial Data Act was discussed at NSGIC and MSL was asked to draft a letter of support for the act.

The Montana State Library will be receiving the ESRI Special Achievements in GIS Award this year.

Council reappointments will begin in July. If members wish to continue, applications need to be submitted. Members are requested to continue working on the council until the new appointments are made.

The 911 Advisory Council is advisory to the Department of Administration on 9-1-1 related issues. MSL met with DOA about the need of GIS representation on the council. If interested in serving, please submit an application and resume to Sheila Hogan.

The Natural Heritage Program received an outstanding service award from Wetlands Council. In other Heritage news Allan Cox has announced his retirement effective October 1.

State agencies came to a meeting on May 12 to review the results of test of the managed services.

Open Forum and Public Comment

Rudy Cicon thanked Jennie and Stu for asking the students to present at the council meeting in March and the commission meeting in April. He said they went beyond themselves to arrange other things for the students including a session with USGS and the city of Bozeman. The students came out of this with a lot of new ideas for GIS in the classroom.

Ken Wall has a request regarding GIS day and a distributive crowd source mapping project. If anyone is interested or working with a school that would like to do a group mapping project that day, please contact Ken.

May Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The next meeting will be held September 10, 2015 in Helena with a number of important items on the agenda. If no new appointments have been made by that time, current serving members should continue on. Prior to that meeting, make an effort to discuss communication issues with partners.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.