

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration; Annette Cabrera online – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon online – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Warren Fahner - Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Matt Heller – U.S. Department of Interior; Forrest Mandeville – Montana House; Cathy Maynard - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Cynthia Moore – State Agency Representative; Eric Spangenberg for Art Pembroke - Local Government Representative; Jon Sesso – Montana Senate; Diep Dao for Christiane von Reichert – University System; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Lynne Pizzini.

Staff: Troy Blandford, Michael Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Jim Kammerer, Bryce Maxell and Marlys Stark.

Chair Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Approval of Executive Summary – Council

Motion by Member Graham and seconded to approve the May 28, 2015 Executive Summary and the motion passed.

In the September summary, the word form needs to be changed to former in reference to the new commission members in the State Librarian’s Update. Motion by Member Maynard and seconded by Member Zolman to approve the September 10, 2015 Executive Summary with the identified correction and the motion passed.

State Librarian’s Report – Jennie Stapp

Stu moved his planned retirement up so he officially retired in October. Bryce Maxell has been hired as the new Montana Natural Heritage Program coordinator.

Due to Stu’s retiring and an identified need to be able to provide users with all possible sources of information, the digital library is being reorganized. Michael and Troy have been identified as the land and water information leads, respectively.

Senator Tester is supporting the National Geospatial Data Act. The Education & Local Government Legislative Interim committee meeting was moved to January from December. MSL will do a presentation about the grant program at that meeting. During the upcoming Executive Planning Process (EPP), MSL intends to seek funding to support the grant program.

Department of Revenue Cadastral Web Application Opt Out Option - Cynthia Moore.

There has been an internal process where law enforce, judges or other protected individuals could contact the department to have certain information removed from the online cadastral application. Within the last several months there has been a significant increase in requests so the department is looking to develop a more formal process. They plan to draft a rule by which information in certain instances would be removed. The planned timeline for rule creation is early next year. Discussions are underway on how to provide updates to the counties and flagging records with the information to be removed.

State Data Classification Guidelines – Evan Hammer & Lynne Pizzini

The State of Montana recently adopted a State Data Classification Policy. Lynn Pizzini clarified that this policy pertains to information services and technology, not the data or records management or access. Federal partners mandated that states adopt such classification policies to document security requirements for different types of data, such as health records, managed by states. Different types of data have different required protections and the classification drives the categorization of required security controls. After a comment period, the policy was approved by the State’s Information Technology Managers Council and came into effect in September. The press did make statements that weren’t correct about the intent of the policy claiming that the policy could be used to limit public access to state records.

ITSD feels the policy adds consistency and best practices without impacting transparency. The guidelines are based on National Institute of Security Standards. Lynne and Ron Baldwin will clarify parts of the policy in the future in order to make it very clear about the intent of the policy and usage.

GIS Coordinator Recruitment – Stapp

The recruitment materials review and editing is underway. The current hope is to fill the position by early April. The current coordinator profile was presented to the council for review but will be undergoing a rewrite. The updated final profile will be shared. With the rewrite, the GIS Coordinator will not directly supervise the administration and staff support for the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure. Instead outreach and external focus will be more prevalent. When the position is ready to post, screening and interview committee members will be needed. **Ron Baldwin would like to sit on one of the committees.** Anyone else interested should contact Jennie, Evan or Michael.

FY’16 MLIA Account Review and Budget Update – Evan Hammer

Montana Land Information Act (MLIA) collections are slightly higher than last year. The materials presented to the council look different from the summaries presented in the past but this format is consistent with other agency reporting. The report shows higher legislative

authority than actual expenditures; expenditures are based on the budget approved in the Land Plan which is lower than authority due to reduced collections.

FY'16/'17 Land Plan – Hammer

The land subcommittee consisted of Cathy, Annette, Dawn, Leslie and Jennie. The land plan is written to encourage diversification, priorities and coordination. Adoption of the presented land plan will allow the announcement to the public about land information priorities and the grant application period. A subcommittee of the council will be selected to review, rank and recommend grant applications for funding in FY 17. The council will consider the recommendations of the subcommittee and will make a final recommendation for grant approval to the commission. Because collections are increasing, the amount available for grant funds may be higher than is budgeted for in the proposed land plan. Final numbers will be known by March 31. If more funding is available, the land plan expressly states that additional monies be made available for grants.

The committee expressed frustration at the inability to see the results from previous plans since there is not enough feedback. Perhaps the plan should be on each agenda to see the development.

The council might move to a biannual land plan or just an ongoing one using the MDI work plan as the driving force.

Motion by Member Sesso and seconded by Member Fahner to approve the FY'16/FY'17 land plan as presented and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:12 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

MSDI Imagery Theme Presentation - Hammer

Regarding NAIP, most users want individual year layers so part of the managed services will enable them to have more years. The rest of the state is finally being flown following delays due to smoke. MSL will get the data as soon as it is available.

MAGIP Report – Leslie Zolman

The MAGIP Board is having monthly phone meetings. The tech session was last month with 77 workshop attendees. 11 took the advanced python class. MAGIP is now able to post events online. GIS day is November 18, 2016. They will be doing an ArcGIS online competition and Ken Wall is doing a school event. They are raising funds to have a memorial at Carroll for RJ Zimmer. Intermountain is April 4 through 8 in Great Falls.

Council Updates – Evan Hammer

ESRI Managed Services went live November 2 although it took a little longer than hoped. Cost was the big motivation for the change due to the significant cost increases incurred based on the SITSD enterprise GIS cost model MSL is the coordinator for the other agencies that wish to make use of managed services.

Stu was awarded a lifetime service award from National Sate Geographic Information Council in Kansas City at the end of August. Next gen 911 (NG 911) has been a top agenda item for several years and was again. Other priorities include open data and crowd sourcing.

The Energy and Telecommunications legislative interim study met in September and Stu presented a story map to them about NG 911. The Montana Association of Counties sat a working group to make recommendations to the interim committee about NG 911 legislation. The working group will meet November 19 which is the same date as the first meeting of the State 911 advisory council in a couple of years. Under the Governor's Executive Order the State Librarian now has a seat on the 911 advisory council.

2016 Council Calendar

The proposed dates are March 10, May 12, September 8 and November 10.

Motion was made by Member Graham and seconded by Member Zolman to approve the 2016 dates as presented and the motion passed.

Public Comment

There were none received.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.