

Executive Summary

MONTANA LAND INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (MLIAC)

December 4, 2007

Members or Designees

Dave Davis, MARLS; Jim Hill, designee for, Montana State Library/NRIS; Annette Cabrera, Yellowstone County; Ed Madej, Tetra Tech EMI; Catherine Maynard, Natural Resource Conservation Service; Don Patterson, US Forest Service; Art Pembroke, Lewis & Clark County; Lorin Peterson, Tribal Government; Representative Jon Sesso; Evan Hammer, designee for Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; Mike Bousliman, designee for Montana Department of Transportation; Michael Sweet, MAGIP; Robin Trenbeath, GIO; Randy Wilke, designee for Department of Revenue; Doug Burreson, acting designee for MAGIP (for Ken Wall)

Guests

Stewart Kirkpatrick, DOA/ITSD; Shawn McFadden, DOA/ITSD; Erin Geraghty, DOA/ITSD; Nat Carter, DEQ/OIT; Ted Chase, DOR; Bob Holliday, DOA/ITSD; Bryant Ralston, ESRI; Janelle Luppen, Yellowstone County; Sue Crispin, MTNHP; Sibyl Govan, State Library/NRIS; Gerry Daumiller, State Library/NRIS; Darlene Staffeldt, State Library/NRIS

The council presented Jim Hill with a retirement card and cake.

Approval of September Executive Summary **Action Item*****

The executive summary from September was accepted as presented.

2008/2009 Draft Land Information Plan – Cathy Maynard, Subcommittee Chair

Catherine Maynard gave a presentation on the proposed 2008/2009 Draft Land Information Plan. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that digital land information is collected consistently.

Comments on the draft plan need to be submitted by December 15, 2007. The budget will be detailed within the plan once finalized. A copy of the preliminary budget was presented at the last meeting.

Recommendation to Department **Action Item******

No action was taken.

MLIA Grant Subcommittee Status Report

The Subcommittee has not formally met but planned to do so during lunch (December 4th Council meeting). It was recommended that the Subcommittee closely follow last year's guidelines to ensure continuity.

MACO MLIA Resolution Follow-up – Art Pembroke/Robin Trenbeath

Robin updated the group on a couple of resolutions that were introduced by Lewis and Clark County to MACO (see September 2007 minutes for Art Pembroke's presentation on the proposals). These resolutions have been turned over to the MACO Legislative Committee for review.

Montana Geospatial Portal Progress – Sibyl Govan

Sibyl updated the group on the Montana Geospatial Portal progress. They had hoped to have a prototype available for the meeting, but due to some staffing problems are behind schedule. The prototype should be up by the GIS Intermountain Conference in April.

MAGIP Issues – Doug Burreson

❖ Report

MAGIP is continuing to improve their membership list.

❖ 2008 Intermountain GIS Conference Status

They are continuing with the planning process and will be meeting again after the first of the year. The conference theme is "Minds, Models & Maps" and will be held April 7th through 11th in Missoula. All Council members are welcome.

Marketing GIS – Bottom up or top down – Robin Trenbeath

Robin noted that this had been brought up previously as an issue but no substantial progress had been made, although marketing GIS, especially as it is incorporated into business processes, will be necessary if additional funding sources are to be found.

Montana Base Map Services – Robin Trenbeath

❖ Trip Report – visit to Utah and Oregon

The purpose of this trip was to investigate the organizational, funding and technical models of the GIS coordinating bodies in two western states – Utah and Oregon. These states were picked primarily for long-term success in the case of the Automated Geographic Reference Center in Utah, and the interesting proposal of the GIS Utility in Oregon led by the Oregon Geospatial Enterprise Office. The GIO wanted to see how successful practices by these entities could be adopted in the proposed Base Map Service Center, and conversely how Montana could avoid pitfalls that these organizations had encountered. The trip could be briefly summarized by the following points:

- Both states have some form of stabilized, long-term funding;
- Both states use a form of a federated model;
- Utah is the more mature model;
- Oregon utility concept includes all state and local entities; and
- Oregon model includes about the same number of primary layers as Montana's MSDI but has about 150 stewards and sub-stewards.

❖ White Paper

The Base Map Service Center (BMSC) White Paper is the first of three, to be followed by a Technical Architecture and Funding Options documents. The BMSC paper defines the operational context of both the GIO and the MSDI in a Montana federated model.

❖ Discussion

Discussion followed with some Council members supportive of the idea and some thinking it wasn't necessary. The paper will be posted at a BaseCamp collaborative site where comments and/or document revisions can be submitted by Council members.

New Business

❖ GNIS Issues

The Geographic Name Identification is proceeding on track and hope to have it all packaged to present at the March meeting. DNRC has been very supportive and is just doing some fine tuning.

❖ Legislative Plan of Action

It was decided to start a group to come up with some ideas for the next legislative session.

❖ **Land Plan Outreach – Grant Writing Seminars**

A possible seminar or WebEx session on grant writing was discussed.

Basecamp tutorial – Erin Geraghty

Erin gave a presentation on the new Basecamp collaboration tool. This will help with communication, project tracking and comment tracking.

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