

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council
Thursday, September 6, 2012
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chairman Jennie Stapp – State Library; Mike Bousliman – Department of Transportation; Annette Cabrera – Yellowstone County; Dan Chelini – Department of Environmental Quality; Rudy Cicon - MARLS; James Claflin – Bureau of Land Management; Lance Clampitt – U. S. Geological Survey; Warren Fahner – Lincoln County; Fred Gifford – Tetra Tech Inc.; Wendy (Thingelstad) Largent – Montana Association of GIS Professionals; Cathy Maynard – Natural Resources Conservation Service; Dennis McCarthy – U.S. Department of Agriculture; Adam Messer – Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Cynthia Moore – Department of Revenue; Art Pembroke – Lewis and Clark County; Jon Sesso via telephone – Montana House of Representatives); Michael Sweeney – Department of Administration; Linda Vance – Montana Association of GIS Professionals; Christiana von Reichert – University of Montana; and Ken Wall – Geodata Services Inc.

Guests: Meghan Burns – TREC; Nat Carter – DEQ; Ted Chase – Revenue; Kreh Germaine – SITSD; Elizabeth Lahey - DNRC; Michael Sweet – U of M; Miles Wacker – MDT; and Leslie Zolman - Commerce

Staff: Erin Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Stu Kirkpatrick and Marlys Stark.

Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Approval of April Executive Summary:

One change was requested to the best practices discussion on page two. End the sentence about concerns about the process after the word process. Motion was made by Member Chelini and seconded by Member Bousliman to approve the April executive summary as corrected and the motion passed.

Legislative Update – Jennie Stapp

The GIS enterprise architecture fixed costs have been set. \$125,000 additional funds for these fixed costs have been requested in the library budget. Changes in the SITSD funding model make comparisons difficult but some reductions in reliance MLIA funding for MSDI web services will be achieved assuming the budget is passed.

Statutory changes needed to transfer assigned duties under the MLIA to MSL are moving forward. The request for a water information manager position, lost several years ago, is still contained in the MSL budget however the request to fund two cadastral positions was not approved.

DOR advised that there may be a potential change in the reappraisal cycle from six to two years. This would be contingent on receiving funding for obtaining oblique imagery in 12 counties with focus on private lands with residential improvements.

The date for the library legislative day has not been set yet but will be shared as soon as it is. MAGIP will be a partner in that this year along with MLA. This is a great opportunity to discuss issues with the legislators.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget – Jennie Stapp

The FY'12 GIS Coordination budget expended \$258,000 and so that, along with the approximate \$34,000 to cover the 10% of staff costs previously covered by SITSD resulted in an overspend of \$52,000. These represent one-time only over budget costs due to the transition but were less than originally projected.

MSDI Work Plan Update – Stu Kirkpatrick

All FY'13 projects are on target to be completed with the top priority projects underway. Erin Fashoway introduced the council members to different MSDI web changes being worked on. The goal is to have these done by the legislative session.

MAGIP Data Best Practices – Megan Burns

The data best practices document, first brought to the council in April was subsequently reviewed by the MAGIP technical committee in June. Work continues with documents posted on the MAGIP website.

MLIA Grant Status – Stu Kirkpatrick

A few of the grant recipients have asked for an extension but none are in trouble. A grant success stories brochure has been developed by MSL and is available to council members to distribute. Members were able to view a video documenting the outcomes of the grant used by the Chippewa Cree.

Coordination Between NRIS Advisory Committee and MLIAC – Nat Carter

Nat is the current chair of the NRIS Advisory Committee. In recent meetings, the committee has been discussing how to be sure that there isn't overlap between the work they do and the work MLIAC does and how to be sure that the two groups aren't giving conflicting advice to the MSL Commission. There is also concern that both groups need to be on the same page in regards to knowledge of GIS activities at MSL. In the next meeting of the advisory committee in November, each member is to bring back agency goals for NRIS.

Interagency Technical Coordination – Cathy Maynard

This item will be on the agenda for next meeting. There currently isn't really any place to discuss needs across agencies at all levels of government. Cathy will bring examples from other states and suggestions to discuss for next meeting.

Public Safety Broadband Initiative – SITSD Public Safety Services Bureau – Quinn Ness

Quinn Ness provided the Council with a presentation on E-911, and the vision for a next generation 911 that makes use of a modernized public safety broadband system

MAGIP Report – Miles Wacker

The Intermountain GIS Conference was held in Kalispell and had over 200 people attend. Revenue generated funds scholarships and grants. The next meeting is the fall technical section which is being held in conjunction with the IT conference in Helena. The IT conference will also have a GIS track.

The 2013 Intermountain Conference will be held in Boise and will be in Billings for 2014. The GIS Day event will be held in a different location this year. MAGIP will also be participating this year in the Legislative night held at the state library.

A board of directors' retreat is scheduled to look at accomplishments of the previous year and decide on the upcoming year goals. Mentoring, improving website content and scholarships efforts continue. The 2013 goal is outreach.

Council Updates

- Robin Trenbeath gave a cloud services procurement update. The RFP was a four state effort under WSCA. Four vendors submitted successful bids with two already signed to contract. Since the WSCA contract was used, more discounts will be possible as more people use the services. The current step being worked on is the purchasing agreement. In addition to the four states involved in the RFP, ten others have filed letters of interest.
- The annual land plan needs to be developed and volunteers are needed to work on it. Ideally, state, federal, local, private, tribal and professional representatives would sit on the committee. Administrative rule requires that the land plan be in place by January 15. It was suggested that the NRIS Advisory Committee have a representative also so Lydia Bailey will be asked to sit since she is from that committee. Linda Vance, Wendy Largent and Fred Gifford all volunteered. Since more people are needed, members should send names to Stu or Jennie. The Federal Geographic Data Committee just announced 2013 CAP grant categories although the official announcements will be made in October. The National State Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) meeting will be held in Florida next week.

Open Forum and Public Comment

Mike Sweet reported that climate will be submitted as a framework layer so submittal documents should be up to date by December.

Evan Hammer said that in the past, the standard for metadata on the portal was updated through the Department of Administration. Since the portal is now with the State Library instead, that standard won't be listed as a state IT standard. The standard is being looked at to see if any changes need to be made.

December Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday of the first week of December. Members prefer not to have it during the IT conference or even close to the conference. The date and location will be finalized at another time and sent out to the membership. Agenda items include the land plan and the interagency technical coordination discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.