

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Annette Cabrera – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon via phone – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Lance Clampitt – Department of the Interior (DOI) Representative; Fred Gifford – Private Sector Representative; Rep. Carl Glimm – Montana House; Cathy Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Representative; Dennis McCarthy – USDA Representative; Cynthia Monteau Moore – State Agency Representative ; Art Pembroke – Local Government Representative; Nate Rogers for Christiana von Reichert – University System Representative ; R.J. Zimmer for Ken Wall – Private Sector Representative; and Leslie Zolman for Linda Vance – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Allen Armstrong – MAGIP; Ashley Ballantyne – UM; Allan Cox – MTNHP; Alex Dubish – USDA Farm Service Agency; Kreh Germaine – DNRC; Kelsey Jencso – UM; Liz Lahey – Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC); Jared Oyler – UM; and Rachel Weiss – Legislative Services.

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

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

Approval of March Executive Summary:

A request was made by Member Clampitt to amend the draft lidar interim study legislation paragraph to list him as the technical advisor rather than the author. Motion was made by Member Pembroke and seconded by Member Cabrera to approve the March executive summary as amended and the motion passed.

Climate as a MSDI Theme Layer – Kelsey Jencso, Ashley Ballentine and Jared Oyler

In March, Council was provided an overview of the University of Montana Climate Office and climate data as part of their request for MSDI Stewardship status. Members of the Climate Office were present to present additional information and further explain the importance of climate data as a MSDI theme layer.

Their information included how the data is gathered as well, how much data is currently available, where the data is currently found and current and future uses for the data. ChairStapp reviewed the process of adding layers which included a formal review looking at

criteria set by the council and completed by the university. If recommended by Council, the Library Commission will receive that recommendation in August and take action on it. The new layer would need to be considered in the FY15 Land Information Plan.

Discussion among members covered topics such as who would benefit, how often data is updated, what products are used, the resolution, size, data accessibility.

Motion was made by Member Gifford and seconded by Member Bousliman to recommend the addition of climate data as a theme layer to the commission. Motion passed with Member Pembroke voting nay and Members Maynard and Rogers abstaining.

Council may need to evaluate aspects of the stewardship application process in the future.

Legislative Session Wrap-up – Jennie Stapp

The Water Information System Manager position was approved as a one-time only position which means that the value of the position will need to be thoroughly documented in order to show what was gained so that information can be used to request future funding. MSL is currently recruiting for the positions with the intention of having an employee starting the first of July using the work plan that was submitted with the original legislative request.

Thanks to the hard work of Senator Tropilla, MSL vacancy savings remains at the current four percent without the additional two percent that most other agencies have. MSL was provided additional \$125,000 in fixed costs funding to absorb costs associated with state GIS enterprise architecture. This should decrease the amount of MLIA funds being expended to support the GIS enterprise so there may be an increase in grant money available.

The transfer of legislative authority of MLIA and everything associated with it has been completed. The MSL central services department has been in effect managing the MLIA account but beginning in July will have the authority and the final responsibility for the MLIA account. A rules change process will be required to match the statute change.

The lidar study resolution did not make it out of committee before the end of the legislative session.

The DOR reappraisal cycle and oblique imagery was not funded. DOR is currently talking about a pilot study depending on funds.

MLIAC Role in Policy, Legislation and Procurement

The council discussed their role and methods council members and staff can inform the legislature, different agencies, and other stakeholders on matters they have an interest in. The council needs to have a voice and be ahead of the game. Study groups could be formed for different items such as the oblique imagery pilot.

Legislative representation on the council is a great help. It would be very helpful to get decision makers to the council meetings. As an advisory council, there needs to be a move towards gathering information and sharing it with appropriate stakeholders so it can be used effectively. Perhaps the agenda should be adjusted to focus more on issues to discuss rather than reporting. Council members could help by bringing forth agenda items that focus on advisory issues. A database could be kept as issues come up that would contain the history of the issue, who was on the committees what has been done, who to talk to, what is currently happening and so on.

Meeting was recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Potential MLIA Rules Change – Jennie Stapp

As a result Montana Code Annotated (MCA) changes which brought over the Base Map Service Center and MLIA responsibilities to MSL, there will need to be Administrative rule changes. Members should be prepared to send in any suggested rule changes or bring them to the September meeting and staff will bring their proposed rules updates.

GIS Enterprise Governance and Architecture – Jennie Stapp/Kreh Germaine

At the state agency level there is a group, formerly known as the GIS Managers Forum, now associated with the Information Technology Managers Advisory Council as the GIS Community of Interest (COI). The COI has not traditionally had a governance role, although there are several issues such as the state's GIS enterprise architecture and the enterprise license agreement with Esri that may benefit from some sort of consortium. The COI has requested the services of a business analyst from SITSD to research options that might better provide inter-agency coordination. As this process unfolds MLIAC will be updated.

MLIA Impact – Missoula County Rural Initiatives

Nate Rogers from the Missoula County Rural Initiatives Place Project (Practical Landscape Assessment for Conservation and Enhancement) was on hand to explain the history of their project and how they used the FY13 MLIA grant to change their atlas to an interactive web format. The online version <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/interactivemaps/place/placeatlashome.aspx> will go live at the end of June.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget Status – Jennie Stapp

Both budgets, as well as the Council budget were reviewed with the expectation that they all would close out the fiscal year under budget. In the future unspent Council funds could be used to send Council members to national meetings such as the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) meeting this October. **Anyone interested should contact Jennie.** MSDI personal services were under budget in FY13 because there was a position that was vacant for part of the year. The FY14 budget will include the Governor's proposal for three percent raises which will have to come out of MLIA funds.

MLIA Grant Status Report – Stu Kirkpatrick

The FY14 grant subcommittee met in April and reviewed 18 grant applications with a total amount requested over \$600,000. The subcommittee recommended approval of 11 applications with a total cost of approximately \$260,000. State Librarian/Council Chair Stapp concurred with the recommendation and submitted it to the Library Commission for final approval at their June meeting. Stu Kirkpatrick contacted each unsuccessful applicant to talk to them about where the subcommittee felt their applications fell short. The outreach that was done prior to the application period was successful in that it brought in more applications and there were quality applications for good projects. The contracts all went out in the mail on June 17.

FY13 grants are being closed out with no requests for extensions at this time. The FY12 grants that are still open have been told that final invoices must be submitted by July 15.

The grant subcommittee discussed putting limit on the high end of the grants. This may be included discussed by next year's grant subcommittee as part of the 2015 grant criteria.

MAGIP Report – Allan Armstrong

A new board with new officers was appointed at the last meeting but there are a couple of open positions.

Two scholarships have been given out to K -12 schools for \$1,000 each, intended primarily for equipment purchases for GIS to become part of the core curriculum. There will be a presentation at the MT education conference in Belgrade which will help alert teachers to successful GIS projects.

There were 45 registered attendees at the spring meeting. A suggestion was made to advertise in the Dakotas for future meetings. The Intermountain Conference will be held in April, 2014 in Billings. The fall technical conference will again be held in conjunction with the State IT conference in December.

The best practices and standards document has adopted and posted to the website

A board retreat is being planned for September to review and potentially revise organization and committee work plans.

Council Updates

The Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition conference was attended by Jennie Stapp and Fred Gifford. Jennie said that her main take away was that Montana is very far behind in broadband deployment, particularly in rural areas. Fred said that the Federal Communications Commission just came out with a funding plan for adding broadband to rural areas.

Erin Fashoway said that participants are being invited for the census boundary pilot project and agreements are in place with several. Tagging according to feature type is in process as well as comparing to the existing Census representation and adjusting Census administrative boundaries to match.

Montana will be flown for NAIP 2013. Flying has started and will continue through mid-August. Imagery will be available quickly. The state can acquire at an estimated cost of \$345 for two TB but that won't be available until late 2013 or early 2014. NAIP is moving to a three year rotation so the next fly is 2016.

SITSD has been working with the Governor's office on the new state website, Montana.gov, and they wanted a web presence such as Google. They have been talked into using actual Montana maps contributed by several agencies and there will be many maps that are findable.

State legislative boundaries are being adjusted with the end project being a large statewide map. An MOU with MSL was signed in May to make the maps and Stu and Gerry have been working on that project. The second draft is being worked on and the final project should be out by the end of the summer.

Open Forum and Public Comment

There was no public comment received.

September Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The next meeting will be scheduled the third week of September at a location to be determined. Council members do need to reapply if they want to continue on the council. Hopefully appointments from the Governor's office will be made before the September meeting but if not those currently sitting will still be council members at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.