

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, March 13, 2014
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration SITSD; Annette Cabrera – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Warren Fahner – Local Government Representative; Carl Glimm – Montana House Representative; Matt Heller on the phone – U.S. Department of Interior Representative; Ryan Leland – Local Government Representative; Cathy Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Elaina Graham for Dennis McCarthy – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Ted Chase for Cynthia Monteau Moore – State Agency Representative; Christiane von Reichert – University System Representative; Ken Wall – Private Sector Representative; and Allen Armstrong for Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Lance Clampitt – U.S. Department of Interior; Diep Dao – UM Geography Dept.; Kreh Germaine – DNRC; and Dave Carlson - SITSD,

Staff: Stu Kirkpatrick and Marlys Stark.

Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

December Executive Summary – Council

Motion was made by Member Cabrera and seconded by Member Maynard to approve the December executive summary as presented and the motion passed.

Changes to the MSDI Application Process – Jennie Stapp

This draft has changes based on the December discussion in red. Further discussion produced the following changes; **the question marks need removed in the requirements and the title Geographic Information Office needs to be replaced with State Librarian.**

Motion was made by Member Cabrera and seconded by Designee Armstrong to accept the draft with the changes and the motion passed.

GIS Strategic Vision vs Strategic Plan – Jennie Stapp

Council Chair Jennie Stapp and Council Staff Stu Kirkpatrick went through the 2006-2010 strategic plan using a spreadsheet to document the current relevance and percent completion of each goal and objective. They feel that MSL and MLIAC already have a lot of plans and so perhaps a strategic vision would be more appropriate which could be used as a basis for the

plans which are produced. The strategic vision would need to be the vision of the GIS community as a whole rather than that of MSL.

After a lot of discussion by the council members about the usefulness or relevance of any strategic vision, what it should include, and who should have input, it was decided that the current draft of the strategic vision would be discussed at the conference in Billings and the council could identify steps for proceeding at a later date.

2015 Legislative Session – Jennie Stapp

MSL, along with other state agencies, are evaluating their EPP priorities. Three items potentially relevant to MLIAC include:

- Moving the water information system manager position at MSL into a permanently funded position;
- Requesting supplemental funding for the cadastral work MSL performs so that MLIA funds could be repurposed; and
- A potential PLSS control project from Department of Revenue.

PLSS Custodianship/MT CATSPAW – Stu Kirkpatrick

A lot of progress has been made on the PLSS custodianship by the state working with state, local, federal and private sector partners (MT CATSPAW project). A proposed change management process has been developed and sent out to council members for review. Volunteers will be requested for the team. The group will start meeting in about a month.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget Status – Jennie Stapp

There has been no bottom line change although some funds were redistributed within categories. There is a slight funding increase in personnel with a change in who is staffing a particular area. The water information system manager does not receive MLIA funding.

MLIA Grants

The 2013 grants for McCone and Stillwater counties have been extended until June 30, 2014. Rudy Cicon reported that the FY14 grant to the Liberty County schools will result in an authorized CORS GPS site being located there.

17 applications were received for FY15 grants with a lot of counties requested funding for ArcGIS/AGOL related training. More representation is needed for the grant review subcommittee. Annette Cabrera, Leslie Zolman, Dawn Anderson, Rudy Cicon, Fred Gifford, Elaina Graham and Warren Fahner will be on the subcommittee. According to administrative rule a MLIA account review will be conducted to verify whether the \$300,000 recommended in the FY 15 Land Plan is available.

MAGIP Report – Allen Armstrong

Nominations for a vice president are being accepted through March 28 and there are two two-year members at large open as well. A MLIAC representative is needed with the duties of representing the council to MAGIP and MAGIP at the council. That term is consecutive with the

MLIAC appointment. Grants and scholarships have been sent out with a May 1 deadline. Two surveys have been sent out and tasks are still being worked on. The Intermountain Conference registration closed March 14.

Council Updates

NAIP 2013 Imagery data is loaded on a drive in the data center and waiting for SITSD staff members to return and make the connection so it can be up in a multi-year data service. It is all currently available to download.

Google is selling six inch imagery and there would be a licensing fee.

SITSD is entering into negotiation with ESRI for a possible extension of the state's current enterprise license agreement. A workgroup has been set up to investigate options.

Stu participated in a conference call with the US census bureau and about forty states to discuss the national address database. Authority has been given to keep the address database outside of Title 13 and move those up to state and local governments for integration and collection. Only a coordinate and an address would be provided and no private information. This would be incorporated in federal fiscal year 16.

Integrating old field survey notes and plats would cost about \$300,000 to scan and index. There is a lot of interest in the data and status updates will be provided as decisions are made.

Open Forum and Public Comment

There were none received.

June Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The next meeting date will be May 15 rather than in June so that final action on the grant applications can be done. At that time an EPP update will be provided, the strategic plan/vision discussion will continue and the MSDI work plan presented for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.