

**Executive Summary**  
**Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015**  
**Helena, Montana**

**Attendees:**

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Annette Cabrera – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Warren Fahner - Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Cathy Maynard - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Eric Spangenberg for Art Pembroke - Local Government Representative; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Linda Vance.

Staff: Evan Hammer, and Marlys Stark.

**Chair Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.**

**May 2015 Executive Summary – Council**

**Without a quorum, this item is tabled until the next meeting.**

**State Librarian's Update – Jennie Stapp**

The digital library is undergoing a reorganization and some of the work pertaining to council interests will be affected. Several staff are being moved into leadership roles and most will receive cross training in order to more efficiently respond to reference requests and cut down on staff interruptions. There will be three work groups; the GIS Coordinator will be a lead in the Users Services work group and will prioritize outreach to partners, including ongoing Council staffing and grant administration and development; the Information Management work group will focus on data development and integration with leads in land, water and government information; web delivery of data and information, including application development, will be managed by the Information Products work group. In light of Stu Kirkpatrick's upcoming retirement, a draft coordinator profile will be brought to the November meeting for council members to provide input.

Ken Wall and Connie Eissinger, both form MLIAC members, are now on the library commission.

Jennie applied to the National Geographic Advisory Council with a recommendation from the NSGIC but has not received a response yet. She met with Senator Tester's staff and had an opportunity to update them about the Council as well as the National Geospatial Data Act.

There will be a new executive order to reappoint members to a 911 Advisory Council. MSL will have a standing seat on the council.

An announcement about the person hired as the Montana Natural Heritage Program Coordinator should be made soon.

#### **Augmenting MLIA funding – Jennie Stapp**

With the current status of the funding, spending has been reduced. During the last two Executive Planning Processes the State Library has attempted to get funding to support the cadastral without success. Based on previous success with funding for libraries, MSL proposes to use the same model for GIS funding which would target funding for the local grant program, freeing up additional MLIA funding for coordination and data development.

MSL staff is coordinating presentations about MLIA grants at the fall MACo conference and during an upcoming meeting of the Education and Local Government Legislative Interim Committee.

Work will continue on what a funding request will look like with input from Annette, Art, Warren and Harold Blattie. The funding proposal will be brought to the council in March ahead of the Executive Planning Process (EPP) submission to the commission.

#### **Strategic Vision Updates Discussion – Jennie Stapp**

Items discussed included an outreach focus, adding Next Gen 911 to the land plan, encouraging more coordination and communication between entities. On the September 11<sup>th</sup> the Energy and Telecommunications Legislative Interim Committee will hear a presentation from Stu about GIS data needs to support Next Gen 911. Michael Fashoway will do a presentation to the Association for the Deaf on the 12<sup>th</sup> as requested by Representative Steenberg.

#### **FY'17 Land Plan – Evan Hammer**

Page 15 of the FY'16 land plan has a list of priorities and ongoing ideas. Please send content ideas to Jennie or Evan for the FY'17 land plan. Volunteers for the land plan group are requested and will meet the end of September in order to have the plan ready for presentation to the council in November. Cathy, Leslie, Annette and Dawn on expressed their interest with Dawn's involvement depending on the time commitment. Volunteers will be asked to take notes and provide process comments in order to improve the process in the future.

#### **MSDI Land Cover and Wetlands Report – Linda Vance**

Linda gave a presentation of the history of the project and the current status and needs including what work still needs to be funding and possible sources of funding.

**The meeting was recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.**

#### **FY'15 MLIA Account Recap – Evan Hammer**

Collections do look better but not up to the amount in the past. It appears the budget will be able to remain in the same amounts as the past year. There was a slight decrease in general administrative spending. The FY'16 budget is still in the building process as it is affected by the reorganization.

### **MLIA Grant Status – Evan Hammer**

FY'14 grants are all closed. FY'15 has four extensions but they appear on task. FY'16 grants are set up and the contracts signed. The grant awards will be announced at the MACo meeting.

### **MAGIP Report – Leslie Zolman**

The annual planning strategic retreat was held a couple of weeks ago. Tech session registrations are being accepted with the conferenced planned for the tail end of the Montana planners' conference and therefore a couple of the Wednesday sessions are directed at those planners. A list of training is available. The website will be revamped. Leslie also announced a list of grant and scholarship information. The intermountain conference is still being planned with a focus on educators.

### **Council Updates – Evan Hammer**

The interim legislative committee discussing Next Gen 9-1-1 will be meeting September 11 and the meeting will be broadcast. Stu and Michael will do a presentation with a story map and that presentation will be available on the MSL website.

The interim legislative committee discussing school funding has requested a map to share. Information is available through OPI. Michael Fashoway will attend the first meeting with the presentation on September 23.

The NAIP 2015 flyover is very far behind due to the fires but at this time the intentions are to move ahead with it.

A letter on behalf of the council was sent to the congressman making them aware of the National Geospatial Data Act and requesting them to keep an eye on it. Jennie visited with Hannah van Hoose from Tester's D.C. office and a Helena staffer about the importance of this act.

A managed services update was also provided including a brief history regarding the services and the current status. The planned timeline is to be in service by the end of September although older services might take longer.

### **Open Forum and Public Comment**

There were none received.

### **November Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp**

The next meeting will be held November 12, 2015 in room 137 of the capital building in Helena. With any new appointments an orientation would be part of the agenda. The primary agenda item will be the land plan and the GIS Coordinator position description and next gen 911 priorities will both be agenda items.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.**