

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, May 18, 2016
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Tyler Weingartner online for Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Annette Cabrera online – Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Ryan Leland online – Private Sector Representative; Cathy Maynard - U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Ted Chase for Cynthia Moore – State Agency Representative; Art Pembroke online - Local Government Representative; Jon Sesso – Montana Senate Representative; and Leslie Zolman online – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Ken Wall online. Also a City of Conrad representative.

Staff: Meghan Burns, Michael Fashoway, Evan Hammer, and Marlys Stark.

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

Approval of Executive Summary – Council

Spelling correction of the name Dionne was noted. Motion by Member Pembroke and seconded by Member Graham to approve the March 10, 2016 Executive Summary as corrected and the motion passed.

State Librarian’s Report – Jennie Stapp

GIS Coordinator

The GIS Coordinator position is in the screening stage and the hope is to have it filled by the end of June.

911 Advisory Council and NG-911

A work group was tasked to come up with draft legislation to modernize 911 and the advisory council also worked on legislation which was shared with the energy and telecommunication interim committee. Comments will be accepted through June 17 and will be voted on in Helena July 14 and 15. In the current draft, MSL is recognized as the GIS Coordinator; the legislation would allocate \$80,000 to do a statewide GIS assessment. This would be adopted through the next legislative session and would allow MSL to enter a contract for the assessment. Commendation to Michael Fashoway for his work as the point person on this project.

Cathy Maynard was the recipient of the MAGIP distinguished service award at this year's conference. Eric Spangenberg received the community service award from MAGIP for professional livability.

FY'16 MLIA Account Review and Financial Report – Evan Hammer

Evan reviewed the land account fund and state budgeting process. When the State Library receives more contracts, less MLIA funds are utilized for core services. However more contract work means less time is available to focus on core work on the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) work plan. Collections are currently slightly better than the last two years.

The Twin Bridges grant has been extended but all other FY'15 grants are closed. FY'16 grants are nearing completion with only three extension requests.

FY'17 MLIA Grant Prioritization – Hammer

Thanks go to Rudy, Chuck, Matt and Alaina for their work on these grant applications. There was a lot of reading involved in 26 grant applications. The committee is recommending the top 12 grants according to scoring be awarded which will total slightly more than the land plan allowed but can be done based on the current fund status.

Future ideas would be to include a grant history map, having GIS data as a higher grant priority that resulting products to decide where MSDI money is best spent and perhaps give preference to lower requests. There are a lot of elements that aren't addressed by the applications. Some differences in applications include having no benefit to MSDI, some are due to the grant writing and often the amount leveraged is less than half of that requested.

Motion by Member Sesso and seconded by Member Maynard to fund, as recommended, the grants as prioritized through Teton in the amount of \$231,217 and the motion passed.

Motion by Member Sesso and seconded by Member Graham to recommend that the next three projects be funded if funds are available at the end of the fiscal year. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

2017 Executive Planning Process Recommendation – Stapp

This discussion is directly tied to the grant discussion. Staff is looking for action to approve the EPP recommendation to take to the commission. The recommendation is to ask for \$300,000 from general funds to help fund the MLIA grant program. This would free up other funding for MSDI theme layer work as well as ensure a baseline amount to grant each year. The rules would have to be changed to allow some MLIA funding for grants as well as dedicated general funds.

Motion by Member Sesso and seconded by Member Maynard to approve the EPP request as presented and the motion passed.

MAGIP Report – Leslie Zolman

Leslie gave a report on the Great Falls conference and the planning for a mini conference in Billings in conjunction with GIS Day this fall. Elections should be finalized soon and the scholarship applications are being reviewed. All information is available on their website at <http://magip.org/>.

Council Updates – Evan Hammer

MSL is still working through a few things on the administrative side with ESRI for managed services but have seen substantial savings.

Staff are in the process of renegotiating the state's Enterprise License Agreement with ESRI. The State as determined that Esri is a sole source provider of the state's primary GIS software. Staff is reviewing the current deployment report with Esri and is meeting with state agencies to determine future software needs so a new agreement can be finalized.

The NAIP 2015 data is available with significant gaps. Indications are that the holes will be filled and delivered as part of NAIP 2016 so that won't be until October or November at the earliest.

MSDI work plan is very important but staff just has not had the time to finalize it but it should be sent out before the end of the fiscal year.

Bill Burgess, Washington liaison for NSGIC, has announced his retirement. A letter of appreciation in recognition of the impact on the state of his service should be written. **Jennie will draft a letter.**

Annette is resigning from the council due to her upcoming retirement.

Public Comment

The them for the Public Health meeting in Billings is power of the story and Ken Wall will be attending so that there will be some GIS representation at that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.