

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Friday, November 18, 2016
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Tyler Weingartner for Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Rudy Cicon – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Forrest Mandeville – Montana House Representative; Cathy Maynard – USDA Representative; Ted Chase for Cynthia Monteau Moore – State Agency Representative; Art Pembroke – Local Government Representative; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Ricki Bauer and Bruce Newell.

Staff: Gerry Daumiller, Erin Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Kenny Ketner and Marlys Stark.

Chairman Stapp called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Executive Summary

The council does not have a quorum in attendance.

State Librarian's Report

Executive Planning Process and Legislative preparation

The Governor is proposing a five percent reduction in the funds of most agencies. None of the EPP requests were approved for inclusion in the Governor's budget. Currently MLIA funds will have about \$160,000 reduction in operating and \$42,000 reduction in authority. Staff are preparing recommendations for the December commission meeting on how to make up those cuts. There could be a lot of changes between now and the end of the session.

The 911 legislation has about \$80,000 in funding for MSL to do an assessment of necessary GIS data to support next gen 911. MLA has legislation to continue funding from a previous bill. The invasive species advisory council is recommending Natural Heritage Program (NHP) play a lead role in organizing invasive species data that does have proposed funding included in the FWP budget but no indication if that would include funding for NHP.

Staff is working on the legislative snapshot, which highlights issues of interest but in a format that displays MSL work. This year legislators will receive a beginning folio and then briefing sheets every week based on activity. The information will also be available online. Another change is the use of ArcGIS online and the story map format.

Census data was updated December 8.

The Library Legislative night hosted by MLA and MAGIP is January 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be a buffet, drinks, music and lot of presentations including some grant recipients.

Montana State Library Draft Strategic Framework review

The commission is undertaking a new process based on the long-range plan that was supposed to be good to 2022 but things change so rapidly that a ten-year view is not meaningful. Ned Cooney facilitated a discussion and work session to work on a visioning process to form the basis of a framework. This draft document is waiting on public comment and be submitted for approval in December. The link to the document and a survey is on the MSL website.

The commission wants to be more deliberate in planning and start with the desired impact first and then think about the resources necessary.

FY'16/'17 MLIA Account Review and Financial Report

Three of the FY'16 grants closed and the rest extended. Butte Silver Bow is pending their final paperwork.

The Hill County grant was a 911 request with Blaine County and Blaine did not receive a grant. It is not currently clear if Hill County will be able to move forward without Blaine County but all others are in process.

Collections seem to comparable to last year.

The council discussed grant history and had a quick review of the financial report.

FY'18 Land Information Plan

This is still in draft form. In order to fit the new proposed schedule, staff made some minor modification this year. Accomplishments will be a separate document. Updates included dates and times but the main change was the budget.

Without a quorum, the council members elected to hold a brief online meeting in early December to ask for action.

Enhancement of Geodectic Control in Powell County

Ricki Bauer, GIS Analyst with Powell County, presented on their grant project. Cathy Maynard suggested that Ricki consider presenting a workshop at Montana Association of Counties (MACo) to educate other counties on the grant.

Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP) Report

The Census Designated Places grant completed November 17. The Department of Commerce submitted the data on November 16 to the census center.

MAGIP is having a planning session in September to look at priorities for the year. They are offering funding for small meetings. The intermountain conference will be in West Yellowstone in April. MAGIP will be in 2018 in Helena. MAGIP is moving to one conference per year. They are also working on salary survey ideas and revamping the website among other items. As always, all this information and more is on the website.

2016 National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) Conference Report

Mike Bousliman, Art Pembroke, Evan Hammer, Erin Fashoway and Ken Wall all attended for Montana this year. Evan likes the conference because it shows what other states are doing not what someone is selling. There are repeated themes every year. Things are changing rapidly in the GIS world. Updates have to move to an automated system and lidar and high resolution will be the norm. Erin said this conference is good in order to make connections with counterparts and vendors. She volunteered for a working group. Mike said he would encourage folks to go because of the benefits of seeing things put in practice and making contacts although he had been hesitant to attend. Art also said he had been hesitant to attend but it was a great experience. He now looks at things differently and has knowledge of more options. The midwinter meeting attendees do actually meet the Montana congressional delegates.

MSDI Imagery Framework Workgroup Meeting

This group has not met for at least two year but there has been a lot of new technology and new data products since then. The meetings will be starting up again with a Sanborn demonstration November 22 and new meetings will continue over the next several months.

Council Updates

ESRI Managed Services and State Enterprise License Agreement

Staff negotiated a new agreement beginning July 1 for the next biennium that is an increase in cost but has more items in the agreement so it is about even.

Call for FY'18 Grant Review Subcommittee

Council members interested in being on the grant review subcommittee should let Jennie and/or Erin know. Staff plan improvements to the process. Applications open in January and the review process will begin early to mid-March. This year the subcommittee will look at the application process before the review. **Cathy Maynard, Rudy Cicon, Art Pembroke and Leslie Zolman volunteered.**

Selection of 2017 meeting dates

Typically, the dates are the 2nd Thursday of March, May, September and November. Staff will send the planned dates for 2017 out ahead of the online meeting in December. **Without a quorum, approval will be in December.**

Gerry Daumiller's retirement

Gerry is retiring after more than 20 years as a GIS Analyst. He is currently the state GIS names coordinator. His last day is December 9 and a more formal celebration will be held closer to that time. Gerry will stay on in his role at MAGIP.

Jennie Stapp introduced Kenny Ketner who is the new information products lead in the digital library.

Other Council Business

Ted Chase reported that Revenue has gone through the administrative rule process that allows landowners' to remove their names from the cadastral web site through a specific procedure. Usually said individuals are law enforcement. Evan commented that Revenue did work with MSL to streamline the process. The removal is in the delivery mechanism so the library will not be responsible for the removals.

Rudy Cicon request an updated on the NAIP imagery. Cathy reported that the problem areas (snow and unflown areas) were reflowed but that the imagery has not been processed or made available yet.

Public Comment

None received.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.