



MGIA Council Meeting

1/16/2025

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**

- Changes or additions to the agenda

9:05 a.m. **Business Items**

- Meeting Minutes – **Action**
 - [November 14, 2024 meeting minutes](#)

9:15 a.m. **Discussion Items**

- Strategic Planning Update:
 - [Improving Spatial Data Value](#) (Strategic Goal):
 - MSDI Elevation Matrix Example – Troy Blandford
 - MSDI Addresses & Structures Matrix Example – Michael Fashoway
 - [MSDI Workflow Memo – Planning the Future MSDI](#)
 - [MSDI Calendar 2025/2026](#)

- 10:30 a.m.
- 2025 Legislative Session Update – Jennie Stapp
 - [Montana Geospatial Information Plan draft – Erin Fashoway](#)
 - [Financing the MSDI: Defining the Gap Document](#) – Erin Fashoway
 - Future of MGIA Grant Program

11:15 a.m. **Standing reports**

- MAGIP Report – Gail Jorgenson, MAGIP President
- [MGIA Collections Report](#) – Erin Fashoway
- GIS Coordination Report – Erin Fashoway

Other Business & Announcements

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

Adjourn

Agenda

Council MSDI Theme Procedures/Workflows

Discussion Notes:

- MSDI Theme Leads to Present their Working Group Members to the Council – Council can help provide recommendations on filling the gaps.
 - Feedback given
- MSDI Theme Leads Present Matrix & Data Improvement Plans to Council
 - No endorsement needed
 - Feedback given
- MSDI Theme Plan Templates
 - MSL Present to Council as we develop
 - Feedback given
- MSDI Theme Plan
 - **Council Endorsement**

Notes taken in the
1/16/2025 Council
Meeting by Montana
GIS Coordinator – Erin
Fashway, MSL

Geospatial Information Plan Development Discussion

- Work Completed to Date:
 - MSDI Case Studies Developed
 - Redistricting | Local Government | Maureen Celander
 - Private Forestry Consultation | Private Industry, Jon Lewis
 - Wildfire Research | University, Valentijn Hoff
 - MSDI Framework Development – *(Meeting Strategic Goal of Improving Value of the MSDI)*
 - Defining the workflows for standardizing MSDI Theme procedures/documentation (as presented earlier):
 - Creating/Convening Theme Working Groups, Developing Theme Matrices, Data Improvement Plans, Developing Theme Plans
 - Defining Budget & Gap

MGIA Grant Program Discussion

- FY2025 –
 - Opened January 15
 - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
 - Program Cancelled due to Lack of Revenue
- FY2026 – Program Cancelled due to Lack of Revenue
 - July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
 - Program Cancelled due to Lack of Revenue
- MSL INTERNAL REVIEW
- FY2027
 - July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
 - Discussion Needed



Welcome 2025!

GIS Coordinator's Report
January 16, 2025

Events & Activities

- Completed:
 - Library Legislative Night – January 9
- Upcoming:
 - Hi Line County Visits – January 21 -24
 - NG9-1-1 – Addressing/Transportation
 - MARLS Annual Conference – February 17-21
 - Geospatial (hands-on) Workshop
 - MACo Midwinter Conference – February 24-26
 - Coordinating with County Commissioners & Other County Elected Officials/attendees
 - NSGIC Midyear Meeting – February 24-27
 - Presenting on Tribal Coordination with Garet Couch, NTGISC
 - MGIA Council Meeting – March 27
- Next Quarter:
 - April MAGIP Big Sky GeoCon – April 14-18

Legislative Audit Report Released: Department of Revenue

- **Appraising New Construction to Reduce Property Tax Inequity**

- Full Report - <https://archive.legmt.gov/content/Committees/Administration/audit/2023-24/Meetings/December-2024/23P-05.pdf>

- View the StoryMap - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c0e4a031221a4208afb38cf317b454da>

 **Recommendation #3**

We recommend that the Department of Revenue obtain high-quality or oblique aerial imagery independently or as part of a collaborative effort with other agencies facilitated by the Montana State Library.

Thank you!

Next MGIA Council Business Meeting:
March 27, 2025

