

Iowa Geographic Information Council
Summer 2007 Quarterly Meeting
 Thursday, June 19, 2007 at 10:00 AM
 East IDOT Facility - Ames, IA



Type of Meeting: Quarterly Board Meeting
Chair: Anne Packard

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Herb Kuehne at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members: An X next to the name indicates that the Board Member was present.

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Private Enterprise	X Joe Eckmann Gail Brown X Lang Deng X Anne Packard	X Jeremy White Chad Hertz X Michael LaRosa
Municipal Government	X Dave Croll X Herb Kuehne Steve Cooper	Jake Sheets Jeff Combs
County Government	X Micah Cutler X Lawrence Hartpence X Paula Lemke X Ron Koch	X Ray Weiser Bob Heien
Regional Agency	X Brad Cutler X Ben McConville	John Thomas Mark Warren
State Agency	X Chris Ensminger Jon Paoli Adam Kiel X Eric Abrams	X Jim Giglierano Kate Bussanmas Tom Samson
Federal Agency	X Gregg Hadish X Robert Lemen	Jim Phillips Kimberlee Barnes
University	Dr. Anya Butt X Patrick Brown X Chris Seeger Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran	Matt Eastin X Robin McNeely
Community College	X Terry Brase X Scott Ermer	

Other members participating:

Matt Boeck (Story County), Wolfgang Oesterreich (USDA/ARS/NSTL), Adam Martin-Schwarze (Hamilton County), Lisa Swanson (Black Hawk County), Chris Solberg (Schemmer & Assoc.), Nick Olson (City of Johnston), Molly Oliverson (Iowa DNR), Brandon Hass (NewCom Technologies), Michelle Fields (IDOT), Kris Tuttle (City of Des Moines), Mary Ann Stewart (GITA)

Welcome. Call meeting to order. Approve Agenda. Review Approve Minutes

Herb Kuehne called meeting to order at 10:00am. There were no additional items for the agenda. Chris Ensminger made a motion to approve the agenda and Lawrence Hartpence 2nd the motion. There was no discussion. All members present voted aye. Herb requested approval for the Spring 2007 Quarterly Meeting Minutes. Paula Lemke made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Lemen 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye.

Election of Vice-Chair

Micah Cutler, as Chair of the Membership and Nominations Committee, introduced Paula Lemke of Cerro Gordo County as a candidate for Vice-Chair. The floor was opened for any additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. Herb Kuehne called for a closing of the nominations. All members present voted aye to elect Paula Lemke as the new IGIC Vice-Chair. Herb then turned the Chair position over to Anne Packard.

By-Law Request for Review

Herb Kuehne highlighted several areas within IGIC's bylaws that he felt needed to be reviewed. He requested that a By-Law Committee review these by-laws over the next several months. Micah Cutler, Paula Lemke, and Eric Abrams volunteered to assist Herb Kuehne on this process.

Sector Representation Changes

IGIC has had a few people change jobs and therefore change sector representation during the course of the last year. There are no clear procedures to address them in the by-laws. It was felt that this would be an issue that would be addressed by the By-Laws Committee in the forthcoming months and presented to the entire board at a later date for approval. Until then, the current board representatives will remain in their current sector positions,, unless they chose to resign. Resignation procedures are adequately covered in the current IGIC By-Laws.

CAP Grant Kick-Off: Iowa Geospatial Infrastructure

Anne Packard introduced Mary Ann Stewart from the Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA), who will be coordinating our USGS CAP Grant endeavors. Mary Ann gave a presentation explaining the background of GITA's interest in this project and the plans for beginning to collect information.

A large portion of the beginning of the project will be collecting information regarding Return on Investment (ROI) for counties regarding GIS. There will be an informational webinar in August and a 2-day training workshop in September. These dates will be posted on the IGIC website.

Break for lunch at 12:20 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Brase presented the updated financial report for IGIC. The balance does not include a check for roughly \$21,000 from ISU Conference Services. The new balance should be approximately \$32,000 once it is received. The amount for the ESRI statewide education license is a little high because Terry is expecting one more payment from Iowa Valley Community College and Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City dropped out of the program. In addition, Iowa Lakes Community College reduced its license from an ArcInfo license to an ArcView license.

Terry also reported the non-profit status of IGIC. He spoke to the Center for Non-Profit Organizations at the University of Iowa about IGIC's status and the tax filings that IGIC has not been filing each year. He

was told that the fees collected for the ESRI statewide education license is not considered revenue since IGIC is not using the software and just passing through the money. Without that inclusion, IGIC is not receiving revenue greater than \$25,000 which is the threshold for having to fill out specific federal tax forms. He will have to look specifically at the year in which IGIC received CAP grant funds for metadata. Terry has the Form 1023 that needs to be filled out for recognition as a non-profit status. This form needs to be filled out within 5 months of the end of the fiscal year (June 30). He is planning on finishing this by end of the summer.

Conference Committee Report

Brad Cutler reported on the 2007 Conference figures and attendance. Total expenses were \$22,971.01. Income was totaled at \$40,476.35, for a profit of \$17,505.34. Attendance at the conference was at 272 registered attendees. The next IGIC conference will be at Hawkeye Community Conference in Waterloo, Iowa in the 3rd week of April, 2009.

Needs Assessment Survey

Jim Giglierano reported on a need for collecting information regarding the status of GIS in counties in conjunction with the CAP grant project. This will include all aspects of GIS, not just orthophotography such as was done in the Fall 2006. He would like to utilize students at Iowa State University to call and collect the information. Herb Kuehne made a motion up to allocate up to \$1,000 for the collection of this information. Lawrence Hartpence 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye.

Iowa Geospatial Technology Contracts

Eric Abrams reported that the RFP process for geospatial technology software and services is finished and have awarded contracts to over 20 companies. Those that didn't make the cut have the opportunity to resubmit a proposal. You can visit <http://das.gse.iowa.gov/contracts/computer.html> to view the contracts. As they are approved, they will be posted online here.

Orthophotography Status Report & Goals for Next Year

Herb Kuehne reported that members of IGIC approached the legislature several times in an attempt to obtain funds for a statewide orthophotography collection in conjunction with the LiDAR collection. It was not successful. Bob Lemen was able to obtain some USGS funding and IGIC contracted with Sanborn to fly the northwest portion of the state. See the attached flight status map. A few aeriels were not acceptable and will be flown in the Spring 2008. The orthophotography and LiDAR has to go to the USGS for QA and review before it is released to the state.

Herb asked whether IGIC should continue to actively pursue statewide orthophotography funding. Brad Cutler said that IGIC started too late this past year and that lobbying and education efforts should start now, well before the legislature is in session. It was mentioned that Jon Paoli was meeting with Lt. Governor Patty Judge the following day and hoping to get a positive response. There was general discussion about the best approaches. It was generally agreed that IGIC should continue pursuing statewide orthophotography collection.

Partnership with USGS

Bob Lemen reported that the Rolla, MO, USGS office will remain open. The USGS is looking at integrating the NWI data into the higher resolution NHD dataset. Bob has been working with Calvin Wolter at the Iowa Geological Survey in Iowa City on these efforts. The graphics program, which produces the typical USGS topographic maps, was going away, but has been revived. It will be seeking the data from the states instead of collecting it themselves.

Committee Reports

Health Committee Report

Lisa Swanson reported that the Health Committee formed last year and drafted a charter available on the IGIC website. They currently have 23 members on their distribution list. There is good representation from private and public entities. There have been two meetings and minutes are also on the IGIC website. Projects under way include: 1) inventorying public health data using RAMONA, 2) highlight and reach out to areas in the state that are not being served by GIS, and 3) the committee will be presenting IGIC materials and Health in GIS materials at the Governor's Conference on Public Health on August 2nd and 3rd in Des Moines.

Remote Sensing Committee Report

A meeting is being arranged for late August, 2007.

Geodetic Committee Report

Lawrence Hartpence reported that the Geodetic Committee met this past spring. They are slowly contacting each county to get their accurate geodetic control point data.

Executive Order Status Report

Herb Kuehne reminded everyone that it was a goal last year to get a new Executive Order from the current governor. He said that Jon Paoli didn't think it was necessary to get a new Executive Order. Kevin Kane felt that it was necessary and a way to "knock on the door" of the Governor's Office. The current Executive Order has items listed in it that may not be applicable to the current IGIC organization. It was decided to see if any direction came from Jon's meeting or the ROI study before pursuing a new Executive Order.

4-H Request for Assistance

There has been a request for assistance in working with kids regarding GIS and GPS activities. If anyone is interested they may contact Anne Packard. Patrick Brown suggested getting a hold of Jay Staker with the ISU Extension Office.

2007-2008 Goals

Anne Packard asked for requests and prioritizations of goals for the upcoming year. There was a discussion and the goals determined so far are:

1. Set a IGIC Budget
2. CAP Grant
3. Statewide Orthophotography Acquisition
4. Review IGIC By-Laws
5. New Executive Order

New Business

Lang Deng asked IGIC to write a letter of invitation to a Chinese professional who is a friend of his and will be visiting the United States. This person is a consultant to several levels of government and would like to see GIS applications and visit with a small group of IGIC representatives. Kevin Kane made a motion, 2nd by Eric Abrams, that Anne Packard will send a letter of invitation.

Ray Weiser asked in what form was the LiDAR going to be made available. Eric Abrams said that the DOT has committee hardware and staff and the DNR is committing money to serve the data and several

LiDAR derivatives to the public. Paula Lemke said that Sugu at the University of Northern Iowa mentioned serving LiDAR data from their servers. Eric said that everything is still on the table and that these types of things are still being worked out.

Jim Giglierano mentioned he was looking at possibilities for another USGS CAP Grant involving infrastructure development. Please contact him with any ideas.

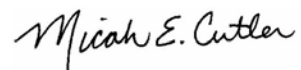
Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2007, at the East DOT Facility on Highway 30 in Ames, Iowa.

Adjourn

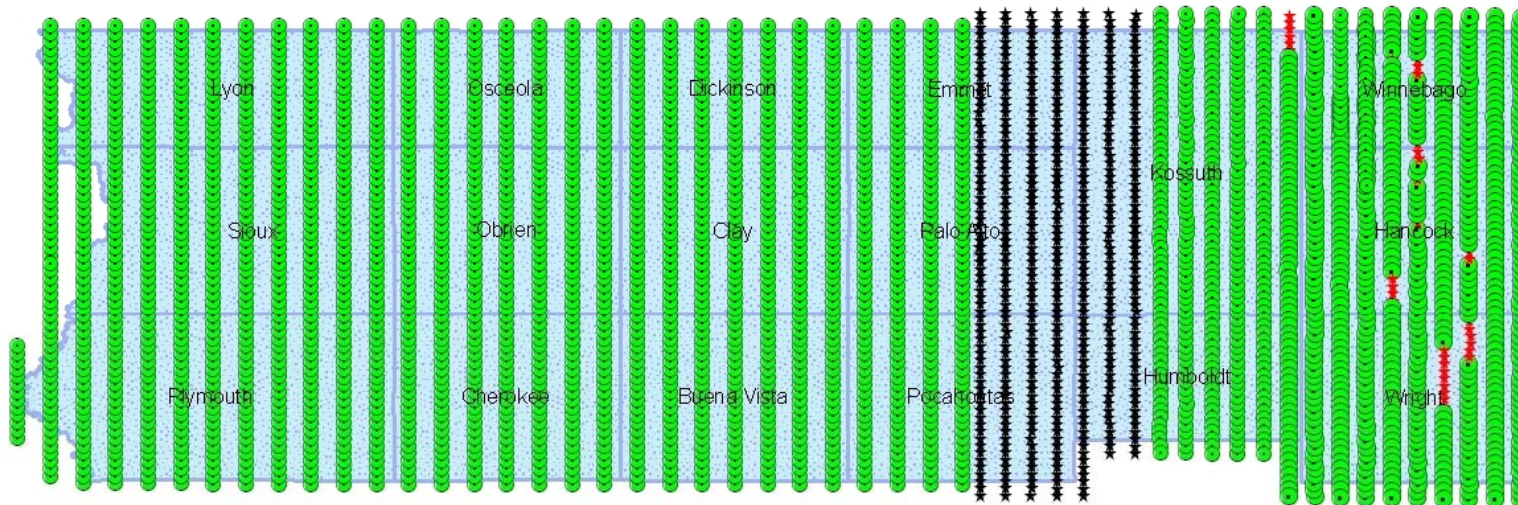
Lang Deng made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was 2nd by Paula Lemke. All members present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Micah Cutler
IGIC Secretary

Northwest Iowa Orthophotography Project



Legend

- Accepted Photography
- ★ Rejected Photography due to clouds or shadow
- ★ Rejected imagery due to camera malfunction

