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Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
 Wednesday, 17 September 2014, 10:10 AM to 11:12 AM
 51 Commerce Drive, Room 414, Augusta

Attending	Present	On the Phone
<i>Mtg. commenced at 10:10 am</i>		
Patrick Cunningham	X	
Betsy Fitzgerald	X	
Jon Giles	X	
Bill Hanson		X
Vern Maxfield		X
Jake Metzler		X
Ken Murchison		X
Brian Norris		X
Michael Smith	X	
Alina Taus	X	
Vinton Valentine	Absent	
Dan Walters		X
Aaron Weston	Absent	
Staff:		
Joseph Young	X	
Heather Bailey	X	
Guests:		
Nate Kane	X	

1. Introductions – Jon Giles took roll call.

2. Approval of May meeting minutes amendment – A motion was made by Betsy Fitzgerald, seconded by Michael Smith, to approve the May minutes as amended. Brian Norris abstained as he was not at the May meeting. **VOTE: Y – 12, N – 0, Abstentions – 1; Passed.**
3. Approval of June meeting minutes – A motion was made by Michael Smith, seconded by Betsy Fitzgerald, to approve the June minutes as printed. Bill Hanson, Jake Metzler, Ken Murchison and Dan Walters abstained. **VOTE: Y – 9, N – 0, Abstentions – 4; Passed**
4. Executive Director Report – Joe Young
 - a. Membership Update
 - i. State GIS Functions Seat –
 1. Nate’s application is in Governor’s Office
 2. Maria Jacques from PUC is submitting an application for Agency position. She oversees the whole 911 program for the State, which is a huge user of geospatial technology.
 3. Christopher Kroot has resigned from the board as of June. He has been a member of the board since 2004. **The board would like to thank Christopher for his service.**
 4. USGS Liaison – Dan Walters will need to resign his position on the board to become the USGS Liaison. A memorandum of agreement is in the works between the board and USGS to allow Dan to continue to attend and participate in the meetings and committees without a conflict of interest. The only major change will be that Dan will not be able to participate as a voting member.
 - b. Board finance report
 - i. Alterations – had not included 2013 LiDAR project, new income and expense statement will reflect contributions of the agencies for this project, rec’d bill for \$112K for our portion, total was nearly \$500K.
 - ii. Woolpert billed out all except \$60k for imagery acquisition and we should be receiving imagery this month in office, the Mike will process to get online. The 3” is already here and the 6” 12” and 24” resolution will all come together.
 - iii. Betsy reported out on the LUPC’s interest in LiDAR and imagery acquisition, several of the commissioners expressed an interested in this information. Betsy and Joe to work together to get the board on the agenda with LUPC.
5. Strategic Plan Workgroup Reports
 - a. Coordination & Communication – Patrick Cunningham
 - i. Report on Executive Director Activities
 1. Outreach
 - a. Joe Young and Ken Murchison met with town managers in the Aroostook County presentations.
 - b. Joe met with Maine Municipal Association’s Legislative Advocate Garrett Corbin, as a first contact and education about what we do and why it’s important. We can submit articles for their e-newsletter, perhaps get an article in the Maine Townsman. Douglas Rooks, freelancer, is already working on a Maine Townsman article regarding municipal use of imagery and mapping services.
 - c. Mike Smith and Joe did Maine Revenue Service’s Tax Class and had good feedback.
 - d. MEGUG Back To School was just a week ago.

- e. Bill Hanson and Joe Young - Maine Real Estate Institute – Bill led this and was surprised about the number of enthusiastic people who didn't know about available resources. Bill thinks the GeoParcel Viewer is a good selling point. Curious about acquisition of additional town data. Book and page reference response was terrific, great enthusiasm. Augusta was used as an example, but Chesterville and Minot are also good examples. Chesterville withholds names also. No discussion of Land Use Codes.
- 2. Legislative Agenda
 - a. Joe has been tracking status of committee members of the State & Local Government, Environment & Natural Resources and Appropriations committees. Most of the Environment and Natural Resources members are running again so if they stay on the they will have a good seasoned committee. The other two committees are losing a lot of members who are not running again.
 - b. A good educational campaign for senators and representatives would help us gain support. In terms of strategy, it would be helpful to have a coordinated approach to data acquisition and LiDAR that they can support.
- ii. Update on Summer Activities
 - a. The Committee met at USGS in early August and agreed to focus efforts on reaching out to stakeholders (Federal/State), Municipal and Nonprofits.
 - b. There was discussion related to creating a state version of "A Day On The Hill" for the federal advocacy of geospatial initiatives which is promoted by MAPPs.
 - c. The committee also discussed the need to form a clear, concise message about why orthoimagery is needed instead of using Google Earth. Differences in when and how the data is collected, leaf on versus leaf off. Google data must be leased or purchased to use in GIS applications.
- b. GeoParcels – Michael Smith
 - i. Action Items
 - 1. Report out on status of Charlie Colgan's project – Next week, we should be getting the parcels, which include the greater Bangor and greater Portland areas.
 - 2. Some errors were found in the GeoParcel Viewer. Mike asked to be emailed the issues, such as spelling and town list errors, so they can be fixed. Any functionality issues won't be addressed until we transition to the new platform.
 - 3. John talked with a few towns about updating information in the GeoParcel Viewer. Mike explained that they just need to send the updates to Anji Auger.
- c. Education & Training – Cathleen McAnneny, PhD
 - i. No report.
- d. Geospatial Data – Dan Walters
 - i. Report out on summer activities
 - 1. GeoSpatial Committee and Ortho and LiDAR subcommittees all took the summer off. Ortho will meet September 25th and LiDAR will meet September 26th. Then the whole group will meet about a month later.
 - 2. Plan is to review the state of the art of the technology, determine the deliverables, update the 5 year strategic plan for the ortho project and fine tune a LiDAR strategic plan.

3. LiDAR strategic plan would include re-flying the areas where data does not meet the current USGS specifications.
 - ii. LiDAR Pre-Proposal to USGS funding for LiDAR acquisition – showed map areas of impact that were proposed, will adjust because funding is slightly less than originally expected. The target area is designed to attract funding from the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit hoping to capture enough unorganized territories that would allow them to release some of those funds to help pay for it. The CFRU has \$50K set aside for gathering LiDAR. Map color key:
 1. Red – area that would be covered if NRCS gave \$300K, but the area would need to be reduced as NRCS funding is reduced.
 2. Red hatched – area that would be covered by tentative funding from State agencies.
 3. Green – area that would be covered if USGS could provide X amount of funding.
 4. Blue – area that would be covered if price could be reduced to \$185 per square mile.
 - iii. The LiDAR sub-committee will develop an official LiDAR acquisition plan and submit for Board approval. It will provide a detailed approach for LiDAR acquisition and specific areas we will target each year.
 - iv. Inclusion of bathymetric LiDAR was also discussed at June meeting of Geospatial Committee, as was the idea of “One Map for Me.” to encompass all core geospatial data layers. This concept of mapping once using many times may catch the imagination of legislators lead to support of better funding for mapping.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee – Vinton Valentine
 - i. No report.
 - b. Policy & Marketing Committee – Bill Hanson
 - i. Bill is working on red lines for legislation. The board would like to have the red lines in October, to be finalized in November, then find a sponsor in November or December. Mike and Joe will work on language for change in Geospatial Reserve Fund to make sure the matching issue is addressed. We will want to coordinate with Jennifer Smith in the Commissioner’s office as we want the commissioner’s support.
 - ii. Cumberland County will participate in the spring 2015 flights with the towns that are interested. However, they are not asking for a full re-flight, nor do they want to pay 1/3 of the cost for the whole county. Our suggestion to the county was that they pay the up charge and off-schedule costs for the town.
 - iii. Joe will be reaching out to next year’s target area communities. We would like indication of interest and signed MOAs by the end of the year.
 1. MOAs and contracts are done for Waldo and Penobscot counties for 2015 and Somerset and Franklin counties for 2016.
 - c. Technical Committee –
 - i. No report.
7. Guest Comments – None.
8. Recommendations for Next Meeting Agenda –
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. Legislative Issues
 - c. MOA between USGS and GeoLibrary Board relative to Dan Walters’ participation
9. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Smith. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 15, 2014

