**Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting Agenda**

 **04/17/2024**

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| **Seat #** | **Attending** | **Present/Online** | **Notes** |
| 1 | Sharon Horne | **X**  |  |
| 2 | Brian Guerrette |  |  |
| 4 | Nate Kane | **X** |  |
| 5 | Vinton Valentine |  |  |
| 6 | Gregory Copeland | **X** |  |
| 7 | *Vacant, Statewide Association of Municipalities* |  |  |
| 8 | Leticia vanVuuren | **X** |  |
| 9 | Walter Anderson | **X** |  |
| 10 | *Vacant, Reals Estate and Development* |  |  |
| 11 | Sarah Haggerty | **X** |  |
| 12 | *Vacant, Public Utilities* |  |  |
| 13 | Aaron Weston | **X** |  |
| 14 | Patrick Cunningham | **X**  |  |
| 15 | Mal Carey | **X** |  |
| 16 | Maria Jacques | **X** |  |
| **Staff:** |  |  |
| Jay Clark, Executive Director |  |  |
| **Guests:** |  |  |
| Emily Pettit |  |  |
| Clarence Young |  |  |
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AGENDA

10:00 – Roll Call of Members: Leticia

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10:05 – Review of Minutes: Leticia

Minutes were postponed for lack of a quorum.

10:10 – Director’s Report + Discussion of Topics: Jay + Board

Jay gave his report for this month.

Highlights were:

 LiDAR is being flown now.

 Jay is moving to full-time permanent for the Executive Director position.

 Analyst position is still outstanding.

 RFP responses will close this week.

 Teams issue is still outstanding.

 Data Inventory is on-going.

Work Groups:

Remote Sensing Goal: To provide high resolution imagery for the entire State every 5 (or less years depending on cost). To ensure flexibility for special projects (such as requirements for leaf-on or off conditions).

Derivative Products Goal: To provide a consistent record layout and coverage for (initially) the Unorganized Territories and then move on to the Organized territories.

MOU for the Maine Space Corp: Jay reviewed the language of the MOU.

*“This MOU establishes the intent of both organizations to work together to achieve the common goal of ensuring Maine has the infrastructure and resources to ensure the private and public sectors have access to useable and meaningful remote sensing data. The initial activities to achieving this purpose include: • Dashboard/Portal • Data Analytics Resource • Use case for unavailable remote sensing data Funding This MOU does not imply a commitment of funds. However, both parties agree to pursue joint funding opportunities to support the above -mentioned activities. Duration This MOU is at -will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the Corporation and the Maine GeoLibrary. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the Corporation and the Maine GeoLibrary and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.”*

Discussion ensued.

Mal cautioned that we didn’t really know who we were dealing with and was concerned about competition for state funds. He agreed that we should sign the skeletal agreement and pay close attention to the way they evolve.

Greg was not sure we had the legal right to enter into this kind of agreement. He asked if we had a quorum, and we did.

Jay suggested that we have numerous examples of MOUs we have agreed to in the past, with no problems.

Sharon suggested that if we could postpone a vote it is probably prudent until we are sure that we can enter into this kind of agreement. She also mentioned that it would be good to loop Brian into the discussion.

Maria pointed out that the agreement allows us to exit at any time and that she can’t see anything it obligates us to do. She said that she thinks we do have the authority to enter into the agreement as we have done this before and that we could wait 30 days to get an opinion if we needed to.

She made that point that if we are going to ask the AG for an opinion, we need to be clear what we are asking so that they understand hat we are asking and can answer what we want them to answer.

Nate had no problems with the MOU and suggested we move forward.

Aaron had concerns that we might be competing and what our recourse was in that case.

Jay restated that he believed there was no much downside compared to the potential upside and suggested we wait for Vinton to talk about it at the next meeting.

Maria said that the best thing that could come out of this is that we develop our “lanes: and determine what our lanes are. She agreed that it would be a mistake not to have the agreement.

Aaron suggested we wait until Vinton can talk to the Board about it and Greg agreed that he would probably support it once he heard from Vinton.

Maira pointed out that it could take longer than a month to get an opinion out of the AG’s office anyway.

It was decided to table the motion until Vinton returned in May and can comment on it. It may require review by the AG’s office.

Will the Board Approve the MOU with the Maine Space Center?

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The last item in Jay’s report was the Geo-Heritage site.

Jay reviewed this and a discussion was held.

Walter told the Board that he has approached the group “Our Katahdin” and the town of Nonaka about being the location of the headquarters for the site. He talked about the management of the funds involved and how that group or the Town of Milwaukee may be involved in management of funds.

Maria said that she had done some reading and was wondering if this would put us in a position to designate land as off limits for development.

Walter replied no, nothing like that.

Greg questioned if we have the authority to endorse anything like this.

Jay responded that the Board does have the authority to endorse things.

Walter clarified that it is just a concept endorsement, which goes back to the proposal which is on paper.

He stated that they are trying to involve people who have the kind of technology that they need and if costs occure they will pay for the services they need.

Greg stated that he had been in City government for 30 years and that endorsements can’t come from the planning Board. He doesn’t see that it is appropriate for the Board to endorse this concept. He thinks that what we are being asked is beyond what the Board can do. He definitely thinks we need an opinion on this one.

Maria agreed.

There was some consideration of a rewrite of the language, Walter offered to withdraw it as an item, Greg again suggested that it was inappropriate for the Board to endorse a proposal that we had not seen.

Walter said the proposal would be completed soon.

Clarence suggested that it was in the Board’s mission to participate in innovative ways to collect or update spatial information and this might fit into those conducting studies relating to that coordination, development, and use of statewide data. This aligns with the Board’s legal purpose.

The Board decided to table the issue until the next meeting. The concern is what implications an endorsement may have.

Will the Board endorse the concept of establishing a Geo-Heritage site in the Mount Katahdin Area as described in Walter’s presentation and today’s discussion?

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10:50 – Minutes. Leticia asked if there were any corrections. There were none. Greg moved to approve and both Walter and Maria seconded. The minutes were approved with no objection.

10:52 New Bueinss.

There was none.

10:53 Walter Moved to adjourn, Aaron seconded.

10:54 the meeting was adjourned.