

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
THE MISSISSIPPI COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

OCTOBER 27, 2003

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) met at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Southport Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

The first meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee was convened with Charles Chisolm, Chairman of the Council, giving a brief overview of the newly created Council and how the Policy Advisory Committee would contribute to the success of this effort through close collaboration and assistance with the Council.

Cragin Knox then reviewed the historical developments that led to the passage of House Bill No. 861 which created the Council and ordered the establishment of the Policy Advisory Committee.

Mr. Knox gave a PowerPoint presentation which depicted similar efforts underway in numerous other southeastern states.

Sam Mabry presented a draft outline for the plan to carry out the legislatively directed duties and responsibilities of the Council. The draft outline addressed five major elements: (1) develop and maintain the Mississippi Digital Earth Model (MDEM), (2) develop standards for purchasing of hardware, software, and data, (3) establish a clearinghouse/warehouse, (4) develop, operate, and maintain delivery system infrastructure, and (5) develop funding priorities and request for the 2004 session of the Legislature.

Claude Johnson reviewed those parts of the draft outline which deal with Information Technology Services (ITS) responsibilities as directed by HB 861.

The meeting was then adjourned.