OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
MISSISSIPPI COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR
REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

September 13, 2011

PRESENT

Keith Harkins (for Trudy Fisher, Chair), Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Craig Orgeron, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services
Ray Barksdale (for Melinda McGrath), Mississippi Department of Transportation
Jack Moody (for Leland Speed), Mississippi Development Authority
Buck Buchanan (for Charlie W. Morgan), Mississippi Forestry Commission
Rick Ericksen, Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists
Jim Steil, Institutions of Higher Learning/MARIS
Matthew Dodd (for George Lewis), Mississippi Municipal League
Derrick Surrette, Executive Director, Mississippi Association of Supervisors (for Tony Fleming, Clarke County Board of Supervisors)
Michael Caples, Mississippi Association of Supervisors
Chuck Carr, Central Mississippi Planning and Development District
Richard Tolbert, Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors

ABSENT

Mike Womack, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Gerald McWhorter (for Delbert Hosemann), Mississippi Secretary of State
Gene McGee, Mayor, City of Ridgeland
Jeff Mullins, Mississippi Tax Assessors/Collectors Association
Tommy Moffatt, Senator, Mississippi State Senate
Dannie Reed, Representative, Mississippi House of Representatives

Craig Orgeron, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed those present. He thanked Michael Caples for inviting the Council to meet in the Butler Snow facilities. Mr. Orgeron asked for a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes for July 12, 2011. The motion was made by Michael Caples and seconded by Jim Steil. The motion was approved.

The Strategic Plan Report was presented by Keith Harkins who handed out a list of MCCRSGIS Coordinator duties. Jim Steil commented on the changes in the list. He stated that "Twitter" had been added and some others had been combined. Mr. Harkins said this list of duties would be incorporated into Joel Yelverton's contract. A discussion of the seven data themes followed. Separate data theme meetings will be held. A group of local governments has been formed to coordinate cadastrel and to coordinate with the Council.

Joel Yelverton presented the Council Coordinator's Report. He has been working to coordinate and organize a digital ortho imagery flight for three Gulf Coast counties. There have been issues

to resolve with the interlocal agreement. The Boards of Supervisors have to approve it, and then it goes to the Attorney General's Office for final approval. The specifications for the flight are being finalized. MDOT and the Mississippi Department of Revenue will review it, but it will be a short turn-around for reviewing it. He attended the Tax Assessors/Collectors meeting.

Cragin Knox of MGI gave a PowerPoint presentation on the MDEM layer development activities. Gazetteer has just been added as the eighth layer of the MDEM framework. Road centerline data at 1:4,800 have been received for 22 counties in the central and eastern part of the state and should be finished in December.

Steve Champlin, Project Manager for the Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative (MFMMI), gave an update on the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) project. DFIRM maps are effective in 64 counties with 10 counties in the review stage and 8 counties in the compliance stage for a total of 82 counties. Seven counties are involved in the FY 2009 transition to RiskMAP. George County preliminary DFIRMs were delivered on July 8. Other preliminary map deliveries are expected in fall/winter of 2011. The FY 2010 RiskMAP program involves the Pearl River in Hinds and Madison counties, the Jordan River in Harrison and Hancock counties, the Pearl River in Marion County, levee mapping and unmet needs in Jones and Forrest counties, lidar for the future Tenn-Tom Waterway Restudy Project, and scoping/discovery community meetings in early 2012. For the Tenn-Tom Waterway lidar project, collection and survey have been completed and processing will begin shortly. Phase 1 of the USACE MS Delta-Yazoo River Basin Lidar Project has been completed. The data have been acquired and are housed at the MS Geospatial Clearinghouse. Phase 2 data are currently being copied to MDEQ hard drives at Vicksburg.

Debra Brown of MDITS said the new Clearinghouse has been running for five months now. Gary Hennington of The Geospatial Group gave an update on the GIS Portal/Clearinghouse development. Support for ArcGIS version 9.2 has been added for data downloads. The size for the detail imagery download has been increased to include larger coverage areas. They are on "Twitter" now. They have had 9,116 site visits. Most site traffic is direct with search engines following a close second. The most downloaded dataset is MDEM imagery. A big improvement has been faster access to lower imagery levels.

George Heleine, USGS Geospatial Liaison to Mississippi and Alabama, spoke about a proposed FY 2012 Mississippi lidar project with partnerships between federal, state, county, and local governments. A lot of work has been done in Alabama with most of it paid for with NRCS funding. When USGS is in a partnership, the data will be publicly available. A Mississippi map was shown with existing lidar coverage which is available to the public. The biggest issue is cost. He is working with Joel Yelverton on the Coast.

Warren McKinnon is retiring at the end of this month, and Renae Smith will be taking his place.

Jim Steil announced that the next NSGIC meeting will be held September 25-29, in Boise, Idaho. Next year the meeting will be held in Florida.

Under other business, Representative Scott DeLano stated his plans to file a similar bill this year to the one he filed last year pertaining to plats. He requested that the Council members let him know

about other legislation that is needed. Richard Tolbert also spoke to the Council regarding USM having set up the CORS system, but that there are problems for surveyors with system use.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on November 8, 2011, with the location to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.