

Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board (GISB)

Winter Board Meeting

UCA (University of Central Arkansas) Campus
201 Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center
Room 112 & 114

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3rd 2014
10:00AM - 12:00PM

➤ **Board Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Margaret "Beth" McMillan at 10:05am**

➤ **Roll Call**

Board Members Present:

Dr. Margaret "Beth" McMillan (Chair)
Mr. Glen Dabney
Dr. Jackson Cothren
Ms. Heather Stevens
Mr. Hershel Cleveland
Ms. Amy Whitehead
Ms. Sharon Hawkins
Mr. Matt Hodges
Mr. Taylor Wynn

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Jon Sweeny
Ms. Kasey Summerville
Judge Clayton Castleman (Deceased)
Mr. Randy Everett (Vice Chair)
Mr. Grant Tennille

➤ **Chair Welcomes and Acknowledges Guest**

Guests:

Tracy Moy, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Amanda Eggert, Student
Stephen O'Connell, Geography Faculty
Matthew Connolly, Geography Faculty
Jeff Allender, Geography Faculty
Mary Passe-Smith, Geography Faculty
Mike Patterson, Department of Information System

AGIO Staff:

Mr. Shelby Johnson, Arkansas Geographic Information Officer
Mr. Seth LeMaster, Lead GIS Analyst
Ms. Holly Settlers, Administrative Specialist

➤ **Meeting**

➤ **Welcome:** The Chair opened the floor and requested all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Amy Whitehead welcomed the board to the UCA campus.

Board member, Glen Dabney, announced the passing of board member Judge Clayton Castleman. The board took a few moments to reflect Judge Castleman's service to the state's GIS Board.

The Chair then called for any corrections to the September 3rd Meeting minutes. No one contested the September 3rd minutes.

Motion: to accept the September 3rd 2014 minutes- Mr. Glen Dabney

Second: Mr. Matt Hodges

No discussion; Unanimously Approved.

➤ **Old Business**

1. Board Member Appointments

Board Member Appointments – The State GIS Board has three new members. The first is Sharon Hawkins with Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department. The second one is Matt Hodges with Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The third one is Grant Tennille with Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

➤ **New Business:**

1. AGIO Report

- a. GeoStor Migration Update
- b. Parcel Project Update
- c. Connect Arkansas/MAP21 Project Update

2. AGIO name clarification

- a. Proposal to change the agency's name to **Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office (Arkansas GIS Office)**.

3. Dr. Jeff Allender, Update on UCA GIS Program

4. Propose target dates for the 2015 GIS Board meetings

- a. March 4, 2015
- b. June 3, 2015
- c. September 2, 2015
- d. December 2, 2015

AGIO Report- Seth LeMaster provided the AGIO report in lieu of Shelby Johnson having lost his voice.

GeoStor Migration Update – Seth LeMaster reported about GeoStor migration. He notified members the migration is progressing and the agency plans on internal testing next week. The

agency plans on external beta testing in two weeks with a small number of users. They are looking at production rollout as soon as January 13th, which coincides with new Governor taking office.

Currently, there are two websites. The agency will be merging everything under one website at www.gis.arkansas.gov. There will be a new design and cosmetically different, but all of the functionality that exists now will be the same. It will be taking advantage of Ecommerce product techniques to track downloads, set updates, receive notifications, and a simpler interface. Seth stated that once the agency has confidence the new operation is stable and in full use, the agency will begin the process of shutting down the old platform.

Parcel Project Update – Seth updated the board on the Parcel Mapping project and outlined the highlights of where the project stands now. Seth pointed out that a major part of the project now is deed research and pulling deeds for the parcel polygons that still need to be mapped. The agency is working to line up various partners and strategies for pulling deeds to get the project finished.

Connect Arkansas/MAP21 Project Update – Next, he covered the Centerline and MAP21 project. This project builds on the Centerline project and is joint work with Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. The Connect-Arkansas project is winding down and the last County, Ouachita, was delivered. Now, work will transition into the MAP21 project that builds on the centerline and address point work. The goal is a centerline file that meets the need of transportation and emergency service. Preliminary work has been done on Dallas and Prairie counties. The agency is working closely with Sharon Hawkins' office on this project.

AGIO Name Clarification – Seth covered the agency's name clarification request. He requested that the agency's current name be re-worded to **Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office (Arkansas GIS Office)**. He stated that the agency needed to clarify the services they provided and the new name would accomplish this. The agency needed the board's approval of the request. Then the agency will take the name request to the state legislature for approval.

Chair McMillan asked about administration change. Seth updated the board on what information the agency knew.

Motion: To approve name change - Mr. Hershel Cleveland

Second: Ms. Amy Whitehead

No discussion; Unanimously Approved

Dr. Jeff Allender, Update on UCA GIS Program- Dr. Allender updated the board on UCA's Geography Department and its work with GIS. He updated that the department of Geography is now under STEM College. It has undergone a substantial change with the new Dean. It has relocated to a new building and remains the only stand-alone Geography department in the state. The department has doubled their majors in the last few years. They have a new geospatial track under geography with an all GIS all the time. They also have seven different undergrad GIS courses with at least one section every semester. The newest courses include

geographic field resources for research with a number of linkages to biology and natural resources.

Propose Target Dates for the 2015 GIS Board Meeting - The board looked at dates and agreed on the proposed schedule:

- (Spring Meeting) March 4, 2015
- (Summer Meeting) June 3, 2015
- (Fall Meeting) September 2, 2015
- (Winter Meeting) December 2, 2015

➤ **Announcements:**

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and entertained the motion to adjourn.

➤ **Adjournment**

Adjournment was at 10:51am

Motion: Jackson Cothren

Second: Sharon Hawkins

Next Meeting: March 4, 2014

Minutes Adopted 3/11/15



Dr. Margaret "Beth" McMillan, Chair(Signature)