

Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)  
**IDAHO GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IGC-EC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 21, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. (*Mountain*)

**Webex link (with video):** <https://idahogov.webex.com/meet/quick.link>

**Teleconference (audio) only/dial-in:**

Toll-free phone: 1-833-695-0549 / Access Code: 2452 642 7506 # / No attendee ID required, press # to join

**Physical Location:** Office of IT Services

11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 8, 2nd Floor, Conf Rm 215, Boise Idaho

**Members Present:**

Sydney Lewis, ITD (Chair)  
Keith Weber, ISU  
Bruce Godfrey, U of I- Inside Idaho  
Kelly Green, Blaine County  
Tom Kearns, Dept. of Lands  
Jeff May, Dept. of Fish and Game  
Wilma Robertson, Office of IT Services  
Eric Buehler, USDA NRCS  
Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls  
Jan Cunningham, ESRI  
Wendy Largent, NLI Cooperative

**Members Absent:**

Dan Determan, NOAA  
Tom Carlson, USGS  
Cyndi Andersen, City of Meridian  
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe  
Jackie Reader, Office of IT Services

**Others Present:**

Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County  
Robin Dunn, Dept of Lands  
Josh Enterkine, BSU  
Heather Studley, Bannock County  
Catherine Thies, Office of IT Services

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:34 am MST. Roll call attendance was taken, and a quorum was established.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Robertson moved, and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

**GIO OFFICE - UPDATES**

Ms. Robertson provided the status of the active projects of the GIO.

The Idaho Public Safety Communication Commission (IPSCC) awarded almost \$0.5M to a project sponsored by Nez Perce County on behalf of the 41 counties that can receive funding through IPSCC. This funding will be used to extend the contracts of Pam Bond, Ali Scott, and Tom Calton.

The NG9-1-1 project is progressing well. There has been a large amount of outreach, including a recent visit to Jerome to meet with representatives from area counties that are part of the Sircomm emergency center such as Gooding, Lincoln, and Twin Falls.

The GIS team is growing with the recent inclusion of a Data Architect and a Data Scientist, as well as the possibility of an opening for a GIS Analyst III position.

The Idaho Map is ongoing and will be enhanced by new servers being installed to set up clean Arc GIS enterprise infrastructure.

Coordination continues with Idaho cities and counties on the NG9-1-1 project verifying and cleaning the data. As well as working with the Dept of Commerce on supporting the capital projects funds grant applications. Idaho looks to have five hundred and eighty-two million dollars in funding through BEAD for broadband development.

Ms. Robertson then spoke on the continued effort on building a comprehensive strategic plan for all data in the state. As well as the exploration of incorporating tools like Tableau for data analysis and Snowflake for data warehousing.

## **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

### **Elevation TWG**

Mr. Enterkine stated that the TWG anticipates that by the end of the year the entirety of Idaho will have been flown. Mr. Weber spoke on the status of the Southern Idaho 2018 Project. A large FEMA project that includes newly available data for two projects, #12 and #14. That Lidar data is currently being downloaded.

### **Boundary TWG**

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Bond stating that the focus of the TWG is the county boundaries, with an end goal of a statewide layer agreed upon by all counties. The upcoming TWG meetings will include discussion on subdistricts and other lesser segments such as voting precincts and other boundaries related to elections.

The TWG meets the third Thursday of every month at 2p.m. MT.

### **Imagery TWG**

In the absence of Ms. Wilkins, Mr. Buehler informed the committee that Idaho NAIP is about 80% flown for 2023, leaving only some areas in northern Idaho. A summit was recently held in Utah that included a discussion with the contractors on the timing of the completion for the year. It is likely that they will continue to go until the snow flies.

The meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am MT.

### **Public Safety TWG**

Mr. Reynolds offered a contact for questions about addressing. There is an addressing special interest group that Amanda Morse of Ada County has been hosting.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2023.

### **Geodetic TWG**

Mr. Weber provided an overview of the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 expected to go into use in 2025 or 2026. This was followed by summary information on tools and processes for transitioning to the new coordinate systems. It will include nine state plane zones for Idaho rather than the current three, developed through a close collaboration between the TWG and the National Geodetic Survey (NGS).

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

### **Cadastral TWG**

Ms. Dunn stated that the results of the survey provided information on whether cadastral data is generally in a parcel fabric or a geo database. Moving forward the discussion will be around the option of stitching together all the databases or using one specific dataset as a starting point and incorporating the others into that foundation dataset. Further dialog will be regarding where the dataset is hosted and who has editing privileges.

### **Transportation TWG**

Ms. Lewis spoke about the upcoming priorities for the TWG to include mileposts and historical signs. Ms. Robertson mentioned the possibility of potential collaborations on public transportation and bike lanes.

## Energy and Utilities TWG

Ms. Largent informed the committee that the TWG is in the initial steps, including determining appropriate contacts, and plans for the first meeting in December.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Fall Meeting Planning:

- Consideration of potential locations for the fall meeting.
- Discussion on combining the meeting with existing events or conferences.

## ADJOURN

**MOTION:** Ms. Robertson moved, and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to adjourn; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am MT. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 9:30 am MT.

C Thies, Office of IT Services