

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

Thursday, November 16, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. (*Mountain*)

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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
Jan Cunningham, ESRI
Wendy Largent, NLI Cooperative
Cyndi Andersen, City of Meridian

Jackie Reader, Office of IT Services

Members Absent:

Dan Determan, NOAA
Tom Carlson, USGS
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe
Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls

Others Present:

Lacey Summers, ESRI
Scott Moore, ESRI
Margie Wilkins, IDWR
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 9:33 am MST. Roll call attendance was taken, and a quorum was established.

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Reader moved, and Ms. Andersen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

GIO OFFICE - UPDATES

Ms. Robertson informed the committee of the expansion of the GIS team with a GIS Analyst III who will be starting in December. Through the merging of the GIS and Data Teams there was also the recent inclusion of a Data Architect and a Data Scientist. With the team complete, the group will build a roadmap for the GIS office.

The GIS III will start on production of a draft of The Idaho Map (TIM) with a projected review date of May.

Ms. Robertson then 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 to continue the work on NG9-1-1.

Ms. Wheatley gave an update on the progress of upgrading to Enterprise Infrastructure 11.2. Highlights on the establishment of enterprise geodatabases for parcels and addressing were provided. Ms. Wheatley is also working on the TIM layer for parcels and outreach to counties for collaboration.

Ms. Robertson presented the Oregon Graphic Information Council (OGIC) Work Plan and Goals for use as a reference.

Ms. Robertson mentioned plans to discuss individual representatives' roles and gather input for the IGC's goals. And emphasized the need for the IGC to strengthen communication, work on sustainable funding, and align its goals with the state's plan.

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 and the progress of pushing LiDAR point cloud data -LAS zipped (LAZ) files to the server at ISU. Mr. Weber noted that 66% of the state of Idaho is covered by LiDAR data that is in hand and ready to be used.

Boundary TWG

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Bond and provided updates on the efforts to finalize agreed upon boundaries between counties, which stand at 80-85% complete. Challenges in some counties regarding decision-making were discussed. Also, there is a new collaboration with the Secretary of State's office on a voting precinct layer.

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

Imagery TWG

Ms. Wilkins informed the committee of a presentation to the TWG by Hexagon; the vendor for collecting the 2023 NAIP. It is expected that northern Idaho is currently being flown to complete Idaho. The NAIP is expected to be delivered in spring 2024.

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

Public Safety TWG

Ms. Wheatley spoke on behalf of Mr. Reynolds regarding communication efforts and discussions on Master Street Address (MSAG) data needs for the counties.

Geodetic TWG

Mr. Weber provided updates on the addition of control points to the Multi-state Control Point Database (MCPD), with a goal for completion prior to year-end.

A significant change for Idaho in 2025 or 2026 will be the implementation of the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame (NATRF) of 2022. This will occur when the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has completed its work.

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every month.

Cadastral TWG

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Dunn discussing ongoing efforts to establish a process to update the public land survey system. Their effort includes working with different counties to improve control points, as well as leveraging the MCPD.

Hazard TWG

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Mr. Lifton noting that there are plans to revisit some datasets including earthquakes, volcanoes, and landslides.

Regular meetings will resume in 2024.

Transportation TWG

Ms. Lewis stated that upcoming priorities for the TWG will include mileposts and historical signs. Updates on ITD internal work included the upgrade of their geo warehouse.

Ms. Robertson mentioned the possibility of potential collaborations on road centerline data, public transportation, and bike lanes.

Geosciences TWG

Ms. Reader provided an update on standards for layers, including forest productivity and the geologic map of Idaho. There was also mention of the challenges in obtaining updated data from the USDA.

Energy and Utilities TWG

Ms. Largent informed the committee that the first meeting will be held in December. The committee was encouraged to actively participate, as well as motivate others to participate and provide input.

Parcel TWG

Ms. Wheatley stated that the TWG is working on dataset nomination for 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Fall Meeting was not feasible this year.
- Ms. Robertson emphasized the need for more outreach involving schools and social media.
- Planning for the spring meeting is underway, including a strategy for social media and a potential mentorship program.
- Ms. Wheatley provided updates on the student mapping competition, seeking tips and tricks for outreach to teachers.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Robertson moved, and Ms. Cunningham seconded a motion to adjourn; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am MT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 9:30 am MT.

C Thies, Office of IT Services