

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

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. (*Mountain*)

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

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

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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  
Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls  
Jackie Reader, Office of IT Services

**Members Absent:**

Dan Determan, NOAA  
Tom Carlson, USGS  
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe

**Others Present:**

Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce County  
Margie Wilkins, IDWR  
Gabe Osterhout, SOS  
Josh Enterkine, BSU  
Heather Studley, Bannock County  
Megan Wheatley, Office of IT Services  
Catherine Thies, Office of IT Services

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:32 am MST. Roll call attendance was taken, and a quorum was established.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Robertson moved, and Ms. Largent seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

**HUMAN INTEREST TWG**

The Human Interest TWG is intended to identify stakeholder needs surrounding data related to people such as demographic data, population estimates and forecasts, employment and employer data, schools, health care facilities, etc.

**MOTION:** Ms. Reader moved, and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to approve the formation of the Human Interest Technical Working Group; the motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN COMMITTEE SEAT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Robertson moved, and Ms. Largent seconded a motion to approve Gabe Osterhout from Secretary of State's office to fill the open committee seat- State 2 (Seat 2), vacated by the recent departure of Jeff May; the motion passed unanimously.

## **UPCOMING IGC-EC ELECTIONS**

Ms. Lewis announced the upcoming committee elections. Each year six of the 12 seats end the two-year term. Seats included in the election this year are State 1 (Seat 1), Federal 2 (Seat 4), Local 2 (Seat 6), Local 3 (Seat 7), Tribal (Seat 8) and Private (Seat 10). The nomination period extends to February 9, 2024, followed by voting from February 26 to March 15, 2024. The newly elected members will serve from April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2026.

## **IGC-EC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

Ms. Lewis provided an overview of the recently sent engagement survey. The survey, consisting of three sections, has the purpose of discovering member interests, concerns, and recommendations for engagement and growth. Ms. Robertson shared plans for individual follow-up conversations with committee members.

## **GIO OFFICE - UPDATES**

Ms. Robertson made the committee aware that with the expanded expertise and functions of the GIS team it is now the Data and Spatial Services Team. She also provided an overview of the newly defined vision and mission.

### *Vision Statement*

Inspire a data-driven culture where data is available, shared, trusted and leveraged to drive informed decisions, innovation, and optimized services to the citizens of Idaho.

### *Mission Statement*

To support Idaho's needs by promoting best practices while improving access to shared, trusted and secure data and analyses.

Ms. Robertson also outlined the goals, objectives, and upcoming initiatives. These include a draft of The Idaho Map (TIM), and continued work on the NextGen9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) project.

## **TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

### **Elevation TWG**

Mr. Enterkine stated that the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data collected in summer 2023 from Blaine and Caribou Counties is in hand. Mr. Weber has shared updates to the listserv on recently received datasets.

The TWG meets the first Thursday of every month at 1p.m. MT.

### **Boundary TWG**

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Bond and relayed that work continues on getting agreement on boundaries between neighboring counties.

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

### **Imagery TWG**

The TWG meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am MT.

## **Public Safety TWG**

Mr. Reynolds discussed ongoing NG9-1-1 efforts statewide, recognizing the efforts of the contractor team to identify challenges and solutions. Mr. Reynolds also acknowledged that this will likely be a multi-year effort. There has been the addition of an Addressing Special Interest Group within the TWG. Amanda Morris is the chair. Mr. Folsom expressed interest in participating in discussions related to addressing. The TWG is discussing giving a presentation at the Northern Rockies chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (NR URISA) Intermountain GIS Conference May 2024.

The Address sub-group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10a.m. MT.

## **Geodetic TWG**

Mr. Weber provided an overview of areas of focus including the real time network coordinated with The Utah Reference Network (TURN) the host of the Idaho base stations, the Multi-state Control Point Database (MCPD) and upcoming changes to the spatial data reference network NATRF 2022.

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 3p.m. MT.

## **Cadastral TWG**

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Dunn and gave an update on the collaboration with the BLM. A copy of the parcel fabric was received by the BLM and is currently being reviewed, before being shared with ITS and Dept of Lands. Next steps will be incorporating control points collected by the Department of Lands and the MCPD.

## **Hazard TWG**

Regular meetings will resume in 2024.

## **Transportation TWG**

Ms. Lewis Server discussed infrastructure movements, aligning with updates to the Transportation Department's Data Warehouse.

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 10a.m. MT.

## **Geosciences TWG**

Ms. Reader reported that there has been progress on standards for soil survey layers and the geologic map of Idaho.

The TWG meets the third Tuesday of every month at 3p.m. MT.

## **Energy and Utilities TWG**

Ms. Largent discussed holding the first TWG meeting, the content of which covered topics including distributing a survey to discern expectations and outcomes. Further examination will take place regarding utilities' connection to addressing issues and the legal aspects of releasing utility location information. Also mentioned was incorporating broadband information.

The TWG meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11a.m. MT.

## **Parcel TWG**

Ms. Wheatley stated that the existing standards have been under review. In addition, she has been reaching out to counties for assistance on moving toward a single parcel layer done through automation. There is a dashboard available that shows that status of each of the counties.

The TWG meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2p.m. MT.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Spring IGC meetup will be combined with the NR URISA Conference in May 2024 in Post Falls, Idaho.
- Announcement of the Location, Enterprise Addressing and Public Safety (LEAP) conference on February 27-29, 2024. There will be a group registration with an ITS conference room available for those in the Boise area.

#### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Ms. Andersen moved, and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to adjourn; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am MT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:30 am MT.

C Thies, Office of IT Services