



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

January 21, 2015

- Call to order at: 1:39 PM
- Location: DCA
- Introductions –
- Approval of Minutes: Postponement Until February
- Presentation:
 - Ernie talked about a training session held at MGRC to show how to create contours from raw LiDAR data. He discussed trying to put together a workshop for processing LAS data. Asked vendors to attend educational session. Have not identified a location of this training at this time. This is training for RC's and anyone that might be processing LiDAR data. Looking at 6-10 weeks to put this together. Would be set up as instructional rather than hands on training due to software and hardware limitations. Jimmy Nolan recommended a class size of approximately 12-16 and possibly a follow up program afterward. A way to get the information about this training out to elected officials was proposed and Dave Wills stated that ACCG would be happy to assist any way possible. He also asked the question of what the appeal was for elected officials to attend this training and how would this training be appealing to them in particular. Ernie Smith stated that County Managers should make an informed recommendation. Content of training as far as elected officials and county managers is concerned should be the subject of not only what LiDAR data is, but what existing data is already out there, how to acquire, the cost to acquire, how to pay for this and what the different levels of LiDAR are. Jimmy stated that a way to relate LiDAR to county officials is discussing it in terms of Community Rating System. The consensus of the group is the importance of educating elected officials about the benefits and derivative products of LiDAR, they will see the importance of finding a way to regularly fund this data. The discussion ended with a target of early to mid-March to get this put together.



- Faith Bryan gave an update on her multi county flight. She gave some history on how this project came about. Back in 2013 started with only her region to see who would be interested in aerial photography and LiDAR and who needed what. There was interest but the counties did not have money at that time and wanted additional time to be able to budget. Met again in 2014 to follow up. At that time neighboring RC's were contacted to find out if there was interest across RC boundaries and found lots of interest across NE portion of state. Currently at 22 counties and 3 cities including Atlanta. Got word out at conference in Athens and that generated more interest. Aerials range from 3" all the way up to 1 foot. Quantam Spatial was chosen for the project and they partnered with Pictometry. 6 counties are getting oblique's. LiDAR is also being collected ranging from 4 points per meter to 2 per meter. Project funded by cities and counties. No fed or state money involved. Planes are currently in the air.
- Lillian Huffman as Vice Chairman of the Framework Committee for the GISCC talked about what her vision for the organization of two technical working groups. There will be a LiDAR/Aerial group and also an Emergency Management group. Both groups would make it a priority to network and discover initiatives around the state. The LiDAR/Aerial group will provide information about grants and work on multi county aerial projects. Would like for people who have experience with LiDAR acquisition and processing, people from local or regional government, state agencies and private sector vendors who are experienced in these type projects to be a part of this group. The Emergency Management group would encourage production of data sets that can be used in emergency and disaster situations. This group would also develop best practices to assist county GIS as well as EMA in the exchange data between counties during a large disaster. Would like this group to include people who have worked with county EMA managers. Scott Bales discussed a pilot project that would demonstrate the value of GIS data, particularly flood modeling using LiDAR. The plan for this project is to put together an operational Emergency Management System that includes flood modeling/impact and E911 capability. The project will use watersheds to produce a product that may be useful to the state in the tri-state water dispute. The target area proposed for this project is the upper Chattahoochee River area where there is existing LiDAR data.
- GIO Update: Hunter gave an overview of how this position came about and the steps that have been taken up to date. The goal date for advertisement of the GIO position is March. The POLIS and ITOS sustainability project should be finished along that same time. An MOU drafted between GARC and the GISCC was



presented for discussion. This MOU has been established to task the GISCC with providing communication and outreach to state agencies regarding the establishment and support of the GIO. This MOU has already been presented to and signed by the GARC Executive Committee. Brent Lanford stated that the document was enthusiastically supported by the executive committee. Jimmy Nolan stated that he had no problem with moving forward with accepting the MOU at this time. Hunter Key read the Terms of Agreement section of the MOU.

- Motion for the MOU acceptance: Nick Kouloungis made motion, Ernie Smith seconded
- Jimmy asked for a volunteer to head up the communication work group. This group will maintain communication and outreach with state agencies to support the GIO. Ernie Smith volunteered to lead that group and Jimmy agreed to help.
- Committee Reports:
 - SP&P: Nick Kouloungis- No Report
 - Frame work: Scott Bales-
 - Education and Outreach: Paula Edwards- No Report
 - Website: Siva- No Report
 - Regional Commission Member: Tim Maguire- No Report
 - GDOT Representative: Tim Poe- No Report
- Chairman Executive Committee Report:
 - The Ga Association of Assessing Officials approached Jimmy and wants to get together and talk about sharing data. Want to figure out a way to work around boundaries. No official date or time has been set for a meeting to discuss.
 - A meeting is still in the works to talk with director of EPD about taking on the responsibilities of the GGAC.
 - GEMA has money to build translators for other CAMA software programs so that it will convert data so that it looks like Wingap data. POLIS is currently



contracted to build 5 translators for Cox, BiTex, Govern, Patriot, and GSI CAMA systems.

- Current Business:

- Announcements and Public Comments:
 - Dave Wills referred to November meeting minutes and asked if a letter had been drafted to Representative Buddy Carter. Jimmy Nolan stated the letter had not been written at this time. Dave reiterated that this should be done and to include a couple of things. One to congratulate him on being elected Congressman. Also to thank him for the work he did in terms of geospatial activity and legislation that he worked on while in the Georgia Legislature. He also wants to encourage him to remember geospatial activities generally and that we as a group will continue to work with him.
 - Chris Chalmers announced the new USGS liaison for state of GA is George Heleine.
 - Terry Jackson announced The National Hazus Conference will be hosted in Atlanta December 9-11. This will be a place where progress for statewide building inventory can be discussed.

- Adjournment: Ernie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Hunter Key seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

- Attendees
 - Chris Chalmers
 - Jimmy Nolan
 - Jeff Simmons
 - Rick Wallace
 - Isaac Weathers
 - Nick Kouloungis
 - Joseph Woycke
 - Jeff Simmons
 - Dave Wells
 - Terry Jackson



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Sustainable geospatial governance, investments, policies, and data-driven decisions

- Brent Lanford
 - Amber Tiller
 - Tim Mcguire
 - Paula Edwards
 - Lillian Huffman
 - Scott Bales
 - Hunter Key
 - Siva
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- Online Attendance
 - Heidi Penny
 - Natalie Lee
 - Noel Perkins
 - Jeff Griffin
 - Faith Bryan
 - Chris Canalos
 - Keith Owens
 - David Millard