



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

February 18, 2015

- Call to order at: 1:32 PM
- Location: DCA
- Introductions –
- Approval of Minutes:
 - Approval of November minutes motion made by Ernie Smith and second by Lisa Westin.
 - Approval of January minutes motion made by Ernie Smith and second by Hunter Key.
- Presentation: Ken Hamilton of Hexagon Geospatial to discuss new technologies developed by his company
 - The company vision is to act as a one stop shop for geospatial products. One of the steps toward doing this was by acquiring the best of three companies; Leica, ERDAS and Intergraph. These acquisitions have brought together GIS, Photogrammetry, and Remote Sensing. Their products are meant to compliment GIS software. They transform the real world as it comes in over the sensors that are collecting data, digitize it, and serve that data back out to clients. Intergraph allows the integration of vector data while ERDAS integrates the raster data. The company offers up what they call a Power Portfolio Suites that is made up of Producer, Provider, and Platform. These suites range from desktop software to server software. Hexagon offers enterprise licensing on a state and local level on 3 year intervals through a flat rate annual subscription. For more information, Ken may be contacted at 972-317-0676 or by email at kenneth.hamilton@intergraph.com.



- Committee Reports:
 - Vice Chair: Hunter Key -
 - SP&P: Nick Kouloungis- No Report
 - Frame work: Scott Bales- Reported that he and Lillian Huffman have begun the process of looking for data they could use to compile a pilot project that would show emergency flood modeling capabilities. This is a good representative of what can be done with LiDAR data.
 - 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: Jimmy talked about activity happening on the GISCC listserv. There have been emails going out to the GISCC listerv about training from the private sector. There was discussion on how this should be handled. Chris Chalmers mentioned that it might be a bad idea to allow a separate listserv be created off from the master listserv. He mentioned it would bring up a need to make decisions of who can access it and who cannot, what content is allowed on it and not, whether that be advertising or other. His recommendation is for the private sector to come to the GISCC and request permission to put a link to their website on the website. Another suggestion was to create a training portion of the GISCC website and those type posts could be located there. Jimmy suggested a link to private sector vendor information that GISCC would have no administration over. That link could be maintained by the private sector vendors themselves. Jimmy suggested creating a link to the Georgia URISA website could be a possible solution.
- Current Business:
 - Jimmy read a letter that Dave Wills wrote to Congressman Buddy Carter on behalf of the GISCC congratulating him on his election to Congress and thanking him for his help in advancing the use of GIS in Georgia and his help with the creation of GGAC. He also offered continued support by the GISCC with any GIS initiatives he may be involved with in the future. Terry Jackson mentioned the fact that one of the reasons Congressman Carter developed the notion of



GGAC was the realization that the state needed better information for flood control. Also realizing risk map products were beginning to be developed and there was no procedure in place to notify affected property owners. One of the things that was done while Terry was still at DCA was to develop hazus studies for 2 of his 3 counties. Congressman Carter is not aware of this. So his original concerns have been addressed except for Chatham County and that will occur under the GIO project. He suggested that Congressman Carter be made aware of this so that he knows there was real action taken to address his concerns. Jimmy requested Terry send him an amendment describing this so that it can be added to the letter. Terry also suggested that in addition to sending him a brief description of these details a pdf copies of the two supplemental hazus studies for the counties should be included. Jimmy stated that he would amend the letter and mention that he was attaching that report. Jimmy and Terry will finalize the details together. It was decided to hold off on sending the letter at this time until all suggested revisions can be made.

- Update on GIO: Hunter Key gave an update of the GIO position. The position is being defined and will be ready to go out after a GIO Network meeting to be held on February 25. After that meeting there will be discussion about location of the position. Hope to get that position out and begin making decisions on the location toward the end of February or first weeks of March. During that same time the EDA Grant is being submitted early to insure it is in before the deadline of March 1.
- HAZUS Translators: Hunter Key also gave an update on the status of the HAZUS translators. He explained that as the EDA grant came to fruition, GEMA was working on a grant for developing translators for their hazard mitigation plan and DNR was working on a NOAA grant to try to do HAZUS studies for the entire coast of the state. 11 translators are in the process of being built at this time through working together. Through the EDA grant funds and the scope of work, research is being done toward getting all of the state translators built within the grant 2 year window. At this time the state is only 4 translators short of this being completed.
- LiDAR workshop: The LiDAR workshop was announced on Friday February 12. The workshop will be a daylong seminar on Friday March 27th from 8:30 – 3:00. The vendors presenting will be Woolpert, Esri, Surdex, and Quantam Spatial. This workshop will cover not only LAS files but also the information contained in those LAS files that is not being used and how it can be enhanced to extract other



information. This workshop is open to all community practitioners of GIS. Ernie requested that all Regional Commissions be very active in notifying their local governments of this workshop. The agenda is being finalized and a registration link will be sent out.

- Announcements and Public Comments:
- Adjournment: Ernie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chris Chalmers seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.
- Attendees
 - Ernie Smith
 - Jimmy Nolan
 - Ken Hamilton
 - Rick Wallace
 - Chris Chalmers
 - Isaac Weathers
 - Lisa Westin
 - Scott Bales
 - Terry Jackson
 - Mary Meade
- Online Attendance
 - Heidi Penny
 - Carlo Frate
 - Chris Canalos
 - Grace Jansen
 - Jeff Griffin
 - Krysia Sapeta
 - David Millard
 - Nick Kouloungis
 - Paula Edwards
 - Samuel Wilkins
 - Hunter Key
 - Joseph Woycke
 - Tim Poe