



**Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
First Quarterly Board Meeting**

Delta Conference Room, 5th Floor Rockefeller Bldg.
501 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR 72201
Online via MS Teams
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Mr. Matt Charton, Board Chair. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A quorum of members was present; the meeting proceeded.

GIS Board Members Present:

Mr. Matthew Charton, Chair	Mr. Darrell Allen, <i>via Teams</i>
Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Vice Chair	Mr. Terry Cleaver, <i>via Teams</i>
Mr. Scott Lane	Mr. Brian Fortson, <i>proxy for DIS Director</i>
Mr. Scott Foster, <i>via Teams</i>	Ms. Sharon Hawkins, <i>proxy for Dr. John Nowlin</i>
Mr. Darin Mitchell	Dr. Cody Decker, <i>via Teams</i>

GIS Board Members Absent:

Mr. Doug Melton, *emailed prior to the meeting that he was ill (memo attached)*
Hon. Beth Rush, *term expired - new appointment pending*
Hon. Rusty McMillon, *term expired - new appointment pending*

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Shelby Johnson
Mr. Jonathan Duran
Mr. Matt DeLong
Mr. Daniel Phillips
Mr. Casey Vannoy
Mr. Jacob Loomis *via Teams*
Ms. Katy Hattenhauer
Ms. Niki Bittle

Guests Present

Ms. Michelle Fischer, USGS *via Teams*
Mr. Alex Harper, PAGIS

Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2023 Meeting*

Motion to approve: Darin Mitchell

Second: Scott Alsbrook

Motion was unanimously approved

- ◆ **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Mr. Matthew Charton
- ◆ **Agency Report** by Mr. Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer
 - Presented the data and services statistics update. Matt DeLong reviewed the increased server use due to new imagery published on February 6, 2024.
 - Mr. Johnson shared the hiring of two new staff in the GIS Office:
 - Lauren Bell, a Systems Specialist, will begin working with Matt DeLong, assisting with the gis.arkansas.gov platform administration.
 - Niki Bittle was promoted to GIS Analyst from Plat Coordinator in the Land Survey Division. A search for a Plats Coordinator is underway.
 - Coordination activities since the last Board Meeting include the AR Municipal League Winter Conference in Little Rock; County Clerks Conference in Texarkana; and AR Lithium Innovation Summit in Little Rock. As a result, the GIS Office is seeking to add the "Smackover Formation" dataset to the GIS platform.
 - The NG911 Project continues with numerous changes since the last meeting. All counties are now in the "Started" column. Notably, Pulaski County has moved into the "Load Pending" column.
 - Jonathan Duran, Past President, presented NSGIC news:
 - NSGIC awarded the first grant to support the NSDI Visioning Session.
 - Shelby Johnson will represent states, along with Jenna Leveille from AZ.
 - The NSGIC Mid-Year Meeting will be held in Arlington, VA March 25-28, including congressional staff visits.
 - The Division of Land Surveys posted a record number of plats recorded and filed.
 - As of this date, 89 corners have been restored in-house and 119 by vendors.
 - Governor Sanders held a "Capitol for a Day" event in Walnut Ridge. The Governor's Office coordinated the participation of Gov. Sanders in a tribute to the three-county common corners of Greene, Randolph, and Lawrence Counties. The governor assisted Steve Martin with placing markers on trees.
- ◆ **Old Business**
 - Secretary Leslie Fisker stopped by to introduce herself to the Board and gave a brief history of her work with the State of Arkansas, and how she arrived at Transformation and Shared Services.
 - Digital Orthoimagery Update:
 - Reviewed newly available information on the platform resulting from the imagery update, such as nine-inch Orthoimagery, nine-inch Photo Centers, and nine-inch Polygons/Footprint. The Orthoimagery Project has now concluded.
 - LiDAR Project Updates
 - As of March 4, Woolpert has three planes in eastern Arkansas, and 87% of the area has been flown. Comments were made about the remarkable progress of the timeline. Data will not be available until 2025-26.
 - ALC has approved matching funds for western Arkansas, and GIS is waiting for final approval from USGS and state signature.
 - Fulton County Tax Parcel Mapping Update:
 - Fulton County had authorized rebidding of their parcel mapping project, as previous bids were outside the budgeted amount, and were limited in number. There should be specifics to share by the June meeting.

♦ **New Business**

- Election of new Officers*
 - Scott Alsbrook nominated Matt Charton to continue as Chair with no additional nominations. The vote was unanimous by a show of hands.
 - Scott Lane nominated Scott Alsbrook to continue as Vice Chair with no additional nominations. The vote was unanimous by a show of hands.
- Annual Board voting requirements *
 - Approve Board Member expenses per A.C.A §25-16-902.
 - Approve use of the state purchasing cards for Board meeting expenses.
The two agenda items above were voted on simultaneously.

Motion to approve: Darin Mitchel

Second: Scott Alsbrook

Motion was unanimously approved

- Discussed endorsement of Land Survey Advisory Board recommendation of Arkansas State Plane Coordinate System Statute changes proposed for a legislative bill of the 95th General Assembly. *
 - Standard mapping projections are at sea level. This would change to land level.
 - Two zones would increase to sixteen zones that utilize county-line bounded groupings.
 - LSAB recommended approval of updated language at their March 1, 2024 meeting.

Motion to approve: Matt Charton

Second: Scott Lane

Motion was unanimously approved

♦ **Other Matters to Come Before the Board**

- There was a discussion of having the June meeting in the southwest portion of the state. Locations will be researched and suggested.
- Shelby Johnson shared the 2023 Geospatial Assessment. Arkansas was graded at A-, which is up from a B+ from the previous year.
- Tentative remaining meeting dates for 2024: June 5; September 4; December 4.

♦ **Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Scott Lane

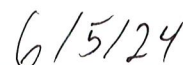
Second: Darin Mitchell

Motion was unanimously approved

***Vote Required**



Matthew Charton, Board Chair



Date