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Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
Quarterly Meeting
Timberlands Conference Room
501 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR 72201
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*This meeting was livestreamed via
Arkansas Public Broadcast System (PBS) Arkansas Citizens Access Network (ARCAN)*

Board meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Ms. Sharon Hawkins, Board Chair. Roll call taken to establish a quorum. Quorum of members present; meeting proceeded.

- **GIS Board Members Present:**
 - Ms. Sharon Hawkins, Chair
 - Mr. Matt Charton, Vice Chair
 - Mr. Scott Lane
 - Honorable Rusty McMillon
 - Mr. Doug Melton
 - Mr. Darin Mitchell
 - Honorable Beth Rush
 - Dr. John Nowlin
 - Mr. Darrell Allen
 - Dr. Cody Decker
 - Mr. Terry Cleaver
- **GIS Board Members Absent:**
 - Mr. Jonathan Askins
 - Mr. Scott Foster
- **GIS Office Staff Present:**
 - Mr. Shelby Johnson
 - Mr. Jonathan Duran
 - Mr. Daniel Phillips
 - Ms. Jennifer Wheeler
 - Ms. Melissa Walker
 - Mr. Casey Vannoy
 - Ms. Nita Weeks
- **Guests:**
 - Mr. Chris Cretini, USGS National Geospatial Program
 - Mr. Edgar Mersiovsky, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - Mr. John Copple, CEO, Sanborn Map Company
 - Mr. Jason Caldwell, VP Business Development, Sanborn Map Company
- **Approval of GIS Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2022**

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Motion to approve: Dr. John Nowlin
Second: Ms. Beth Rush

Unanimously approved

- **Welcome** and opening remarks by Ms. Sharon Hawkins, Board Chair
- **Introduction** of guests by Mr. Shelby Johnson
- **Guest Speakers**
 - Chris Cretini discussed the upcoming Three Dimension Elevation Program collection plans of USGS
 - Edgar Mersiovsky discussed NRCS' Light Detection and Ranging for high resolution elevation Data Refresh Project, and Arkansas' status
- **Agency Report**, presented by Mr. Shelby Johnson, Director, Arkansas GIS Office
 - The Agency Report was emailed to Board members in advance of meeting to expedite progress to New Business
 - Mr. Johnson briefly reviewed highlights of the report
- **Old Business** presented by Shelby Johnson
 - Reviewed NG911 Project updates
 - Searcy County Update
- **New Business**
 - Focus of today's meeting **Priority Area(s) for High Resolution Imagery**
 - \$1.2 million was approved by the governor for the statewide acquisition of 12-inch high-resolution imagery.
 - Discussed available options for any unused balance of funding
 - Modification of an individual region to 6-inch resolution
 - Take no action now and allow excess funds to roll over to a future project
 - Utilize a different strategy entirely
 - Discussion led to agreement the Board would like to see a statewide resolution of 12-inch minimum, with an option for 9-inch. Because GIS funding will not provide for 9-inch resolution statewide, the question arose whether other agencies with an interest would consider consolidating their funding with GIS to purchase 9-inch resolution statewide.
 - Questions were raised about entities that have recently purchased or will soon purchase their own imagery, possibly sharing that imagery with the public through GIS.
 - Meeting resolved with two action items:
 - Create new potential fly area(s) from regions with no prior coverage.
 - Reach out to other agencies about potential interest in a cooperative funding endeavor.
- **Other Matters to Come Before the Board**

None
- **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Darin Mitchell
Second: Mr. Darrell Allen
Approved Unanimously

Special Called Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022



Ms. Sharon Hawkins, GIS Board Chair


Date