Wisconsin Land Information Council
Minutes 2017-11-08

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Time:	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Location:	WLIA Fall Regional Meeting | LaCrosse, WI | Radisson
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WLIC Appointees (Y = present; N = not present; T = participated via teleconference)							
Dave Addison	Y	Jim Giglierano	Y	Mark Paulat	T	Nathan Vaughn	T
Adam Derringer	Y	Maria Nelson	N	Kris Pelot	T	Howard Veregin	Y
Don Dittmar	Y	Cori Lamont	T	Dawn Neuy	N	Cindy Wisinski	T
Dan Frick	N						
Other Attendees							
Keith Butler – Proxy for Maria Nelson (Y)				Brandon Tourtelotte			
Bryan Meyer – Proxy for Dan Frick (Y)				Emily Champagne			
Mike Friis – DOA (Y)				Tony Van Der Wielen			
Peter Herreid – DOA (T)				Peter Strand			
Davita Veselenak – DOA (T)							

1. **Welcome and Introduction** (Adam Derringer)

2. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes** from 2017-06-02
    - Motion to approve by Veregin, seconded by Meyer
    - Minutes approved

3. **WLIC Business – LION representative and council member succession** (Mike Friis)
    - Thanks to the retiring Don Dittmar for his service, including in his position as the first WLIC chair.
    - LION will announce their recommendation for a new WLIC representative at the LION meeting on Thursday, November 9th.
    - DOA has expressed a desire for the Wisconsin Land Information Council make-up to reflect geographic diversity, and diversity in office capacities. This might, for instance, include a representative of a county that is benefiting from WLIP Base Budget grants.
    - WLIC member appointments made in 2015 will be coming to a close at the end of calendar year 2018.
    - DOA will notify members and organizations when the end of a term is approaching and when it is time to act on a sector's next nominee.

4. **NG911 Subcommittee of the Interoperability Council Representative** (Adam Derringer)
    - The passage of the most recent state budget created a Next Generation 911 Subcommittee of the Interoperability Council under the Department of Military Affairs, where, through the inclusion of a geospatial representative, geospatial needs have been recognized.
    - WLIA President, Emily Champagne, spoke regarding WLIA's nomination process for the subcommittee representative.
    - WLIA created a task force, under the WLIA Technical Committee, to select and support the subcommittee member.
    - WLIA received four applications, and selected Andy Faust from the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
    - The WLIA task force is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

- WLIC members anticipate that Next Gen 911 issues may arise in the near future, including data standards, addresses, and centerlines.

5. V3 Statewide Parcel Map Project Database Final Report (Jim Giglierano)
- The V3 Project successfully aggregated all known digital parcels in the state, with the V3 statewide parcel layer released on July 31st.
- The final report on the V3 Statewide Parcel Map Database Project will be coming out by the end of the month.
- The Parcel Initiative has taken the approach of incremental improvement, whereby it is has improved with each of the last three iterations.
- The V3 version features improved attribute completeness.
- Since V2, counties have been asked to submit data on annual basis in a standardized format known as the "Searchable Format."
  - While counties have been making progress in meeting the Searchable Format, in the meantime, SCO has been formatting datasets to meet the Searchable Format standard on behalf of counties.
  - Counties are to achieve the Searchable Format by V4, or the date of March 31, 2018.
- The V4 data request is coming in January. No major changes to the schema are expected. Counties must rectify issues from their V3 Observation Reports.
- As part of V3, the portal GeoData@Wisconsin has added 457 county datasets. 323 of those are non-parcel, non-zoning datasets.
  - GeoData@Wisconsin is organized for discovery, maintained by a librarian who writes complete metadata, and serves an archival function.
  - The librarian for GeoData@Wisconsin, Jaime Martindale, has collected large numbers of datasets through the years. Because in the past not all of the data was open to the general public, Martindale has followed-up with counties to ask if the datasets can be opened up for public use.

6. Repository Survey Effort (Jim Giglierano)
- Reference – Handout from Jim Giglierano, *WLIC110817notes.pdf*
- GIO Jim Giglierano conducted a survey, the "Wisconsin GIS Data Distribution System USER Survey," in October.
- The survey was selected as a starting point for the GIO's geospatial data committee and recommendations report that is to be completed by December 31st, per a WLIC motion passed:
  - ***Recap of Motion 2017-03-24-04***:
    - *The council authorizes the GIO to establish a geospatial data committee to make recommendations as to a statewide data repository and portal, to make a recommendation by December 31, 2017. This committee should seek broad stakeholder input from data producers and consumers.*
- The GIO selected a user survey as a starting point for a few reasons. Projects in Wisconsin's geospatial community on a central portal/repository dating back to at least 2000 did not always begin with a strong accounting of user needs.
- The survey received approximately 200 responses.
- Respondents might be divided into roughly three groups: 1) Counties, 2) Businesses, and 3) Everyone Else (state agencies, municipalities, and others).
- The handout, *WLIC110817notes.pdf*, depicts the results of the initial survey data analysis.
- The data speaks to themes on the uses of data, the challenges of accessing it, the need for data that is up-to-date and authoritative, and other issues.
- There seems to be high need for parcels, orthos, and topos, as well as wetlands, soils, and PLSS—although layers appear in different positions of desirability depending on how the question is asked.
- Giglierano intends for the survey data to help plan next steps.
- With progress made in growing LiDAR coverage through 3DEP, Wisconsin is finally nearing the completion of LiDAR coverage for the state. There are 7 counties going into proposal for next year's 3DEP application. It fills in the last 4 holes in our state coverage. FEMA will do 3 of Wisconsin's 10 counties in need of LiDAR data first.
- After parcels, LiDAR is another success story. But it raises the question of whether and how to get all of the data into one place so it will be used by more people.
- Council members asked how the survey relates to the recommendations that are to be made by December 31st.
- Some council members expressed disappointment on the progress of the geospatial data committee, although Wisconsin's history of fraught work on a portal/repository covers about 27 years.

- Motion #*2017-03-24-04* on the WLIC geospatial data committee was designed to be a compromise, and did not specifically address the composition and specific areas for the committee to cover.
- According to the meeting minutes from March (WLIC_Minutes_2017-03-24):
  - "Potential committees might examine funding, governance, and technical issues."
- The committee can examine all of the relevant issues, which are interconnected, in parallel, as it moves forward.

7. **Discussion on Future of the WLIP** (Adam Derringer)
- In a discussion of the future of the program, several ideas were offered.
- Bryan Meyer suggested the issue of county surveyors and a statewide PLSS layer.
- Mike Friis responded that DOA has prioritized parcel work, but is considering how to take a next step related to parcels and PLSS.
- Some council members suggested looking back at the *WLIP Program Plan: 2016-2020*.
- Regarding an ideal timeline for defining new benchmarks, DOA has said it is always a good time to work on such things (e.g., through the *WLIP Program Plan: 2016-2020*), but DOA has expressed a preference for standards that are driven by statewide business needs.
  - Statewide needs and business use cases would have to be a key driver if something were to become a grant requirement in the future.
- Other issues mentioned included the differences with the DOR XML file and the parcel requirements, improvements for the real estate industry's Multiple Listings Service, making data more available, a review of legislation, putting county raster datasets online as an extension of a vendor contract, as Ayres Associates has done, planimetric data, and addressing.
- Don Dittmar expressed gratitude for support in the time he served as WLIC Chair.

8. **Next Steps/Action Items**
- Next WLIA meeting: WLIA Annual, March 7-9, 2018, Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI
- Jim Giglierano: Work on recommendations based on user survey for December 31, 2017

9. **Adjourn**
- Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.