



**Wisconsin Land Information Council  
Minutes 2020-10-14**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** [WLIA Fall Virtual Meeting](#)  
**Remote ID:** <https://zoom.us/j/5502930533?pwd=UUNUcHErUUUvRZlVYN3lpeStELzg5dz09>

<b>WLIC Appointees</b> (Y = present; N = not present; all participation via teleconference)					
Kimberly Christman	Y	Cori Lamont	Y	Colter Sikora	Y
Adam Derringer	Y	September Murphy	Y	Nathan Vaughn	Y
Kelly Felton	Y	Mark Netterlund	Y	Howard Veregin	N
Sarah Hedtke	N	Dawn Neuy	N	Cindy Wisinski	Y
Jim Giglierano	Y				

**Other Attendees**  
 Andy Swartz, Ann Hempel, April Schoolcraft, Brittany Goudos-Weisbecker, Carmen Novak, Cindy Fitzsimmons, Colleen Hermans, Davita Veselenak, Dean Kaderabek, Eric Damkot, Fred Iausly, G Luedeke, Gerry LWCD, Hanna Bubacz, Jeremiah Erickson, Jerry Sullivan, Jim Landwehr, JVB, Kimberly Meinert, Krista Zettle, Mark Netterlund, Mike Friis, Nils Odgren, Olivia Stroinski, Paulameikm, Peter Herreid, Ron Roth, Scott Galetka, Tanya Rasmussen Bagley, Zachery Newton.  
*\*This list depicts Zoom meeting participants as of the time 11:00AM and thus may not constitute an exhaustive record of meeting participants/observers.*

- 1. Welcome and Introduction** (Adam Derringer)
- 2. Approval of previous meeting’s minutes** from [2020-02-19](#)
  - Motion to approve by Wisinski, seconded by Vaughn
  - Minutes approved.
- 3. WLIC Business** (Mike Friis)
 

**Appointment of new council members**

  - There are three Council positions open—utility industry representative, real property lister, and land information officer.
  - For the RPL position, Kimberly Christman, currently serving as a proxy, has reapplied.
  - For the land information officer position, Kelly Felton will reapply. The Land Information Officers Network (LION) voted to endorse Felton at their meeting on October 13th.
  - Applications are due to DOA on November 13, 2020.
- 4. WLIP Program Update** (Mike Friis/Peter Herreid/Jim Giglierano)
 

**WLIP grants and program status**

  - Herreid reported Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) updates, including the release of the 2021 WLIP grant application. Counties are eligible for Training & Education, Base Budget, and Strategic Initiative grants up to \$50,000 level. The Strategic Initiative grant amount was possible due to an increase in revenues in State Fiscal Year 2020, which saw the highest level of register of deed documents recorded since 2013.
  - The WLIP has published the [V6 Report](#), which contains end user feedback on the Version 6 statewide parcel database and recommendations for V7.

### **Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants**

- The state's [Routes to Recovery](#) program, with federal funding from the CARES Act, offers the opportunity for local governments to be reimbursed for COVID-related expenses. Counties are eligible, so this could potentially include unbudgeted expenses for land information offices.
- Division of Intergovernmental Relations staff have been active in helping with administration of the program.
- The last period to submit reimbursement requests occurs in November.

### **Lidar status and hydrography updates**

- Giglierano provided updates on lidar progress, where there are five projects in progress. When complete, there will be 54 counties that meet the QL2 (Quality Level 2) national standard. For the upcoming 3DEP cycle, a number of the remaining 18 counties look like they may participate.
- With regard to hydrography, where GIS data is crucial for many applications, there have been various efforts to develop products and to fund projects. Some efforts are federal, and there are also a number of local projects led by watershed groups and others.
- FEMA is offering states BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) funding for updating state hazard mitigation plans.

### **5. DMA NextGen9-1-1 GIS Consulting Services Project (Jessica Jimenez/Andrew Faust)**

- Jessica Jimenez, Next Generation 9-1-1 program manager from the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) Office of Emergency Communications, provided an overview of a DMA's project to conduct a GIS gap analysis.
- DMA has contracted with GeoComm for the project, and is also working with the Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) NG9-1-1 Task Force.
- A key task of the project looks at NG9-1-1 GIS data standards and best practices.
- Another task includes collection and assessment of GIS data from local governments. Data requests have been made to counties and certain municipalities. All but seven counties have either submitted or responded. Data submitters will receive a report on their data from GeoComm and a follow-up call to review the individual reports.
- The project also includes an education and outreach task, and a report summarizing the project. The final report is due to the Interoperability Council's 9-1-1 Subcommittee in May of 2021.
- While the project is still in progress, some of the comparisons of local data to the data standards set by National Emergency Number Association (NENA) show that local data varies and that there will be work to do to translate local data to the NENA standard.
- Andy Faust spoke to the magnitude of future work that will need to occur, especially in areas like addressing.
- Fred lausly reported on a WLIA effort to reach out to DMA in advance of the agency's biennial budget request in order to encourage grants to help fund local costs.
- Jimenez reported that the [Department of Military Affairs Agency Budget Request](#) for the 2021-23 biennium includes GIS grants and a GIS data management service. The state's budget process will determine what happens with these budget request items.

### **LION survey and letter regarding Statewide Parcel Map Initiative**

- LION completed a survey on the Statewide Parcel Map Initiative in which about half of the counties responded.
- LION Chair Zach Newton sent a letter and survey summary to DOA ([LION\\_Letter\\_DOA\\_WLIC\\_Survey\\_Sum\\_2020.pdf](#)).
- Mike Friis sent a letter with the DOA response ([LION\\_Letter\\_DOA\\_Response\\_2020.pdf](#)).
- Herreid summarized the main points of the DOA response letter.
- For request #1 asking that DOA move up the parcel data request, DOA will work toward an earlier call for data. Although the V7 data request is planned for January, there are no changes to the parcel schema for V7. For future years, the data request will be moved up to December.
- For request #2, regarding a standardized parcel data cut date of December 31st, the survey results showed mixed responses. DOA is reluctant to make this recommendation but can reconsider if there is a future consensus with implementation details.
- For request #3, DOA will welcome LION and other stakeholders to weigh in on proposed future schema changes.
- For request #4, LION recommended all tax data be sourced from the Department of Revenue. DOA would also like this. They have explored it, and have not found a workable solution. A major obstacle is that not

all 72 counties submit tax data to DOR in a standard format. Other issues also complicate the matter, including parcel ID number matching, owner name redaction, and condo modeling.

- DOA welcomes and invites anybody in the community to try to join the statewide parcel layer to statewide tax data that is sourced from DOR and to share the results.
- Some members of LION voiced concerns related to tax data collection from counties and questioned the degree of coordination and data sharing between DOA and DOR. LION members expressed frustration at the need for counties to make separate data submittals to DOA and DOR, at the timing of the DOA parcel data request relative to the close of the tax year in December, and at the amount of effort that is required to prepare the data that is submitted to DOA.
- Mike Friis agreed to talk to John Dickert, who heads DOR's Division of State and Local Finance, regarding the issues and problems raised.
- It was suggested that LION and real property listers begin internal conversation on the issues discussed.

## **6. Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium Update (Adam Derringer)**

- Derringer provided an update on Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium (WROC) for 2020.
- For orthoimagery, there are 62 county participants and several other partners. For imagery as well as lidar, partnerships for various projects exist at both the state and federal level.
- WROC data processing remains on schedule, in spite of COVID-related challenges. The state products should be ready by March or April, and there is potential for a new image service for the 12" resolution statewide product.

## **7. State Agency COVID-19 GIS/Mapping Activities (Colter Sikora/Andy Swartz)**

### **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin broadband/wi-fi maps and broadband initiative**

- Colter Sikora gave a summary of Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) GIS efforts. These include administration of the Broadband Expansion Grant Program and a compilation of internet resources for Wisconsin residents during the public health emergency.
- PSC offers a mapping application that displays public wi-fi locations, and are conducting a survey in partnership with the Department of Public Instruction on publicly accessible wi-fi.
- Public wi-fi hotspots map and survey
  - Map: <https://maps.psc.wi.gov/Apps/PublicWiFiLocations/index.html>
  - Survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/be0cd68e7fcf449593add9869874223>

### **Department of Health Services COVID mapping response**

- Andy Swartz from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) discussed some of the GIS efforts at DHS.
- One population health study is testing sewage samples from wastewater treatment facilities statewide, in order to look for COVID-19 genetic content, and compare those metrics to traditional COVID test result data. DHS's GIS team is in engaging in mapping efforts for the wastewater treatment plant boundaries, service areas, pipe locations, et cetera.
- Other DHS efforts make data from Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System publicly available in map form, down to the census tract level.
- The need and demand for data is high and there are challenges, but state agency employees have provided connections for state agency mappers to move various projects along, and feedback shows there is gratitude for the data from locals and other consumers of state agency GIS data.

## **8. Next Steps/Action Items**

- WLIC Applications – Applications due November 13, 2020
- Next WLIA meetings – WLIA annual (virtual): February 15-19, 2021
- Mike Friis: Contact John Dickert at DOR
- LION/RPLs: Begin internal conversation on DOA/DOR tax data issues

## **9. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.