



**Wisconsin Land Information Council
Minutes 2020-11-18**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

WLIC Appointees (Y = present; N = not present; T = participated via teleconference)					
Kim 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	Y
Sarah Hedtke	N	Dawn Neuy	N	Cindy Wisinski	N
Jim Giglierano	Y				

Other Attendees
Mike Friis, Peter Herreid, Davita Veselenak

WLIC Stakeholder letter of support NG911 GIS grant program (Adam Derringer)

- Derringer distributed a draft letter for council members to review via email on November 9, 2020 with the letter subject line, “Support for the Department of Military Affairs Next Generation 911.”
- Derringer stated that the letter is about advocating for NG9-1-1 in general, the importance of geospatial data for 9-1-1, data standardization, and supporting the idea of how the data standardization work will get done. Derringer noted that the letter does mention grants but tries to avoid the [DMA budget request](#).
- Herreid noted that as part of the DMA GIS gap analysis currently underway, DMA will be releasing a standards and best practices document on the GIS standard in the next couple of months.
- There was discussion of Council members concerns regarding the letter.
- Some questioned the role of the Council which, according to the [charter](#), “serves in an advisory role to the DOA on matters relating to the Wisconsin Land Information Program” and questioned the appropriateness of the Council sending letters to the governor.
- Friis expressed a preference that if a letter were to be sent from the Council, that the Council come to a consensus. He suggested an alternative option for council members to submit their own individual letters if they wished to do so, as representatives of their various sectors.
- Another concern discussed was how the letter might affect grant funding for counties.
- Derringer stated the goal would be for DMA to secure new funding—not coming from the WLIP. Maintaining WLIP funding is important, as counties need to be able to support things like PLSS and parcel mapping.
- There was discussion on the potential use of WLIP Strategic Initiative grants for getting up to speed with NG9-1-1.
- Herreid noted that the WLIP has specific benchmarks for Strategic Initiative grant funding. Counties must meet the benchmarks for their parcel mapping and PLSS, or get a waiver on PLSS for lidar/aerial imagery, before they can apply funding to another strategic initiative of their choosing. Before there could be consideration of benchmarks or standards for 9-1-1, there would need to be a state standard, and a state 9-1-1 system that collects and aggregates data, as well as coordination efforts.
- Friis noted that the job is not done with parcels, for which the continuation of WLIP funding is important.
- Some Council members stated they would abstain from a vote on a Council letter, including Sikora and Lamont.

- Another concern discussed was the Council member’s understanding of the topic relative to their areas of experience and expertise. Derringer noted the experience and proficiency of the company hired to run the gap analysis. Netterlund expressed concerns about rubber-stamping.
- Veregin expressed a concern that if the Council were to advocate for a grant program tied to data layers, there should be a mechanism to ensure that is what happens with the money and that support should be contingent on a structure being in place to achieve the strategic objectives that were set out with.
- Veregin also voiced a concern that, because the DMA budget request specifically talks about grants to counties, this might short-change municipalities and others who create data for 9-1-1.
- There was discussion that one way to address this could be broadening the language of the letter, using the word “local governments” instead of “counties.”
- Giglierano asked about the source of the budget numbers. Derringer stated that in the past DMA conducted a lot of research on other states and his understanding is that they are using other states as a basis.
- Felton reported that LION Chair Zach Newton communicated to her LION’s support of the WLIA template letter content.
- Murphy indicated her support for the GIS grants, noting that emergency management and GIS go hand-in-hand and the potential for benefits to dispatch operations based on the use of local data.
- Some Council members noted it could be helpful to have a representative from DMA present for discussions like this.
- Derringer summarized two points from the discussion for integration into a revised version of letter:
 - 1) Make the letter point at local governments and not counties, and
 - 2) Ensure that if funding is going to be presented, it is being reviewed; that grant recipients are in good standing; so there is a connector piece between the funding and the standard.
- Christman, Felton, and Murphy indicated they would support a modified letter as proposed by Derringer.
- Vaughn was absent for this portion of the call. Wisinski was absent from the meeting but had indicated to Derringer in advance of the meeting that she would vote in favor of sending a letter of support for NG911, as the organization she represents (WRDA) had already sent a letter in support.
- Veregin indicated he would not support the letter as it currently stands.
- Netterlund indicated an intention to vote in favor of sending letters as individuals, no matter what the letter says, not because of opposition to 9-1-1 but rather in avoidance of rubber-stamping.
- Derringer stated that he would make the two changes to the letter and follow-up with email vote on a Council-submitted letter, while also noting that anyone is free to send their own letter as a representative of their agency or organization.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.