

DGDC Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2011
9:00 a.m.
Room 220, Kent Co. Admin Building
555 Bay Rd. Dover, DE

Attendance List:

Connie HollandOSPC
Sandy Schenck.....DGS
Mike Townshend.....DNREC
Debbie Sullivan.....DNREC
Greg Williams.....DNREC
Brian Bloch.....DNREC
Drexel Soik.....DNREC/DCP
Christina Pinkerton.....DNREC/DCP
Kenneth SmithDNREC/DCP
Bart Wilson.....DNREC/DCP
Carl Yetter.....DNREC
Molly RaleyDeIDOT
Jay GernerDeIDOT
Josh ThomasDeIDOT
Bernie Gilbert.....DeIDOT
Darrin Dell.....DeIDOT
Bruce Allen.....DeIDOT
Peggy Bacon.....DeIDOT Survey
Matthew Laick.....DSHS
Nicole MinniUD
Lillian WangDGS
Miriam PomilioDGS
John Laznik.....UD/CADSR
Ben Means.....UD/IT
Rick Sherwood.....DEMA
Kim CloudDTI
Steve Elliot.....ESRI
Paul Burgess.....ESRI
George Yocher.....DHSS/DPH
Jim GalvinDover Kent MPO
Michael Hanna.....Tidewater Utilities
Syl WoofordACD.
Erica McMaster.....Washington
College
Dorothy Morris.....OSPC
Kim Foster.....OSPC

Welcome

Connie Holland started the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m. with a welcome.

Announcements

None

Approval of June 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Lillian Wang gave suggested changes to [the June 9, 2011 meeting minutes](#) (PDF) **Carl Yetter made a motion that the minutes be approved with the suggested changes.** Josh Thomas seconded the motion and it passed, unanimously.

Reports

Executive Council Report

Connie Holland stated that the Executive Council meeting would be discussed under old business.

USGS/Federal Report

Kevin Holmes from the Census Bureau stated redistricting data has been released.

Summary File 1 release took place on June 23rd with additional data to be released in December. Contact the regional office if anyone has questions Boundaries and annexation data is being gathered until 2012.

The Census Bureau is going through realignment. The Philadelphia office will remain open. This realignment will be discussed more at the NSGIC meeting in Boise, ID. Sandy Schenck will be attending this meeting.

Transportation Subcommittee

Bernie Gilbert reported on his progress in developing a project to combine DeIDOT centerline data with road and addressing data from the counties to create a new statewide centerline dataset. They are working on the manual cleanup, and this is taking longer than expected. Bernie is currently working on

a draft MOU for the maintenance process. He has set a meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee for September 21st to get this project back on track.

Conference Subcommittee

Lillian Wang stated that a theme has been developed for the conference and they are moving forward on the rest of the details.

Orthoimagery Subcommittee

The orthos flown were not acceptable to the USGS or to Delaware, therefore they have been refused. The company has agreed to fly between March 1, 2012 and April 15, 2012 but they will not fly until they have approval from the State. All of the former restrictions such as no snow, fog, clouds, etc. are still in place. Josh Thomas asked if LiDAR could be added to this flight. Sandy Schenck and Connie Holland will meet with Roger Barlow to see if this can be added and if New Castle County will be included in reflight. If LiDAR can be added, a meeting will be set to determine the specifications the Delaware will be requesting and how to pay for the additional data.

Carl Yetter stated that Coastal Programs took possession of the LiDAR flown for Bombay Hook area if anyone is interested.

Infrastructure Committee

Kim Cloud discussed that DTI has renewed interest in the project and she has been charged with identifying all core data sets into one central database. It was noted that the spreadsheet for the Ramona layers needs to be completed.

Kim Cloud noted that the central repository was launched in December 2010 and needs to be enhanced to make it usable for everyone. She further stated that the table Sandy Schenck handed out needed to be completed and DTI could make the changes needed to make it more usable. Kim asked that the group let their offices know that it was available.

Old Business

August 23, 2011 Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues

Connie Holland stated that the presentation went well. At this time, the budget will not allow for another person to be hired, but Connie stated that she has talked to many of the cabinet secretaries and they are very interested in moving forward with the GIS coordination. The Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues members have tasked the Office of State Planning Coordination to research the cost of a position and the cost savings to the State if a GIO is in place.

New Business

Roundtable Reports on GIS projects

Sandy Schenck – DGS is working with DNREC to better track water wells information. The end project will be a website but it may not be immediately available to the public.

DataMIL – Sandy reported that the DataMIL hardware is 5 ½ years old. Recently a drive went bad and a spare drive was swapped in temporarily and a new hard drive will be \$450.00. The hardware is getting to the point that it will need to be updated. It is important that the data exchange gets up and running.

- Connie Holland - The Milford Master plan has been approved. Connie gave kudos to DNREC and DeIDOT for all their help.
- Connie also noted that 15 people were interviewed for the open GIS position with the State Planning Coordination Office. The interview panel did not find a suitable candidate out of those 15 so the job will be advertised again. She encouraged everyone to put the word out about this job opening.
- Bruce Allen - DeIDOT has received a \$100,000 grant for smart transportation to be able to show 3D visualization of DeIDOT project.
- Carl Yetter - Wrapping up work on sea level rise project. They are currently crunching maps to make an appendix. Map layers are available as a web service throughout DNREC. If you are interested in the layers, please e-mail Mike Townshend.
- Jay Gerner - Working with parcel base data to help Bruce Allen with the grant he spoke about earlier.
- John Thomas - Discussed advance web mapping capabilities at DeIDOT.
- Bernie Gilbert - He is working on a project to create a statewide routable centerline.
- Kevin Holmes - The Census Bureau is currently checking on the appeals status on geocoding.
- Darrin Dell - Working with Arc-Server and Arc Mobile to be able to update data live from the field.
- Mike Townshend - Working on several applications that will have data as an end product. He is looking to develop a link to all maps.
- Matt Laick - Working on a disabilities database so residents can register with 911. This project is currently in phase 1.
- Nicole Minni - Working with the City of Lewes on the Lewes vulnerability assessment, The NEMO website has been updated. Nicole is working on mapping for the current master plans. Nicole is working with DNREC on a mapping application for their watershed website.
- Debbie Sullivan - Working on scanning and vectorizing wetlands maps.

- Miriam Pomilio - Georectifying the 1977 aerial photography for DataMIL.
- Erica McMaster - Washington College students are looking for GIS projects and internships. Any interest you should contact her at ericalmcmaster@gmail.com
- Ben Mearns - Working on Blue Water wind sighting, cancer incidents in Delaware, transportation pollution modeling, and with UD emergency control.
- Syl Woolford - The addition coalition has been given \$250,000 from CJC to predict crime. They are looking to develop a GIS system.
- One of the projects is working with AIDS Delaware to determine if AIDS is being taken from the prison to the communities and if the criminal justice system can help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- Lillian Wang - Working on subsurface geological mapping in the Delaware City refinery area. This will be a new publication with ten cross sections mapping ground water movement through the area.
- John Laznik - Working on a DOE feeder patterns project and a daycare database. Would like to link the sex offender's database with the daycare database.
- Rick Sherwood - Mapping of evacuation areas along the coast since Irene.
- Bart Wilson - Benthic mapping program is complete. All digital data will be available through NOAA Coast Services web site.
- Peggy Bacon - Working to compile all surveys they are currently working on.
- Jim Galvin - A regional bike plan has been completed. Jim asked if there was a layer that has other existing bike ways and it was suggested he talk to Parks and recreations at DNREC for a tails map.
- Working on a GIS layer of all employers in Kent County.
- Steve Elliott - Introduced Paul Burgess of ESRI. Discussed an upcoming seminar on September 22, 2011 at Dover Downs that will talk about new ways to get information. The seminar is free and everyone is welcome to register and attend.
- Molly Raley - Working to identify all municipal agreements with DelDOT on maintenance of roads and then translate in-to a map so that road maintenance responsibilities are clearly defined.

Learning Things

Bart Wilson of DNREC Coastal Programs gave a presentation on the integrated effort to update the vertical control network for the State of Delaware. This effort is attempting to validate the current elevations and include construction of new benchmarks in areas that lack vertical and horizontal control.

Open Comment Period

John Laznik gave the results of the survey that were sent out after the last meeting.

Adjournment

Carl Yetter made a motion to adjourn at approximately 11:45 p.m. Sandy Schenck seconded it and the motion passed, unanimously.