

# DGDC Meeting Minutes

## November 12, 2015

### Attendance List:

Bruce Allen ..... DeIDOT  
Dave Braig ..... JMT  
Mary Ann Burnett ..... Artesian Water  
Tommy Burton..... Artesian Water  
Kim Cloud ..... DTI  
Dan Cook ..... DTI  
Mark Deao ..... Sussex County  
Darin Dell ..... DTI/DeIDOT  
Lauren Good ..... AECOM  
James Gregory..... DNREC  
Alice Guerrant ..... DCHA  
Jay Hodny ..... Kent County  
Joe Kochedarfer ..... Pictometry  
Jimmy Kroon ..... DDA  
Mike Krumrine ..... DNREC/Parks  
Matthew Laick ..... DSHS  
Danielle Lamborn ..... Kent County  
Brian Laws ..... City of Newark  
Joel Marshall ..... Sussex County  
Nicole Minni..... UD  
Megan Nehrbas..... Sussex County  
Miriam Pomilio..... OSPC  
Mollie Raley..... DeIDOT  
Mila Robinson ..... DeIDOT  
Rick Sherwood ..... DEMA  
Jake Skinner ..... ESRI  
Olena Smith ..... UD  
Eddie Starr ..... Pictometry  
Bill Stephens ..... Stephens Envir.  
Debbie Sullivan ..... DTI/DNREC  
Seth VanAken ..... ESRI  
Art Walker ..... USDA/NRCS  
Carl Yetter..... DNREC  
George Yocher ..... DHSS

### Welcome & Introductions

Miriam Pomilio started the meeting at 9:05 am. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### May 14 and August 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes were presented for both the May and August 2015 meetings. Kim Cloud made a motion to approve both the [May 14 and August 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes \(PDF\)](#). Dan Cook seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### FirstMap Update

Kim Cloud reported:

- DTI has updated the Parcel layer and the Geocoder.
- DTI has been hosting a series of seminars (one in each county) to show how to connect and use services on FirstMap. The last seminar is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> in Lewes.
- A Training Survey from Esri has been sent out to better gauge the training needs for State agencies.

Debbie demonstrated a new StoryMap for Big Trees that she created in cooperation with Bill Seybold of State

Forestry.

Miriam asked if there are other data that the group would like to see FirstMap acquire. Mentioned were: Annexations (OSPC); Comprehensive Plan Growth Areas; Federal Urban Areas (DeIDOT); Traffic Analysis Zones (DeIDOT/WILMAPCO), Socio-economic data specific to Delaware from Census; Updated School Locations (DOE).

### Technical Advisory Committee Update

Mike Townshend is the chair of the re-invigorated Technical Advisory Committee and held a meeting on October 22, 2015. Kim Cloud gave the following report in Mike's absence:

- DTI is in the process of negotiating the next ELA for GIS.
- Suggestions were made at the meeting for additional folks to include in the membership and Mike will follow-up.
- There was discussion about the need to geo-rectify 1977 and 1929 aerial imagery that has been scanned.

- DTI is building cached versions of the basemaps and extending them to include some of the surrounding states. This process is slow and tedious but they will continue to work to get them on FirstMap.
- Statewide Parcel data was discussed. Specifically how to share ownership information with state agencies that require that data. Counties suggested that having DTI extract parcel data from County web services rather than Counties pushing data through an FTP server to DTI.

## Geospatial Education Committee

Nicole Minni announced the Education Contest that is normally held in conjunction with the Delmarva GIS Conference has been expanded to include college level submissions this year. It is also being updated to be a Map Gallery with an award for “Best in Show” for each age category. Anyone with a student in the Delmarva Region is encouraged to reach out and advertise this [Map Gallery](#).

Nicole further reported that the Delaware GIS Day Field Trip is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> and there are 250 students registered to attend. There was overwhelming response again this year and the committee decided to take GIS Day “On-The-Road”. There are an additional 3 schools, totaling another 250 students, which will benefit from the Road Show. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the road show is asked to contact Nicole directly.

## Delmarva GIS Conference

Matt Laick announced the Delmarva GIS Conference is coming up April 13 and 14, 2016 at the Dover Downs Hotel. The call is out for Presentations, Posters, Education Award and Service Awards. The conference will have a different format this year. Debbie Sullivan is the chair of sponsorship and exhibitor booths, contact her if you’re interested in sponsoring or exhibiting. Follow the Delmarva Conference: on their [Website](#) ; [Twitter](#) (@DelmarvaGIS); and [Facebook](#).

## Presentation – Pictometry Connect Explorer

Joe Kochendarfer from Pictometry demonstrated the Pictometry Connect Explorer that can be used by agencies that have the Pictometry licensed aerial imagery.

## Presentation – Esri – ArcGIS Online Update/Overview

Jake Skinner of Esri demonstrated some of the new features in the latest release of ArcGIS Online.

## Federal Update

**USGS** – Roger Barlow was not able to attend in person but sent an update. The USGS is working with DNREC on the National Hydrologic Dataset (NHD) and sponsoring training in December, to which, DNREC will send a representative.

The Sandy Supplemental Bathymetric LiDAR has been posted on Digital Coast and is just the raw .las point-files and the classified .las point-files. It provides coverage of the coastal swath along Kent and Sussex Counties on the bay side and a little wider area along the Atlantic Coast in Sussex.

## Academia Update

Olena Smith from the University of Delaware attended and indicated they are using ArcGIS Online for their main campus mapping. UD is also presenting a GIS Day program on the main campus.

## Open Comment Period

Nicole Minni mentioned the Bay and Ocean Planner application at UD is now public facing.

Jimmy Kroon from DDA introduced himself as the GIS Coordinator for DDA. He will be working primarily with the Preservation Programs at this time and will provide GIS Support to the various sections of DDA as needed.

Miriam Pomilio indicated that the 5-year update for the State Strategies for Public Spending and Policy has been drafted and the public comment period has just ended. OSPC hopes to have these strategies approved in early 2016.

Megan Nehrbas indicated that Sussex County has just launched a new application for the Zoning Maps.

## 2016 Meeting Schedule

The 2016 DGDC Quarterly meeting schedule has been set. All meetings will be held at the Kent County Administrative Building, Room 220 and are as follows:

February 11, 2016  
May 12, 2016  
August 11, 2016  
November 10, 2016

## Adjournment

Carl Yetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Nicole Minni. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.