

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, May 15, 2014
Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Dave Carlson for Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration SITSD; Mike Bousliman - State Agency Representative; Annette Cabrera – Local Government Representative; Rudy Cicon via phone – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Representative; Josh Alexander for James Claflin - U.S. Department of Interior Representative; Fred Gifford - Private Sector Representative; Meghan Burns for Wendy Largent - GIS Professionals Representative; Cathy Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Elaina Graham – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Ted Chase for Cynthia Monteau Moore – State Agency Representative; Christiane von Reichert – University System Representative; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Organization Representative.

Guests: Anna Klene - UM Geography; and Michael Sweet - UM Climate Office.

Staff: Allan Cox, Evan Hammer, Stu Kirkpatrick and Marlys Stark.

Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

March Executive Summary – Council

Motion was made by Member Von Reichert and seconded by Member Bousliman to approve the March executive summary as presented and the motion passed.

GIS Strategic Vision – Jennie Stapp

Work is ongoing to replace the outdated strategic plan with a strategic vision. The current draft of the strategic vision was reviewed. Discussion followed. There was general consensus that focus areas need to be identified to use to help develop other plans, for example the annual Land Information Plan and the annual MSDI plan. Policy recommendations need to be addressed via a Policy Work Group. Funding needs to be addressed on a case by case basis and it was agreed to take addresses and attempt to identify return on investment as well as risks associated with completion of a statewide address database. Volunteers were requested for different work groups. Cathy and Leslie volunteered for a policy group, Fred volunteered for a funding group, Dave offered to sit anywhere needed and Annette offered to participate in a group on addresses.

MSDI Work Plan – Stu Kirkpatrick

Progress on the previous year's (FY14) has been added to the appendix for the FY 15 MSDI work plan.

2015 Legislative Session – Potential EPP Items – Jennie Stapp

Items of interest for the council include the request for the Water Information Manager position to move from a onetime only position to permanent status and the request to move two FTE working on cadastral data from MLIA funding to general funding.

The State Library Commission will take action to approve the EPP priority request later this month. The request is to go the budget office by May 28 and then input to the public record. Meetings with the Governor's office will be held to discuss the request as well as other meetings with people that will help communicate why these requests are important. The final Governor's budget will be complete in November.

GIS Curriculum - Christiane von Reichert

Anna Klene from University of Montana gave a brief presentation on the GIS curriculum in the state and how it has grown since conception and the challenges it faces.

MLIA Grants

McCone and Stillwater Counties both have outstanding grants from FY13 that are remaining under extensions. There are at least six grants for FY14 that will need to apply for extensions.

The MLIAC Grant Subcommittee reviewed all the grants and ranked them in priority. They also discussed a few requirements for some of the grants. All education related grants will require a 90 percent attendance record. The council would like to bring some grant recipients to report to the council at the March meeting.

Motion was made by Member Maynard and seconded by Member Gifford to approve the FY15 grant prioritization as recommended and the motion passed.

The recommendation will be an action item on the June MSL commission meeting agenda.

MSDI Reports

LIDAR use cases were reviewed and discussed. Currently there is no state agency that wishes to be Elevation theme steward.

The University of Montana Climate Office held a workshop on May 1st. They are being asked to correlate climate and environment with most information coming from the private sector. They want a local connection. A workshop will be held June 17 on precision agriculture. The Climate Office might serve as a go between for the science community and people on the ground like farmers that use the water.

MT CATSPAW continues to make progress with loading data into parcel fabric. There is a lot of data and some performance difficulties with the ESRI product with that large amount of data. Staff continues to meet weekly with ESRI.

MLIA/MSDI General Administrative Budget Status – Jennie Stapp

The one item of note is that Montana Natural Heritage Program invoices quarterly so that line item always appears to be under budget until the fiscal year close out.

State/ESRI ELA Negotiation Status - ITSD

Negotiations are proceeding on the State's ESRI Enterprise agreement to move it to a two year contract to line up with the budget process and should be finalized before the Governor finalizes the FY1/17 budget.

MAGIP Report – Meghan Burns

The MAGIP technical session will be in Bozeman this year and not held during the IT conference as in the past. Board elections are going on. The MAGIP Board's annual retreat will be in August where work plans will be developed.

Council Updates

NAIP multiyear service should be up before the end of May. Dave Carlson gave a brief update on the State's data portal.

Open Forum and Public Comment

There were none received.

September Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Jennie Stapp

The September 11 meeting will be at the capital and probably include policy updates, a call for land plan volunteers and MSDI theme updates.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.