

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, November 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.
DNRC, Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Chair Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Dawn Anderson – State Agency Representative; Matt Van Syckle for Ron Baldwin – Department of Administration; Mike Bousliman – State Agency Representative; Rudy Cicon online – MARLS Representative; Ted Chase for Gordon Conn – State Agency Representative; Janet Cornish – Private Business Representative; Elaina Graham – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Jerry Grebenc – Private Business Representative; Matt Heller online – U.S. Interior Department Representative; Valentijn Hoff – Montana University Systems; Lee Macholz – Local Government Representative; Cathy Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture; Eric Spangenberg – Local Government Representative; John Tubbs – State Agency Representative; Shawn Dell Walks Over Ice – Indian Tribal Interests; and Leslie Zolman – GIS Professional Representative.

Guests: Bruce Newell and Ken Wall.

Staff: Troy Blandford, Erin Fashoway, Michael Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Bryce Maxell online, and Marlys Stark.

Chair Jennie Stapp called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Administrative Updates/Agenda Changes

The proposed 2018 meeting schedule is April 19, June 14, September 13 and November 8. The April meeting is during the GIS Conference. The November date will be changed to November 15.

Motion was made by Member Bousliman and seconded by Member Spangenberg to approve the dates as amended and the motion passed.

Those interested in attending the NSGIC Mid-Year Conference in Salt Lake City please contact Erin. There may be a passenger van heading that way to allow more participation.

The NSGIC Annual Conference will be held in Duluth, MN in October. It is a week long meeting and usually one council representative attends. Please express interest to Erin.

Approval of Executive Summary

Both the June 22, 2017 and September 14, 2017 summaries were posted for approval.

Motion was made by Member Graham and seconded by Member Bousliman to approve the June 22, 2017 executive summary and the motion passed with the new members abstaining.

Motion was made by Member Cornish and seconded by Member Zolman to approve the September 14, 2017 executive summary and the motion passed with the new members abstaining.

State Librarian's Report

Previous budget cuts remain but MSL has been asked to draft a plan for up to an additional ten percent. MSI has asked for a reprieve based on the cuts already taken and so far that has been granted. A special session has been called for.

Member Tubbs reported that the Forestry Division has been excluded but the rest of the agency gets a ten percent cut. The hope is that they get a number to cut to and not details of where to cut.

The council held a brief discussion on the definition of a parcel.

State Librarian Stapp gave a brief background on the reasoning behind a public relations campaign and the request for proposal being planned. A steering committee to work with the consultant will be set up.

She also discussed the proposed foundation which will fund raise and support all of the various work MSL is involved in, including GIS.

MAGIP Report

Gerry Daumiller was not available at this time so this item was tabled for later in the meeting.

Land Information Plan Subcommittee Report

Member Cornish discussed the draft FY19 Land Information Plan and the changes the subcommittee have made. After the council approves the plan, it will go to the commission for final approval. There are a lot of items still up in the air as far as the budget portion goes. A few edits were pointed out and Erin will make those in the approved document.

Motion was made by Member Maynard and seconded by Member Grebenc to approve the FY19 Land Information Plan as edited and the motion passed.

General MSDI Updates

Troy Blandford discussed the water information group projects in process. For the hydro layer, efforts have been towards speeding up the editing process. Over the next year outreach will be performed to try to have other groups help with the updating. They are moving to a higher

resolution data set. He also showed a demonstration for the drought management web application.

Cathy Maynard and Bryce Maxell discussed the land cover theme layer. Bryce talked about some things being added such as burn information and he would like some feedback as to what others see as needs in regard to land cover. Cathy said they are exploring the next generation of land cover. Contact Bryce and Cathy with any comments or suggestions.

Michael Fashoway said the land information group has been focusing on enhancing CadMDI. He discussed what the staff have been doing and the outreach performed. There are definite issues due to the loss of FTE but they are focusing on regular cadastral monthly updates with not much change on addresses and other work.

Grants Subcommittee Report

Last year a grant writing training was held and there will be another grant writing workshop this year. It will be all day on November 30 and Janet Cornish will be doing the teaching. It should be helpful for the subcommittee members to attend.

Erin Fashoway did a brief run through of important dates in the FY19 Grant process. She has been working on a contract for a web grants application that she hopes will be up and ready to go by the beginning of the application process. The application would reduce some of the work on Erin's plate as they will turn in receipts online as well as the grant applications themselves.

MLIA Account Review and Financial Report

Evan discussed the budget and pointed out some highlights. He also discussed the collections report. Collections seem to be down slightly but are still in a comfortable range.

FY2017/2018 MLIA Grant Reports

FY18 only has one with submitted receipts at this point. Two of the grants are on hold. One is because of requirements that aren't met yet and the other is because the statement of work hasn't been signed and returned yet. FY17 has several extensions. The council held a brief discussion on how to improve responsiveness and being prepared so no extensions are necessary.

GIS Coordinator's Report

Erin Fashoway reported that she held an ESRI Enterprise Advantage Program Strategic Planning Session with all the state agencies which use ESRI. The session went well and she has several ideas to try. Story maps and the story map user group will be promoted.

She discussed all the outreach she has performed including MACo, MLCT, AWRA, MLA, ITMC, NSGIC, the Blackfeet Tribe and several others.

The National Geospatial Data Act has been refreshed. The council wrote a letter of support in 2016. The procurement language has been pulled out in the new version. There is movement

towards getting legislation back up and presented at the federal level. A letter of support has been requested again. Erin will send out information and the new language to council members and then as decision can be reached on a potential support letter.

There has been some demand for irrigation data. Hopefully a state agency will collect that information.

Montana has provided the 2017 U.S. Capitol Christmas tree and there is a story map telling about the tree and its journey to Washington D.C. The tree itself will be in Helena November 11 and 12.

Next Gen 9-1-1 GIS Data Assessment

Michael Fashoway provided an update on the 911 GIS data assessment required in the last legislative session through HB61. MSL was given the authority to develop a contract with a vendor to perform the assessment. Since there was also a statewide plan component the decision was made to coordinate with the statewide plan group to perform a single RFP and statement of work.

Census 2020

Leslie Zolman discussed the 2020 census and the preparations for this including a way to update and correct addresses so that no persons are missed by the lack of an address. Montana gets federal funding for various projects based on the number of people in the census so it is important to not miss any. Government entities can participate in LUCA and can also sign up as a reviewer. The reviewer portion will require a lot of work. Statistical boundaries are used for the census. There is an office opening up in Billings which will cover several states.

MAGIP Report

The MLIAC orientation was shown to MAGIP. They voted to change the name of the GIS conference to BigSky GeoCon. GIS day will be November 15. The 2019 is in Butte at the Copper King.

Public Comment

Bruce Newell, chairman of the Montana State Library Commission expressed appreciation to the council for the work they do.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.