

Montana Land Information Advisory Council June 16, 2011 - State Capitol Building, Room 152

Members or Designees

Darlene Staffeldt – State Library; Mike Bousliman – Department of Transportation; Annette Cabrera – Yellowstone County; Lance Clampitt – Department of the Interior(USGS); Catherine Maynard - Department of Agriculture (NRCS); Art Pembroke – Lewis and Clark County IT Department; Alex Philp – GCS Research LLC; Janet-Hess Herbert –Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Ken Wall – GeoData Services (Proxy for Erin Geraghty ; Don Patterson – USDA Forest Service; Christiana von Riechert – University of Montana, Dept. of Geography; Kris Larson – CMD; Alan Peura – Department of Revenue; Daniel Chelini – Department of Environmental Quality

Guests

Stu Kirkpatrick - Council Staff – Base Map Service Center; R.J. Zimmer – DJ & A P.C.; Ted Chase – Department of Revenue; Liz Murray, Troy Blandford – DNRC; Marty Balikov – Esri; Nat Carter – Department of Environmental Quality; Jennie Stapp, Evan Hammer, Diane Papineau – Montana State Library, NRIS; Wendy Thingelstad, Michael Rave – Lake County; Lydia Bailey – Fish Wildlife and Parks; Michael Pipp – DEQ; Julie Kriedeman – DOA/SITSD

Darlene Staffeldt, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Approval of Executive Summary - Council **Action Item**

Related to a summary item, Alex Philp asked about Legislative appointments to the Council? Darlene announced the appointment of Senator Ed Walker from the Billings area and Representative Sesso continues as the House appointment.

Motion made by Art Pembroke to approve, seconded by Alex Philp ** Approved**

NAIP 2011 Update (Surdex offer) – Stu Kirkpatrick

Surdex was awarded the 2011 contract and has offered to provide Montana a 4-band seamless product for \$58,000 (state plane projection). Other than the tiling scheme it is a virtual substitute product to what was offered by APFO for \$270,000. The Forest Service has offered to partner with the state for approximately half the cost. The State is looking for agency participation (four agencies at \$7,250) and has discussed it with DEQ, MDT, DOR and DNRC. The product will arrive in December and be distributed via usual methods through the State Library.

MLIA Grants Status -Stu Kirkpatrick

A one page summary of [this year's grants](#) decisions by the Department of Administration was distributed. All submitted grants were approved. FY2010 grants have been closed and successfully completed. FY2011 grants will be submitting final bills.

Asked about options for spending any extra MLIA money Darlene recommended that ideas be submitted to the Council. Stu verified that projects could be submitted off cycle although it has not been a common process.

State Executive Branch ITMC GIS Task Force

In December the GIS State Taskforce was put together to assess and recommend changes to ensure most effective and efficient funding and governance of GIS within state government with Mike Bousliman as the Chair.

- **Summary of Recommendations** – Mike Bousliman

Based on the Taskforce recommendations an organizational change will be made to move MLIA responsibilities, including staffing of this Council to the State Library. Data content and oversight of MSDI, including administrative oversight of the BMSC, would also move to the Library. SITSD's focus will be on technology and providing the infrastructure to deliver GIS services. Some roles and responsibility will be shared as there are both data and infrastructure components to such things as devising plans and strategies for the future. A MOU is being developed to establish the ground rules.

Asked for summary of the position of the GIO on this recommendation Mike noted that Robin Trenbeath submitted a companion counter proposal which is a public document, however ultimately that proposal was not adopted.

- **Council Impacts** - Darlene Staffeldt

Darlene envisioned the Council as a critical piece moving forward. Darlene explained that ultimately she and the Library staff, which will now include the BMSC, answer to the Montana State Library Commission and she, with direction from the Commission will be the bottom line decision maker on staff and activity that happens from the Montana State Library. The MLIA will be advisory to the Commission.

Darlene saw no immediate changes in Council makeup as the Council still has their statutory responsibility. Some items, for example the fact that all member's terms expire at the same time, could be brought back out for discussion. Council expressed some concerns in separating data from the infrastructure and saw the potential for more dysfunction in leadership. Others noted that DOA leadership was not at the meeting and that there may be a fractured relationship going forward. There was additional concern of how much funding progress will be made with DOA having an infrastructure priority that may conflict somehow with funding for State Library's MSDI priorities. Comment from the audience was that the Council should better define the GIO's roles, responsibilities, and performance measures going forward. Ken Wall noted the challenges as we move forward in how the private sector participates. Asked about immediate funding impacts, Darlene advised that little should change since the State Library is not taking on GIS Enterprise infrastructure responsibilities and that the BMSC's funding is primarily through the Land Information Account at this time.

Darlene summarized discussion by noting that all the questions have not been answered including the GIO's role in the future. She stated up that communication remains critical between Council, DOA/SITSD and MSL and expected this would wrap into a smooth transition

plan within next 2 or 3 months. Darlene stated that in her opinion we are moving in the right direction and there would be more discussion in September and possibly something electronically in the interim. Darlene asked for and received a general thumbs up from the Council on the direction of organizational change.

Review of MSDI Policy Issues and Land Plan Action Items – Evan Hammer/Stu Kirkpatrick

Stu went over the Cross Walk between MSDI Policy Issues and Land Plan Action Items sheet in an effort to insure things aren't getting lost with everything else going on.

The future of both MSDI Policy and Land Plan issues related to funding will be an item for the September agenda. There was a recommendation to start now planning a legislative strategy for next session. Stu displayed a poster about MSDI and shared the need for marketing materials and offered to come back in September with a draft marketing plan.

Ken Wall suggested putting effort into the community libraries as GIS outlets.

Land Plan Process Revision Subcommittee – Lance Clampitt

The action for this meeting was to investigate concerns and the Subcommittee found nothing to hold the Council back from moving forward. The suggested next step will be work on the FY12/13 Land Plan. Darlene asked the Council to move forward with Land Plan in the development phase using this template. Council discussed the pros and cons and came to a consensus to use the revised Land Plan template for the next plan.

MAGIP Report – Wendy Thingelstad

Miles Wacker was elected Vice-President, Eric Spangenberg and Meghan Burns as Members-at-Large on the Executive Board, Chris Stump as Technical Chair, and Maya Daurio [sic] as Education Committee Chair. The next Board meeting planned for June 23.

2012 Conference Planning Update- the hotel has been booked, speakers and track chairs are lined up, and the vendor prospectus went out. The Conference will be held in Kalispell at the Red Lion on April 16-20, 2012.

Updates and New Business

Summary of Cloud Computing Workshop held June 14th and 15th - Mike Boyer

In order to determine feasibility of putting GIS data and services into a cloud setting Montana, Utah, Oregon and Colorado issued an RFI in late 2010. From the 23 respondents Montana produced a report on the findings. Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Skygone, and IBM, along with representatives from the states were invited to Helena for a 2 day workshop in Helena that both recapped the RFI findings and discussed future direction. Montana CIO Dick Clark offered to lead the technical side of issuing a formal RFP for GIS cloud services while Oregon would lead the governance piece and Utah the procurement. The states will continue to work with Western State Contract Alliance and are receiving support from NASCIO. Utah expects to have the RFP on the street by mid fall.

MSDI theme Steward's Meeting Update –Evan Hammer

The MSDI Theme Stewards and Leads met on May 24. Highlights included:

- Report updates from Stewards on status of the themes.
- Discussion of status of state stewardship for elevation. Until a state steward comes forward the USGS will continue to act in that role.
- Discussion about archiving data and an introduction to the GEOMAP Program the Library is involved in. The Stewards discussed metadata /portal registration what is working and what the challenges are.
- MSDI Framework as a state standard – The general sense was that the concept could be a good idea but stewards were not sure any of the themes are in a position that they could take on any increased workload associated with the standards going through. There were also concerns regarding the ability to enforce standards and most felt that rather than investing resources toward implementing a standard for MSDI we should be putting resources toward building quality that naturally compels usage.

Open Forum and Public Comment

Ken Wall noted that the Horton Foundation has grant opportunities for local governments who were interested in planning efforts using CommunityViz.

Council Transition and Re-application Process

Stu explained the process to apply or re-apply.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Agenda Items – Darlene Staffeldt

The next meeting will be September 1, 2011 with location to be determined in the interim.

Topic for Next Meeting

Darlene noted the following agenda items; Council orientation – roles and responsibilities, discussion on funding possibly tied legislative planning, draft marketing plan, Land Plan action update, revised MLIA coordination budget (as per organizational shift), MSL/SITSD organizational MOU.

In the interim Darlene was asked to request clarification on the GIO's role in relation to the Council and provide that information back to the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.