

Executive Summary
Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC)
Thursday, November 5, 2018
10:00 a.m.
DNRC, Montana Room, Helena, Montana

Attendees:

Members or Designees: Acting Chair Evan Hammer for Jennie Stapp – Montana State Library (MSL); Rudy Cicon online – MARLS Representative; Ted Chase for Gordon Conn – State Agency Representative; Warren Fahner online – Local Government Representative; Elaina Graham – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Jerry Grebenc online – Private Business Representative; Matt Heller online – U.S. Interior Department Representative; Valentijn Hoff – Montana University Systems; Lee Macholz – Local Government Representative; Catherine Maynard – U.S. Department of Agriculture Representative; Eric Spangenberg – Local Government Representative; Brett Lian for John Tubbs – State Agency Representative; and Shawn Dell Walks Over Ice – Indian Tribal Interests Representative.

Guests: Bob Cochran, April Grady online, Maria Jackson, Anne Kish online, Blake Sexton, and Ken Wall online.

Staff: Troy Blandford, Maya Daurio, Erin Fashoway, Michael Fashoway, Marlys Stark and Jessica Mitchell online.

Acting Chair Evan Hammer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Administrative Updates/Agenda Changes

The agenda will be flexible to allow for people in and out during this meeting.

Approval of Executive Summary

Staff identified and correct one misspelling. The first word in the State Librarian's report of the posted summary of September 13, 2018 should be Banik.

Motion was made by Member Spangenberg and seconded by Member Hoff to approve the September 13, 2018 executive summary with the identified correction and the motion passed.

Approval of 2019 Meeting Dates

Regarding the proposed dates, the April date is early due to the timing of the MAGIP conference which means a short turn around for the grant cycle and the proposed November date is a little later due to schedules although a conference call could be possible. The council members felt having the April meeting during the conference makes it too busy for those working at the conference, so a Tuesday or Friday date is preferred. The council members feel it is important to make the meeting well-advertised to draw attendees.

Council agreed to tentatively move the April meeting to Tuesday, April 2, depending on the conference planning. Motion was made by Member Graham and seconded by Member Maynard to approve the dates as revised and the motion passed.

State Librarian's Report

Evan Hammer gave a quick overview of the process so far with Banik Communications for the public relation campaign. People should start to see advertising promoting library services which are currently broadly focused on the library. Promotional products tailored to spatial data related services are currently being worked on. The council was able to watch one of the videos being released.

The Environmental Quality Council did send a letter requesting more funding for Natural Heritage Program (NHP). MSL continues to focus on restoration of funding for FTE lost from triggers at the last session.

The Geospatial Data Act did pass but was put into a different bill. The bill went through this October. The council has sent support letters in the past. Evan Hammer provided a quick overview of what the act provides along with information that Erin Fashoway provided earlier. There is no funding provided in the bill.

MAGIP Report

MAPIG President, Bob Cochran, was available to give a quick report for MAGIP. He discussed the change of officers. MAGIP is working on the upcoming conference. Previous conferences performed at a net loss, so the budget is a big consideration. Erin Fashoway commented that she had heard several vendors indicate interest in attending. Bob reported that they are still working on finalizing the GIS contractors list and working on GIS talking points as a long-range project.

Council Member Appointment to MAGIP Board

There has been no council volunteer to serve on the MAGIP board so there will be no action for this agenda item.

Council Land Plan Priorities – Collection ROI/Collections Analysis

Staff haven't had the time to work on these projects. If a subcommittee needs to be assigned to work on this, a council member heading the project would be beneficial, so any interested members should contact Erin or Evan.

MLIA Account Review and Financial Report

Malissa Williams is the new Central Services Manager. Staff pointed out changes to the reports including the addition of Talking Book Library funding information. A brief discussion on the provided account and collection materials was conducted. Efforts are underway to devise a report to align with the land plan.

MLIAC Grant Administration (FY2018/2019) Report

Several grants for FY'18 are closing or already closed but there are a few extensions. There is not any large underspent grants. Final reports are still coming in.

Report format is the same as previous years, but discussion is welcome about changes to make things clearer. The grant review subcommittee should look at whether extensions should be allowed.

There are quite a few FY'19 grants that are behind schedule and one grant that is already 80 percent complete. Among these grant recipients, there have been a lot of staffing issues and one vendor issue. Harlem must reassess the grant since they only received partial funding.

There was no collection report provided in the materials but so far it has been an average collection year.

Subcommittees

The grant subcommittee has the same makeup as last year but is not final yet. A volunteer for chair is still needed. The subcommittee reviews the grants but also develops application materials. Timing is very important. Members currently are Mike Bousliman, Rudy Cicon, Elaina Graham, Jerry Grebenc, Matt Heller, Molly Hirschi, and Valentijn Hoff.

The land plan is ready for adoption and the members discussed changes from the previous year. Ken Wall suggested that perhaps in the section of boundaries, 911 boundaries should be listed out.

Lunch break from 12:06 p.m. to 12:46 p.m.

Land Plan Approval

Motion was made by Member Spangenberg and seconded by Member Graham to approve the 2020 Land Plan with the modification discussed and the motion passed.

General MSDI Updates

Water information staff will hire an intern in January or so. Researching landset imagery and editing and classification improvements are priorities. An elevation working group has been formed and met twice so far with about 25 people participating. Lidar inventory is being performed.

Land information reporting included the status of the 911 assessment. The contractor has received most of the data but did ask for a one-month extension due to the holidays so that will be pushed out to February 28. The State 911 project is just beginning, and the results of the assessment will feed into that.

Evan Hammer commented that as a tag on to previous discussions held about the land plan and grants, previously several applications for CORS sites had been received and there was some

discussion about prioritizing that as a project, but he feels strongly that shouldn't be done right now. Applications can be made but it shouldn't be a current priority.

GIS Coordinator's Report

Erin Fashoway has done a lot of outreach since the last meeting and discussed several of those opportunities. FAA bill language was integrated with the National Geospatial Data Act discussed earlier. COGO Report card was shared and comments are due in a week to be submitted by the first of December with the final report in January. GeoEnabled elections are a hot topic. There will be a Montana Resilience Initiative presentation next. The legislative report required by statute will be a story map with tabs regarding the budget cuts.

Montana Ready Communities Initiative (MRCI)

A presentation on the initiative was given by Blake Sexton and Maria Jackson from the Montana Department of Commerce as well as Erin Fashoway. Maya Daurio is part of the NSGIC resiliency task force and spoke briefly also.

Public Comment

There were none received.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.