

**Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board**  
**September 12, 2002**  
**3rd Floor Meeting Room, Department of Information Technology**  
**110 South 7th Street**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

**Members Present:**

Honorable John Watkins, Chairman  
Dan Shaffer, Vice Chairman  
Charles W. Donato  
John Jenkins  
J. Jack Kennedy  
Honorable Sam A. Nixon, Jr.  
Rick Pevarski  
Jerry Simonoff  
Bill Sirine  
Scott Crafton

**Designees:**

Murali Rao for Philip Shucet  
Stewart Blankenship for Mark Kilduff

**Members Absent:**

Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.  
Honorable Beverly Sherwood  
Honorable Mary Margaret Whipple  
Ronald Kander, PhD.  
Barry Glick

**VGIN Staff:**

William D. Shinar, VGIN Coordinator  
Matt Blaes, VGIN Assistant Coordinator  
Mark McKercher, VGIN Assistant Coordinator  
Bob Rike, VGIN Assistant Coordinator  
Cara Kaufman, VGIN Administrative Coordinator

Honorable John Watkins called the Virginia Geographic Advisory Board meeting to order at 1:30pm.

New Advisory Board members were introduced.

- Charles Donato, Dominion Resources
- John Jenkins, NEABSCO District Supervisor
- Bill Sirine, Rouse-Sirine Associates, Ltd.
- J. Jack Kennedy, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Wise County, Virginia

Senator Watkins mentioned that the General Assembly is conducting a study on advisory boards, policy boards and commissions and that he will respond to them with a fax regarding the VGIN Advisory Board.

### **Virginia Base Mapping Update:**

Bill Shinar presented an in-depth briefing on the overall VBMP program, status of the digital orthophotography contract with VARGIS, and the process by which the quality control consultant, Dewberry and Davis was selected.

Mr. Shinar identified several issues regarding the delivery of the end products. As per the contract, VARGIS must meet the 80% of the delivery by the end of January 2003 in order for them to not incur penalties. Mr. Shinar wants to delay the announcement of the delivery of the product from COVITS to GIS Day, which is scheduled for mid-February. This will correlate with the deliver of the majority of the photography to local governments. It should be noted that as products are delivered this fall and during the winter from VARGIS, they will be delivered to the appropriate local government agencies.

Mr. McKercher discussed the alternatives that were presented in the RFIs that were submitted for the administrative and technical distribution of the digital orthophotography to all potential customers.

Mr. Shaffer wanted all attendees to realize that this is a time critical project and that the lead-time for this project is going to be at least six months. He added that there are vendors who have the systems in place to perform this function and that it may be beneficial to explore these alternatives early on in the project life cycle.

Mr. Shinar added that the Wireless 911 Board agreed to fund the collection of hydrography during the VBMP project for the entire state at a total of \$1.2M.

Mr. Rao discussed that for all secondary road systems, VDOT is taking a series of photographs from the GPS collection van. He intends to web-enable this information so the general public and VDOT personnel can view the information simultaneously.

Mr. Shinar briefed attendees on the addressing survey that was performed over the summer. Mr. Kennedy added that there is someone in the Richmond Post Office responsible for creating a 911 address file structure. He will forward the USPS GIS contact to the appropriate VGIN personnel.

Miss Kaufman briefed the Board on the status of the VBMP Reference Manual that will be delivered with the orthophotography to each local government.

### **Homeland Security:**

Mr. Shinar briefed the Board on the various groups he has met with regarding homeland security to include National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), Secure Virginia Subcommittee on Utilities, Secure Virginia Subcommittee on Technology, Virginia State Police, and the Homeland Security Infrastructure and Foundation Level Working Group.

Delegate Nixon asked how the state will secure critical utility infrastructure from illicit access. Mr. Shinar added that this is the number one issue that the Secure Virginia Panel is considering at this time. Nothing will be mapped until such time as the data will be totally secured from outside intrusion.

### **Work Group Status:**

All work groups have been active to include the Natural Resources Group, the DECI Work Group and the Public Safety Work Group. Mr. Shinar added that the VGIN Technical Work Group would be reformed after a one-year suspension.

### **Procurement:**

Ms. Kaufman updated the Board on the Staff Augmentation RFP that has been cancelled due to a number of protests. DIT submitted a staff augmentation IFB in lieu of the RFP. There are no GIS contract positions submitted with the staff augmentation IFB. Ms. Kaufman is working with the VGIN procurement committee to obtain a state contract for GIS services as soon as possible.

### **Current Legislation:**

Mr. Shinar briefed the Board on the licensing of photogrammetrists legislation for the State. Mr. Shinar stated that the surveying definition, the licensing process, and the procurement process needs to be addressed individually. All these issues need to be addressed to try and reach a consensus and a workable solution.

Mr. Sirine stated that he is following the legislation closely and feels that certain elements such as design and land development should be regulated. Other areas such as GIS may not be candidates for legislation.

A Senate bill related to mapping health-related factors which passed in the last session requires a report from VGIN on integrating the mapping into a state GIS. There are still questions as to whether resources are actually available from the CDC. Mr. Shinar is working with the Northern Virginia Regional Planning Commission to see if any opportunities for funding exist.

**New business:**

None presented

**Board Meeting Schedule:**

The next board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2003 at 1:30pm.

The VGIN Board meeting was adjourned at 3:30.p.m.

**Log of Attendees:**

None