

June 8, 1999 MINUTES

Department of Technology Planning

Virginia Geographic Information Network Division

Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board

Virginia Department of Transportation

Board Room, 3rd floor of the Annex building,

1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia

Members Present:	John Watkins, <i>Chairman</i>
	Daniel S. Shaffer, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
	W. Page Cockrell
	Ken Anderson
Designee:	Jean Tingler for Mark R. Kilduff
	Pete Kolakowski for David Gehr
Members Absent:	The Honorable W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr
	The Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.
	The Honorable R. Edward Houck
	Michael D. Clower
	William C. Cleveland
	Mark R. Kilduff
	Kenneth D. Barker
	Dr. W. Mark Crain
VGIN Staff:	William D. Shinar, VGIN Division Coordinator
Special Guest:	Fred H. Williamson, Assistant Secretary of Technology

The Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 1:15 a.m. by the Honorable John Watkins, Chairman. The meeting was held in conjunction with the annual summer meeting of the Virginia Association of

Mapping and Land Information Systems (VAMLIS) at the DoubleTree Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia.

VGIN Chairman John Watkins addressed the VAMLIS attendees at the luncheon immediately proceeding the VGIN Board meeting. A number of Board members participated in the VAMLIS meeting throughout the day.

The draft minutes of the May 6, 1999 VGIN Advisory Board meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation by the Assistant Secretary of Technology Fred Williamson

Assistant Secretary Williamson made a brief presentation to the Board detailing the activities of the Secretary's office over the last year. The Assistant Secretary is the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Information Technology, and he discussed the role of the Commission.

Secretary Williamson focused many of his remarks on the role that GIS and VGIN can play in the overall IT process, and in activities related to the Secretary's office. VGIN provided extensive GIS support to the Commission's second report on the distribution of technology related business and industry investment across the Commonwealth's technology regions. The Secretary offered several ideas for taking advantage of the strong linkage between spatial data and GIS analysis capabilities and the role of the Commission including the possibility of adding a fifth Commission meeting that would focus on spatial data and GIS related issues.

Secretary Williamson's remarks were followed by an open discussion of potential opportunities for VGIN to work with the Secretary of Technology's office to move forward on its initiatives at both the state and local level. Various incentive programs were discussed.

VGIN Coordinator's Report

Bill Shinar, VGIN Coordinator discussed a list of activities that VGIN had worked on and participated in since the last Advisory Board meeting on May 6, 1999.

Governor's Commission on Information Technology: Bill summarized the role VGIN has played in supporting the Secretary's Office in the meetings, report development, and the conference for the second report of the Commission on a Statewide Investment Strategy. Bill indicated that his presentation was very well received and a copy of the VGIN map/information book that was distributed to Commission members was passed around.

Land Records Management Task Force: Bill attended the last meeting of the task force and will continue to attend meetings and participate in the that process. Page Cockrell provided a summary of the Task Forces current activities.

Secretary's Office GIS Support: VGIN is responding to a couple of inquiries for GIS related support from organization and/or projects under the Secretary of Technology.

VGIN Staff Recruitment: Bill provided an update on the response to the VGIN job offerings and the outlined the schedule for completing the selection process.

FGDC Grant Report: Bill reported that both Virginia Tech's Fisheries and Wildlife Exchange and VDOT's Cartography section had won FGDC grant awards. However, both awards were limited to between 1/5 and 1/4 of the proposed request, which made the ultimate impact/value of the awards very questionable.

VGIN Work Groups: Bill reviewed the activity of VGIN work groups on Local Government, Metadata and Geodetic Control.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee. No report.

Standards and Policy Committee. No report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for August 12, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. in the executive conference room within the Offices of the Department of Information Technology. The DIT executive conference room is located on the third floor of the Richmond Plaza Building, 110 South Seventh Street, Richmond, Virginia. This building also houses the Department of Technology Planning (DTP) and VGIN.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

William Shinar

VGIN Division Coordinator