

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2008
3:00 PM (Senate Office Building)
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Lem Stewart
Bill Price for Joseph Maroon
John Jenkins
Murali Rao for David Ekern
Chris Knights
Delegate David Englin
Connie Brennan
Trent Park for Jeff Anderson

Members Absent: Senator John Watkins
Delegate Sam Nixon
W. Page Cockrell
Richard Pevarski
Stanford Hovey
Delegate Beverly Sherwood
James Wilson
Charles Donato
Delegate Jeffrey Frederick

Staff Present: Dan Widner, Coordinator
Terry Mayo, Board Assistant
Sam Hall
Steve Marzolf, ISP Director
Stuart Blankenship

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Lem Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM. Mr. Stewart asked to dismiss the approval of the minutes until Senator Watkins arrives for a quorum to vote on the minutes. It was agreed upon by the Board.

2. **IMAGERY FOR THE NATION**

Dan Widner briefed the Board on Imagery For The Nation. Mr. Widner said that aerial and satellite imagery has become the base mapping foundation for both public and private organizations. Mr. Widner also talked about the vision of IFTN – Imagery for The Nation. Mr. Widner said that the National States Geographic Information Council is working with the US Department of Agriculture’s National Digital Ortho Program and the Federal Geographic Data Committee to create a Cost Benefit Analysis for public domain Orthophotography. (See Mr. Widner’s presentation on-line). Mr. Widner referred the Board to a web-site on the IFTN Cost Benefit Analysis. The web-site is http://www.ndop.gov/pdf/Imagery_for_the_Nation_IFTN_CBA.pdf

Mr. Widner would like for the Advisory Group to concentrate on the Financial and the Operational side of IFTN. The current objective is to ensure that IFTN is mentioned and partially funded in the Agriculture and Interior budgets for FY09 and to be fully funded in FY10. Mr. Widner said that NSGIC wants to get major

stakeholders to lend support. NSGIC is requesting that each of the state GIS Coordination Councils support the program. VGIN recommends support of the IFTN. The VGIN Advisory Board is being asked today to consider passing a resolution in support of the IFTN program. John Jenkins asked if steps being taken to ensure there is funding from the State to support the state's imagery program. Mr. Stewart assured him that the state has already taken steps to do this with the fee program that is now in place with VGIN. Mr. Widner asked the Board to support the resolution of support.

Mr. Stewart asked the Board if it could support the concept of the IFTN. Supervisor Jenkins said he supports it. Mr. Stewart asked if there were any who did not support the idea, and if they did not would they like to speak. All were in support of the idea of an IFTN. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Widner to meet or talk with Senator Watkins when he gets a chance about the idea of the IFTN, and to let him know that the Board supports it.

3. **UPDATE: LiDAR COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS PROGRESS REPORT:**

Sam Hall Gave an overview of the LiDAR Cost Benefit Analysis. At the last meeting on October 2, 2007, everyone agreed that a Cost Benefit Analysis was a good thing to pursue. Mr. Hall briefed the Board on the factors to consider when evaluating a statewide (or regional) LiDAR collection effort: He said there are many things to consider, such as diverse business needs of users; size, terrain, and accessibility of project area; and alternative technologies and data sources that may meet users' needs. (See Mr. Hall's presentation on-line.)

Mr. Hall said there is a tentative schedule set. He hopes to get background information by the spring and data analysis by the summer. Mr. Hall asked for questions. John Jenkins asked if this would be a practical use for a locality. Mr. Hall said yes. Trent Park asked if this is the type of LiDAR that the engineering community could use. Both Mr. Hall and Mr. Widner answered yes. Mr. Stewart asked for more questions, and there were none.

4. **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON JANUARY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Widner informed the Board that he sent copies of the Coordinator's Report a head of time for them to look over. Mr. Widner asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Chris Knights asked what type of progress is anticipated for the LiDAR Cost Benefit Analysis between now and the next board meeting. Mr. Widner said a standard completion date has not been set-up yet, because it is still in the general information gathering phase right now. Mr. Widner said the goal is to try and do this by the summer. Once the information is received, everything will move faster. Information gathering is slow right now. At the next Board

meeting Mr. Widner will give the Board a briefing. Mr. Hall said by the next Board meeting there should be a summary of the survey (which should be completed by the end of January). The Survey would generate a lot of interest throughout the state. Mr. Steve Marzolf, ISP Director, said that at the last board meeting there was a lot of interest in LiDAR. Mr. Marzolf said it is a priority project for VGIN. Ms. Connie Brennan asked about the Road Centerline Project. She wanted to know if it was complete. Mr. Widner said yes, and now it is in maintenance mode. Mr. Stewart asked for other questions. Mr. Stuart addressed the issue of the Governor's Budget. Mr. Stewart focused mainly on the component of separating the VGIN and Public Safety Communications Division. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that in his opinion it would be disruptive to separate the two components. Ms. Connie Brennan asked where that proposal originated. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that he has no idea. Mr. Trent Park asked if the E911 Board will remain in tact. Mr. Stewart answered that as far as he knew, yes. Mr. Murali Rao asked about a statement of endorsement from the VGIN Board to keep the VGIN and Public Safety Divisions together. Mr. Stewart said it is the Board's prerogative to do so. Mr. Stewart said he would be happy to communicate that message to the Senator Watkins and others should the Board want him to do so. All members agreed that they are in support of Mr. Rao's motion.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Stewart asked for New Business. John Jenkins thanked the Board for setting up the meetings so he could be in attendance. The Board complimented Mr. Widner on the Coordinators Report. Mr. Widner thanked the Board and also informed them that in five weeks from today GIS Day will be held on the 7th Floor of the General Assembly Building on February 13.

Mr. Widner also briefed the Board on the PSAP Grant Support Program. Mr. Stewart also talked about the PSAP Grant Program. Mr. Stewart asked Mr. Marzolf to find out what the GIS projects are and report back to the Advisory Board at the next Advisory Board meeting in April.

Mr. Stewart asked for comments and questions. There were none and he adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terry D. Mayo

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