

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
1:00 PM, CESC

Members Present:	Senator John Watkins John Jenkins Delegate Jeffrey Frederick W. Page Cockrell James Wilson Jerry Simonoff for Lem Stewart	Chris Knights Charles Donato Murali Rao for David Ekern John Mehfoud for Jeffrey Anderson Stanford Hovey
Members Absent:	Delegate Sam Nixon Delegate Beverly Sherwood Delegate David Englin	Richard Pevarski Senator Mary Margaret Whipple
Staff Present:	Dan Widner, VGIN Coordinator Steve Marzolf, ISP Director Terry Mayo, Board Assistant	Samuel Hall Stu Blankenship

1. CALL TO ORDER

Senator John Watkins called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. Senator Watkins welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Senator Watkins asked everyone to go around the table and introduce themselves

Senator Watkins asked for corrections or additions to the January 9, 2008 Advisory Board Minutes. There was one correction that Senator Watkins found, and that was that he should be marked absent for the meeting. A motion was made by Senator Watkins that the minutes for January 9, 2008 be accepted with the change noted of his absence. Mr. James Wilson 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved; **12-0-0.**

2. VGIN BUDGET REVIEW

VGIN Coordinator Dan Widner addressed the Advisory Board to give a summary of the VGIN Annual Budget. Mr. Widner said the total expenditures are \$864,715 a year, and the total revenue is \$1,750,000 a year, leaving a total of \$885,285 for imagery or other programs. Other sources of revenue from the Geospatial Enterprise Platform (GEP) or consultation/project management services have yet to produce. State agency geospatial service rates go into effect July 1, 2008 but participation is voluntary and uncertain at this time. John Jenkins asked if the orthophotography included fly-over for the entire state, and do they pay VGIN for the counties. Mr. Widner said yes for the entire state, and the localities pay a fee for upgrades, but no payment for basic fly-over as this is covered by E911 funds. Senator Watkins then asked about Text Messaging on the E911 Side. Mr. Marzolf stated there was none on

the wireless side; however, the localities are asking for this service. Senator Watkins said he would support it if pilots could be done. Mr. Marzolf said that Chris Knights is working with VITA to get it done with the E911. Chris Knights followed up and said he will keep Senator Watkins abreast of what is going on with pilot project

3. PSAP GRANT PROGRAM – GIS Related Grants

Mr. Widner directed everyone to the handout of spreadsheet #1 and #2 in their packets. Mr. Widner refreshed the Board's memory that Connie Brennan had requested this information at the last Advisory Board Meeting. Mr. Widner said that the GIS related projects represent the positive synergies that can emerge from overlapping Public Safety and GIS needs. Senator Watkins asked if there were any questions concerning the spreadsheets, and there were none.

4. Orthoimagery

Stuart Blankenship addressed the Advisory Board, and gave a status on Orthoimagery. Mr. Blankenship said that as of April 8, 2008, 96% of imagery processing is complete (including passing QA/QC). Approximately 70% of the 2007 jurisdictions have received data. The remaining jurisdictions will be delivered by end of May. Mr. Blankenship then briefed the Advisory Board on upgrades for 2006 and 2007. He said that the total contract value is \$8,159,529. There are approximately 65,000 tiles statewide with a few are slipping through with problems. He also informed the Advisory Board that if any customers find any issues with the data, to contact him as there is a one year warranty on the product.

Mr. Widner then addressed the Advisory Board to share plans for the 2009 Orthoimagery Request For Proposal. Highlights include a request for a digital solution, pricing for multiple resolutions, flying half the state in 2009 and half in 2011 to complete a four year acquisition cycle, and a "cafeteria style" selection of upgrade products. Targeted release date for the RFP is May 2008.

Mr. Widner shared information about the partnership between Virginia state government and the USDA National Aerial Imagery Program (NAIP) for 2008. The Department of Forestry, the Department of Transportation and the Information Technologies Agency (VGIN) contributed a total of \$90,000 plus Virginia Base Mapping Program ortho control points to expand the coverage to one hundred percent, improve the accuracy, and add a color infra-red product to help ensure that Virginia was collected by the USDA in 2008 for a summertime "leaf on" one meter product. Mr. Widner stated that this effort was a positive example of how partners working together can support the greater needs of the GIS community in Virginia.

5. COMMONWEALTH STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR GIS

Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board and said the VGIN Division is in the initial phase of establishing a five year Strategic Plan for GIS in the Commonwealth. The high level process will be three fold: 1) establish the vision; 2) define the strategic goals around two areas a) establish and maintain the State Spatial Data Infrastructure and b) identify and establish enterprise services; and 3) identify strategic initiatives that provide actionable strategies to achieve the strategic goals. Mr. Widner said the stakeholders will drive this process with a multitude of venues to be provided for input. Lastly, Mr. Widner asked the Board what role they would like to have in the process. Stan Hovey suggests having an educational and awareness effort. He said he would be happy to work with the VGIN staff on this. James Wilson said he is in agreement of this task, and wanted to know “who are the stakeholders?” – we need to identify them. Mr. Widner said that right now everybody is a stakeholder: state, local, federal, education, non-profit and private. Chris Knights said he would love to have a draft of the ideas to start the process of passing ideas back and forth. Murali Rao stated that he would like to have a committee to work on the plan. Mr. Widner said that staff would further define the Strategic Plan and have the Board review progress at the next meeting, as suggested by Senator Watkins.

6. Questions or comments on January Coordinator’s Report

Page Cockrell asked if the Emma Report was complete. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that it is almost done, and that there are just some final things to take care of.

7. New Business/Open Discussion/Conclusion

Senator Watkins asked for new business or open discussion from the Public. There was one question from the public, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terry D. Mayo

Date