

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2009
1:00 PM, CESC
Minutes

Members Present:	Senator John Watkins Supervisor John Jenkins Charles Donato Christopher Knights Connie Brennan	Bill Price for Joseph Maroon James Wilson Murali Rao for David Ekern Jerry Simonoff for Lem Stewart
Members Absent:	Delegate Beverly Sherwood Delegate Sam Nixon Delegate Dave Englin W. Page Cockrell Senator Mark Obenshain	Delegate Jeffrey Fredericks Rick Pevarski Stan Hovey Senator Salvatore Iaquinto
Staff Present:	Dan Widner, Coordinator Terry Mayo, Board Assistant	Stu Blankenship, Staff Kenny Brevard, Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Senator John Watkins called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. Senator Watkins welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Senator Watkins asked for corrections or additions to the October 2008 draft minutes. Supervisor Jenkins noted that one correction needed to be made to the minutes, and that was that he is listed as a Delegate in paragraph one of the minutes. Senator Watkins made a motion to amend the minutes as noted by Supervisor Jenkins. Mr. Bill Price made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Christopher Knights 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved 9-0-0.

2. 2009-2012 ORTHOIMAGERY CONTRACT

Dan Widner addressed the Advisory Board, and said that VGIN has signed a contract for the 2009-2012 Orthoimagery, and that Sanborn was the winner of the award. VGIN received five proposals that were considered, with four of the proposals considered in negotiations. Mr. Widner thanked Stu Blankenship for his hard work on the orthoimagery Request For Proposal and contract negotiations. Mr. Widner said the contract included a repeat of the 1 foot base resolution, and for the first time this imagery will be digital capture. The imagery will be delivered within six months of acquisition versus a one year delivery schedule in 2006/07. In addition to the standard "leaf off", true color image capture, a fourth, color infrared band will be

included at no additional cost. Flying will start early in February 2009. Mr. Widner said that staff has a month to let the localities know about the planned flyover. Mr. Widner shared with the Advisory Board a flyer that was sent out (see hand-outs) concerning the 2009-2012 VBMP Information Seminars. Senator Watkins asked about our response, and Stu Blankenship said that the response has been good. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board and audience that the seminars are public meetings and everyone is welcome. Senator Watkins wanted to know if any of the seminar dates have been offered to the private sector. Stu Blankenship said yes, and that Sanborn has taken the lead in that. Charlie Donato said that it is a good idea, and he wants to be contacted. Senator Watkins asks that the private sector as well as federal, local, and others be included in the seminar notice. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that there will be an online ordering system this time, and that requestors of the product will need to sign a formal letter of commitment to order with VITA. Mr. Widner said that Stu Blankenship will be handling that process. Mr. Widner also informed the Advisory Board that there is a three inch resolution upgrade available this time (see hand-out). The upgrades will have a rapid response – raw imagery available within 72 hours and compressed mosaic available within 60 days of acquisition.

Mr. Widner asked for questions or comments. James Wilson commented that he thought that this was great and a long time coming. James Wilson also asked what education could do to help. Is there some type of public domain subset where you can train students? Mr. Wilson also suggested the user conference this fall – have a competition for students. Mr. Wilson said he would like to see samples or snippets of public domain data at these conferences, if appropriate.

3. COMMONWEALTH STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR GIS

Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board, and gave them an update of the Strategic Planning. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that he has applied for a CAP Grant (NSDI Cooperative Agreement Program Grant). Mr. Widner said that this is a “50 States Initiative” for strategic and business plan development. The closing date for submission is January 6, 2009. The award announcement is in February 2009. The request is for \$50,000 with 50% matching funds of \$25,000 (see copy). Mr. Widner informed the Board that the Strategic Plan will be included in the CIO’s Performance Objectives. Mr. Widner said that he will be requesting feedback from the Advisory Board throughout the process. The planned schedule is as follows: February 2009 there will be a mandatory 50 states initiative meeting at NSGIC mid-year (assuming grant award); March 2009 there will be a kick-off open town hall meeting in Richmond (with audio and WebEx capabilities) announced through the VGIN listserv and website; April 2009 a status report will be provided to the VGIN Advisory Board; April to May staff will be conducting the stakeholder interviews – a series of interviews with key geospatial stakeholders representing the spectrum of geospatial practitioners and users in Virginia (all levels); April – May the online survey will be created and released; May – June the results will be compiled; July at

the Board meeting Mr. Widner will be reporting back to the Board the status; July – September there will be approximately seven town hall style meetings to target the seven regions to present the results of the interviews and survey in the form of a draft strategic plan; October 2009 staff will give another status to the VGIN Advisory Board; November – December 2009 the Strategic Plan will be finalized. Mr. Widner said that he will be using email and phone calls, and old fashion mail to keep everyone informed. Mr. Widner asked for input or comments. Charlie Donato wanted to know if any other states have done this, and indicated that he would like to see this information put online. Mr. Widner said yes, there was information available from other states and it can be made available. Senator Watkins asked if there are any questions or concerns. The comments were all positive.

4. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON OCTOBER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Senator Watkins asked Board members if they had time to read over the Coordinator's Report, and if they had any comments. Mr. Murali Rao addressed the Advisory Board and expressed his concern about the item in the Coordinator's Report referencing the continued delay of VDOT's adoption of the VGIN RCL into their linear referencing system. Mr. Rao said the reason for this is that VGIN's data quality is not acceptable for VDOT. Mr. Rao said that VDOT received the latest data on December 3, 2008, and they have not had a chance to look at the data. However, VGIN and VDOT staff are constantly working together to work out the differences. Mr. Rao said that the quality is not good enough for road management (VDOT). Senator Watkins said that this type of issue is one of the purposes of why this Advisory Board is here. Senator Watkins wanted to know if there is anything that can be done on the legislative side and the VGIN side to work on this problem. Mr. Rao said that VGIN staff and VDOT staff are working together; however, it will take time to iron out the problems. Mr. Widner said that he does not agree entirely with Mr. Rao's assessment, stating that the technical issues can be resolved and that VDOT needed to focus the resources on the integration of the VGIN RCL data into VDOT's linear referencing system. VGIN has been working with VDOT to resolve the technical issues. Mr. Rao said the data cannot be used for road operations and that VDOT cannot wait for quality. Mr. Widner said the technical issues are surmountable; however, the time to address them has been dwindling down. Senator Watkins said it is extremely important, and that VDOT and VGIN have come a long way. VDOT is right there on the edge, and at the same time VGIN and VDOT need to be working from the same platform. Chris Knights asked Mr. Rao if his comments were an FYI to the Board or was this something the Board needed to consider. Mr. Rao said no, this is just his comments on the Coordinators Report. On another topic, Mr. Charles Donato asked if there was a process on prioritization of the VGIN initiatives and how it could impact the budget. Mr. Widner said that only two projects (VBMP Orthophotography and RCL) are specified in the budget code in the E911 Funding. Any other projects are in addition to these. Other remaining projects are prioritized by VGIN with input from the Advisory Board. Senator Watkins asked for other comments. There were none.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Senator Watkins asked for new business or open discussion from the Public. There were none. Senator Watkins called for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Charles Donato made the motion for adjournment, and Mr. James Wilson seconded the motion. All approved 9-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Terry D. Mayo

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