

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2015

10:00 AM, CESC

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Senator John Watkins	Eric Link for Nelson Moe
	Christopher Knights	Delegate James Leftwich
	Connie Brennan	Elaine Roop
	Clyde Cristman	Delegate Richard Anderson
	Doug Richmond	William Christmas for Charlie Donato
	Dr. Hua Liu	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Senator Mark Obenshain	VDOT Commissioner
	Delegate Scott Lingamfelter	Delegate Robert Krupicka
	Director VEDP	John Palatiello
STAFF PRESENT:	Dan Widner, VGIN Coordinator	Terry Mayo, Board Assistant
	Steve Marzolf, ISP Director	April Branton
	Dorothy Spears-Dean, PSC Coordinator	Michael Vojta
	Wendy Stout	Stephen Barbie
	Stefanie McGuffin	Amy Ozeki

1. CALL TO ORDER

Senator John Watkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Senator Watkins asked everyone to introduce themselves. Senator Watkins called for the review and approval of the April 1, 2015 Minutes. Elaine Roop made a motion to approve the April 1, 2015 Minutes, and Christopher Knights 2nd the motion for approval. The Minutes of April 1, 2015 were approve; **9-0-0**. Dr. Liu and Delegate Anderson had not yet arrived.

2. FEDERAL GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Mr. Dan Widner, Coordinator, addressed the Advisory Board and gave a briefing on the Federal geospatial Data Act. Mr. Widner said that Virginia agencies have received federal geospatial assistance funds in the past and will in the future. He said that these

funds can have a direct impact on Geospatial data development and services in Virginia. Mr. Widner highlighted several ways the federal funding has affected Virginia through the VBMP Ortho Program Support; Department of Commerce Broadband Mapping initiative for 2009-2014; and for USGS National Enhanced Elevation Program (LiDAR). Mr. Widner said that other federal dollars to state agencies for geospatial support for emergency management, transportation, natural resources, and regulatory functions are ongoing and have an impact from federal funding.

Mr. Widner then talked about some of the positives to the Geospatial Data Act (GDA). He said that there are support letters from many sectors of the geospatial community including NASCIO; NSGIC; and URISA along with 14 other states. Senator Watkins referred the Advisory Board about the NASCIO letter in their meeting packet. Senator Watkins asked for questions from the Advisory Board. Clyde Cristman asked that staff talk about concerns that John Palatiello had expressed in an email to other Board members. Senator Watkins said that he had some procedural concerns that the document was sent out to the Advisory Board and not distributed to the public. Mr. Marzolf said that the Chairman is correct, that proper procedure is for the Advisory Board members to be aware of the "Open Meeting" rules and only discuss Board business during Board meetings. He reminded Advisory Board members that the document or any letters to the Advisory Board should be distributed to Mr. Widner first and he will distribute it to the Advisory Board.

In response to Mr. Cristman, Mr. Widner then went through some of the concerns raised by Mr. Palatiello. He said that he would address them as best he could. Mr. Marzolf commented that some of the concerns can be addressed through the Legislative process. He said that the document is not perfect, but he is hoping it will become better in the future. Doug Richmond asked if the legislation is considered "controversial." Mr. Widner said that he has not heard that.

Delegate Leftwich suggested that a phrase be added to the support letter that addresses future changes to the bill. Delegate Anderson said that he agrees with Delegate Leftwich. Senator Watkins asked for more questions. Senator Watkins said that he thinks that the modification that Delegate Leftwich has suggested should be added. Clyde Cristman made a motion that the VGIN Advisory Board support the letter with modification suggested by Delegate Leftwich. Delegate Leftwich 2nd the motion. All approved; **11-0-0**.

3. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON VGIN COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Widner addressed the Board and said that staff has been working hard. He referred the Advisory Board to the Coordinator's Report in their packet (see the Report). He said that staff is continuing to update the Road Centerline Project. Mr. Widner said that they are working on "formalizing" the Road Centerline Data Standards. Senator Watkins asked Steve Marzolf where staff stands with Next Gen 911. Mr. Marzolf said that since the last briefing on this with the Advisory Board, staff is continuing to make progress. He said that there have been several meetings, and now staff is validating the data. Mr. Marzolf said that it has been a busy year and that the year going forward will be even busier. Mr. Widner gave the Advisory Board a quick update on the Land Cover GIS data development. Mr. Widner also informed the Advisory Board of the State GIS Conference next week. He said that staff is engaged in three presentations and one workshop. Mr. Widner invited the Advisory Board to attend the Conference if they are in Charlottesville next week. Senator Watkins asked how many jurisdictions had building structures in the Base Mapping Services. Mr. Widner said they are in the 70 – 80 locality range. He said that some use it for 9-1-1, and most use it for mapping. Senator Watkins asked the Advisory Board if they had any more business they would like to discuss. Doug Richmond asked about the status of the LiDAR grant. Mr. Widner said that staff did not submit a grant for this year due to a lack of funding partners. However he said the USGS is focusing on the Chesapeake Watershed. Mr. Richmond asked for the next deadline for submission. Mr. Widner said the last submission time was last fall and will probably occur annually. Senator Watkins asked for other comments and questions. There were no more from the Advisory Board.

Senator Watkins took a minute to thank everybody. He talked about when he first started putting together the Virginia Geographical Information Network Group on the state-wide basis. He said that it was controversial. He had the privilege of being involved with this group going back as far as 1986. Senator Watkins said that he has travelled all over the state and looked at the population and growth statewide. He said he has appreciated in being allowed to serve in this capacity. Senator Watkins said that he has had reporters within the last 6 months asked him in his 34 years what accomplishment was he most proud of. He tells them he helped establish the Virginia Geographic Information Network.

4. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Senator Watkins adjourned the meeting of the Advisory Board at 10:56 AM. Delegate James Leftwich made the motion to adjourn the meeting of the VGIN Advisory Board, and Delegate Richard Anderson 2nd the motion. The motion was approved; **11-0-0**.

A Presentation and Reception for Senator John Watkins followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

Terry D. Mayo

Date