

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

10:00 AM, CESC

Draft Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Senator John Watkins	Elaine Roop
	Delegate James Leftwich	Murali Rao for VDOT
	Samuel Nixon, Jr.	Douglas Richmond
	Chris Haller for Charlie Donato	Michael Kolonay for VEDP
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Senator Mark Obenshain	John Jenkins
	Delegate Scott Lingamfelter	John Palatiello
	Delegate Richard Anderson	Chris Knights
	Delegate Rob Krupicka	Dr. Hua Liu
	Connie Brennan	
STAFF PRESENT:	Dan Widner, Coordinator	Terry Mayo, Board Assistant
	John Owens	Dorothy Spears-Dean
	Sam Keys	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Senator John Watkins, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Chairman Watkins addressed the Board and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Watkins asked everyone to introduce themselves. Chairman Watkins introduced Delegate James Leftwich as the newest member of the Advisory Board from Chesapeake. Chairman Watkins also informed the Advisory Board that it did not have a quorum at this meeting to vote on the draft Minutes, and asked that the item be skipped and put on the agenda for the next meeting in October.

2. 2010-2015 GIS Strategic Plan

Review and Discussion of current 5 year plan – Chairman Watkins addressed the Advisory Board and said that staff is looking for input into the strategic Plan from the Advisory Board. Chairman Watkins then asked Mr. Dan Widner to give the Advisory Board a presentation on the GIS Strategic Plan. Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board and said he wanted to spend the bulk of the meeting discussing the GIS Strategic Plan. Mr. Widner reminded the Advisory Board that it approved the Strategic Plan in January of 2010, and the end of this year will be five years. Staff is already putting in motion the mechanisms to draft an update to the strategic plan. Mr. Widner said that it is very early on in the process and an excellent opportunity for staff to receive VGIN Board input and guidance. Mr. Widner then proceeded to review the GIS Strategic Plan goals, initiatives and achievements of the current GIS Strategic Plan with the Advisory Board members.

Mr. Widner walked through each initiative with the Advisory Board and discussed progress and challenges to date for each. Mr. Widner encouraged the Advisory Board members ask questions and provide discussion on the presentation as he went through the items. After the review, Mr. Widner discussed with the Advisory Board some of the remaining challenges with the current GIS Strategic Plan. There were several comments and questions asked during and after Mr. Widner's presentation including questions on the FOIA Council outreach, parcel data, and the GIS Clearinghouse. Mr. Widner then talked about the remaining challenges which include participation and data sharing for the GIS Clearinghouse. Mr. Widner said the some of the challenges are as result of participation being voluntary and that it takes time to educate participants on the value to them and others. Mr. Widner said that staff will continue to need the participation from all sectors including state, local, regional government, non-profit, private and university. He said that staff will continue to focus on this area.

Mr. Widner then turned to the update of the GIS Strategic Plan and asked VGIN Board members what they thought should be included in the update. Mr. Widner then described the Advisory the process in which staff thought they could achieve their goal. Mr. Widner then asked the Advisory Board to talk about what they saw as to what they would like to see in VGIN for the next five years. The Advisory Board commented that the report and discussion provided good feedback. Mr. Doug Richmond asked if the VGIN Board should work with the APELSCIDLA Board (The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects) as he thought there were areas of overlap between the two. Chairman Watkins responded that the VGIN Board should stay out of the business of the APELSCIDLA Board. Chairman Watkins did ask that once the plan is reformatted and drafted, that in the document, staff indicates, underline, or note the changes, as this would help a lot. Mr. Murali Rao suggested that VGIN staff document the list of accomplishments they have realized with the GIS Clearinghouse, similar to the effort Mr. Widner has done while working with Secretary Karen Jackson on the Broadband Mapping project. He commented that it would be a powerful message to convey. Mr. Rao said that such products facilitate dialog and show

value beyond typical areas of focus for GIS. Chairman Watkins asked for more questions and comments and there were none.

3. Administrative Boundaries Geospatial Data Standards

Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board and gave a brief update. Mr. Widner said that Mr. John Owens has done a lot of work with this work group and that he has done a good job. Mr. Widner said that the data standard has been developed, announced and will be posted for comments on the ORCA site until Aug. 5 (<http://apps.vita.virginia.gov/publicORCA>). Mr. Widner said that staff has received six comments halfway through the process. He also said that after closing of comment period VGIN will develop responses to comments and make any agreed to changes; submit the comments for approval through VITA leadership—it will then become an official VITA data standard. Mr. Doug Richmond asked that the word “should” be replaced with “shall” at lines 106 and 235 of the data standard. Mr. Widner suggested the best way for the comment to be considered was through the formal ORCA comment process.

4. Statewide Land Cover GIS Data for Storm water Management

Mr. Dan Widner advised the Board said that legislation was passed this year,

*Item 363 #2s - Natural Resources – Department of Environmental Quality. The language: **Page 306, after line 26, insert: 4. Out of such funds available in this item, the department shall provide funding to VGIN in an amount necessary to implement statewide digital orthography to improve land coverage data necessary to assist localities in planning and implementing storm water management programs. As part of this authorization, the Department shall also include data to update prior LiDAR surveys of elevation along coastal area to support activities related to management of recurrent coastal flooding.*** Mr. Widner said that VGIN has begun discussing the project with DEQ. Initial plan of approach for this project is to:

- Define the business needs for statewide land cover
- Engage with stakeholders to establish a data classification scheme
- Work with VITA to identify the best contracting vehicle for the effort
- Identify coastal areas of need that connects LiDAR, Stormwater Management and Recurrent Flooding

Chairman Watkins asked for questions and there were none.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Chairman Watkins asked for any comments or suggestions from any members of the Advisory Board, and there were none. Chairman Watkins asked the Board Administrative Assistant to provide the date of the next VGIN Advisory Board Meeting, which is October 8, 2014, was provided. Senator Watkins adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Terry D. Mayo

Date