

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2014

10:00 AM, CESC

Draft Minutes

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Senator John Watkins | Elaine Roop |
| | John Palatiello | Samuel Nixon, Jr. |
| | Dr. Hua Liu | Delegate Richard Anderson |
| | Dale Robertson for Charlie Donato | David Johnson |
| | Chris Knights | Brian Kelly representing VDOT Commissioner |
| | Douglas Richmond | Delegate Rob Krupicka |
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| MEMBERS ABSENT: | Connie Brennan | John Jenkins |
| | Delegate Scott Lingamfelter | Senator Mark Obenshain |
| | VEDP Director | |
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| GUESTS: | Jennifer Tribo, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd from Hampton Roads Planning Commission | |
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| STAFF PRESENT: | Dan Widner, Coordinator | Terry Mayo, Board Assistant |
| | Steve Marzolf | John Scrivani |
| | Wendy Stout | |
| | John Owens | |

1. CALL TO ORDER and Previous Board Meeting Minutes

The Chairman, Senator John Watkins, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Chairman Watkins addressed the Board and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Watkins asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Chairman Watkins called for a motion to approve the October 9, 2013 "Draft Minutes." Mr. John Palatiello asked that a correction be made to the Minutes. He wanted to add terminology that the Advisory Board had made a specific recommendation in support of a disclaimer. With clarification from the Chairman, the minutes should be amended to

add at the end of the statement in the Minutes stating that “the Advisory Board recommends a disclaimer stating that the data product would not be used as a legal boundary description.” Mr. Douglas Richmond^{2nd} the motion to add the disclaimer. The Chairman called for the vote on the amendment to this section of the Minutes. All voted to approve the addition of the disclaimer; **9-0-0** (Delegate Rob Krupicka, Mr. David Johnson, and Mr. Brian Kelly had not yet arrived). Chairman Watkins called for a motion from the Advisory Board to approve the rest of the “draft Minutes,” and the motion was made by Mr. John Palatiello approve the rest of the October 9, 2013 Board Minutes. Mr. Douglas Richmond^{2nd} the motion for approval. All approved the motion; **9-0-0** (Delegate Rob Krupicka, Mr. David Johnson and Brian Kelly had not yet arrived).

2. Statewide Land Cover Data Set Proposal

Ms. Jennifer Tribo addressed the Advisory Board and gave a presentation on the Statewide Land Cover data set proposal.

Chairman Watkins asked for questions. John Palatiello asked if they have looked at other state programs such as the Maryland program. Ms. Tribo said yes. Dr. Liu asked about the number of classifications and about a maintenance plan. Ms. Tribo said these are being assessed. Douglas Richmond asked Ms. Tribo to explain how more effective targeting in land cover data will help Virginia reach its goal? Ms. Tribo responded that the local level will benefit most. Mr. Palatiello suggested that some federal programs may be available to assist in the effort. He also inquired if the product was to be used for planning purposes. Ms. Tribo and Chairman Watkins both affirmed the product’s potential use for planning purposes on a broad scale. Chairman Watkins asked if they had surveyed other jurisdictions in the Tidewater area to find out where they are in this plan. Ms. Tribo replied some localities had already started. Chairman Watkins asked if VGIN had discussed potential costs with the VBMP contractor Sanborn. Mr. Widner said yes. Chairman Watkins requested that HRPDC stay in close contact with VGIN on this proposal.

3. Recurrent Flooding

Chairman Watkins addressed the Advisory Board to discuss the topic of recurrent flooding in the Commonwealth. He said that the Tidewater area in particular, but not

restricted to those areas, are of concern. He said that the recurrent flooding is going to affect us from an economic standpoint in the near future. The Corps of Engineers is very concerned about recurring flooding because of erosion and the continued loss of land in the coastal areas of Virginia. The Norfolk Naval Station and Langley Air Force base are also places of concern. Legislative resolutions have been introduced in both chambers to establish sub-committees to study recurrent flooding. Its impact from an economic standpoint is of vital concern. The Senate has received input from insurance corporations in the state on subject of recurrent flooding. Chairman Watkins said that certain areas will not be able to buy insurance because of the flooding. Chairman Watkins also said that VGIN input to the joint studies on recurrent flooding is needed. Chairman Watkins said that flooding that has occurred as a result of tropical storms is another issue of concern. Chairman Watkins said he wanted the Advisory Board to be aware of this problem. Chairman Watkins asked if the Board is supportive of VGIN working with HRPDC and the Subcommittee to reach the goals. All approved and said they are in support.

4. VGIN Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dan Widner advised the Board that he sent out the VGIN Coordinator's Report to the Advisory Board before the holidays. He said that he wanted to highlight a few areas in the report. Mr. Widner stated that he included "story map" links to the GIS Clearinghouse this time in the report. Mr. Widner showed story maps for the parcel datasets, road centerlines, address points and administrative boundaries. Mr. Widner said that going forward he will be including these links in the Coordinator's Report as a graphical means of communicating the status of these efforts. Mr. Widner also informed the Board about the work VGIN has been doing with the FOIA Council. He said that the FOIA Council targeted the GIS and E911 Community with a series of FOIA educational sessions around the state, with three of them held at the end of 2013 and more to follow after General Assembly session is over. Mr. Widner has found that there are a lot of questions and education on FOIA is needed at the local and state government levels. Mr. Palatiello asked Mr. Widner to summarize the GIS issues discussed with the FOIA Council. Mr. Widner provided a brief overview of the issues, and said that he addressed the members of the FOIA Council at a previous meeting last year. Mr. Widner also said that the FOIA education is part of VGIN's 5 year strategic plan. Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board that he will supply them with the presentation he made to the FOIA Council. Chairman Watkins asked for any more question, and there were none.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Chairman Watkins asked if Mr. Nixon could discuss with the Advisory Board about the expiration of its contract with Northrop Grumman. Mr. Nixon gave a brief overview of where the Commonwealth is with the Contract with Northrop Grumman and the expiration of the Contract. He said that VGIN/GIS is included with a number of other “applications” that are managed by VITA.

No New Business and no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17AM.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Terry D. Mayo

Date