



Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Governor Asa Hutchinson

Secretary Mitch Rouse

Director Shelby Johnson

**Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
Quarterly Meeting**

Timberlands Conference Room and online via MS Teams

501 Woodlane Street, Little Rock, AR 72118

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

10am - 12pm

MINUTES

Board meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Matt Charton, Board Vice Chair. Roll call taken to establish a quorum. Quorum of members present; meeting proceeded.

o **GIS Board Members Present:**

Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair
Mr. Jonathan Askins (proxy Brian Fortson)
Dr. Cody Decker
Mr. Terry Cleaver
Dr. John Nowlin
Mr. Doug Melton
Mr. Darrell Allen
Hon. Beth Rush
Mr. Scott Lane
Mr. Darin Mitchell
Mr. Scott Foster (proxy Jay Langston)
Hon. Rusty McMillon
Mr. Scott Alsbrook

o **Board Members Absent:**

None

o **GIS Staff Present:**

Shelby Johnson
Daniel Phillips
Matt DeLong
Casey Vannoy
Katy Hattenhauer
Jonathan Rhymes
Nita Weeks

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- **Guests Present:**
 - Ms. Sharon Hawkins, departing GIS Board Chair
 - Mr. Dawson Belk
- **Call Meeting to Order,** Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair
- **Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2022 Meeting***
 - Motion to approve:** Mr. Rusty McMillon
 - Second:** Mr. Darin Mitchell
 - Motion Unanimously approved*
- **Welcome and Opening Remarks,** Mr. Matthew Charton, Vice Chair
 - Announced that Ms. Sharon Hawkins has termed out of the Chair position.
 - Introduction of new Board member Scott Alsbrook, Senior GIS Analyst, Department of Health.
- **Agency Report,** presented by Mr. Shelby Johnson, State GIS Officer
 - Mr. Darin Mitchell and Mr. Scott Lane reappointed to Board by Governor Hutchinson.
 - Mr. Scott Alsbrook was presented with a NSGIC national award for his work in coordination and outreach with the COVID Dashboard operated by the Department of Health.
 - Mr. Jonathan Duran is away representing Arkansas in Washington DC, advancing support of the National Geospatial Data Act. He met with Senator John Boozman, one of the bill's sponsors.
 - Ms. Beth Rush asked about the status of the Searcy County Parcel Mapping Project. Mr. Johnson explained the project is on track and about 40% complete according to the latest report submitted by Schneider Geospatial. Mr. Johnson stated he will be in Marshall next week to update the Searcy County officials.
- **Old Business**
 - Mr. Johnson shared an update on the Digital Orthoimagery project:
 - Sanborn is finalizing flight plans this week.
 - Sanborn is in discussions with other entities who are requesting buy ups on the project.
 - Cooperative funding is now available with the possibility of more to come, facilitating full funding of the project.
- **New Business**
 - Mr. Johnson reviewed the proposed Biennial Budget for the Arkansas GIS Office and the process by which it is established. The GIS Office had requested \$450,000 in funding and \$225,000 was approved. This will cause the Orthoimagery project to be limited to perhaps one-quarter of the state annually, rather than the one-third that was planned.
 - Mr. Johnson presented the proposed Legislation for 94th General Assembly **Request to Repeal** A.C.A. § 15-21-503 *(i) The board shall provide an annual report on the status of the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure to the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology.* Mr. Johnson asked for the Board's approval to support the legislation. After discussion, Mr. Melton moved to advance the recommendation.

Motion to approve: Mr. Doug Melton

Second: Mr. Matt Charton

Motion Unanimously approved

- Mr. Johnson presented a request to load new data on the platform, a Building Footprints Composite. The dataset represents 1.8 million building footprints in the State of Arkansas that were extracted from Orthoimagery and published by Microsoft and FEMA with its partners. This dataset is a composite of the 2 datasets in order to isolate and publish a more comprehensive building footprint layer in a single dataset than available in the 2 datasets individually. This dataset has never been published on the platform before.

Motion to approve: Dr. John Nowlin

Second: Mr. Scott Lane

Motion Unanimously approved

- **Adopt 2023 Meeting Dates** proposed, informational only
 - Wednesday, March 1st
 - Wednesday, June 7th as an opportunity to have meeting in different area of the state.
 - Wednesday, October 18th at Arkansas GIS Users Conference, Jonesboro, AR
 - Wednesday, December 6th
- **Other Matters to Come Before the Board**
 - Board agreed to table Chair election until March meeting.
 - Board acknowledged Ms. Sharon Hawkins's contribution to the success of the AR GIS Board. Ms. Hawkins was presented with a plaque of recognition.
- **Motion to Adjourn***

Motion to approve: Ms. Beth Rush
Second: Mr. Scott Lane
Motion Unanimously approved



Mr. Matthew Charton, Board Vice-Chair

3/1/23

Date