



**Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
Third Quarterly Board Meeting**

Tanager Room, The Lodge at Mt. Magazine State Park
Lodge Dr, Havana, AR 72842 | Online via MS Teams
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MINUTES

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

GIS Board Members Present:

Mr. Matthew Charton, Chair
Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Vice Chair
Mr. Scott Lane
Mr. Scott Foster, via Teams
Mr. Doug Melton
Mr. Darin Mitchell
Ms. Randee Reid

Ms. Hannah Towell
Mr. Gerald Black
Mr. Terry Cleaver
Mr. Brian Fortson, *Jay Harton's proxy*
Dr. John Nowlin
Dr. Cody Decker, via Teams

GIS Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Shelby Johnson
Mr. Jonathan Duran
Ms. Nita Weeks
Mr. Daniel Phillips
Ms. Niki Bittle
Ms. Katy Hattenhauer

Guests Present:

Ms. Canda Reese, Baxter County Clerk
Ms. Laura Wiles, Faulkner County Election Coordinator
Mr. Alex Harper, Central Arkansas Water, via Teams
Ms. Michelle Fischer, USGS, via Teams
Ms. Valerie Love, DataScout
Ms. Julie Chavis, Office of the Attorney General

Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2023 Meeting*

Motion to approve: Gerald Black

Second: John Nowlin

Motion was unanimously approved

*Scott
Daren*

- ♦ **Welcome and Opening Remarks,** Matthew Charton
- ♦ **Agency Report** by Mr. Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer
 - Report on agency website statistics
 - Overview of staff coordination activities

- June: AR Municipal League, County Judges Association, and County Assessors Association
- July: ADEC Site Selection Workshop
- August: Association of AR Counties and AR Emergency Management Conference
- Update on NG911 Project
 - Continuing work was reviewed, and Mr. Johnson announced that Baxter County is coming onto the ESINet in January. A discussion followed regarding the contract-required six-year timeline for counties to comply, which the GIS office believes will not be met within the timeframe.
- NSGIC News
 - 2024 Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX on September 23-27. Shelby Johnson, Katy Hattenhauer, and Jonathan Duran will attend. Board members were reminded that any of them are welcome to attend this annual national meeting to enhance their knowledge regarding the GIS activities of other states.
 - Jonathan Duran's term as Past President and his six-year tenure as Board Member will end at the annual meeting in San Antonio, though he will continue as National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) Board Chair until the end of 2024.
- Land Survey Division Update
 - It is projected that the Land Survey Division will file a total of 18,000 new plats this year for a total of 275,000 digital records.
 - The Arkansas-Oklahoma State Line Project, sponsored by the AR Commissioner of State Lands, is expected to wrap up by February 2025. Currently, 96 of the projects over 200 mileposts have been restored.
 - National Forest Service corner records are being entered into the Land Survey corner database as searchable records. This work will extend up to five years.

♦ Old Business

- GIS Trust Fund Investment
 - The Fund became eligible for a short-term CD-type of investment which is currently in its second 60-day term. This investment was possible due to the extended payment schedule of current projects and has yielded significant benefit to the Trust Fund.
- LiDAR Project Update
 - Woolpert is currently processing eastern AR data, and this will take a year. Woolpert is also processing two blocks in western AR acquired in the Spring of 2024. Data acquisition of the rest of western AR will resume in the winter of 2024.
 - All partnering counties have paid in full their share of the cost of the LiDAR Project.
- Fulton County Tax Parcel Mapping Update
 - Phase 1 is underway and has an average of 84% acceptance. Problems, especially in alignment, in various areas are being addressed and corrected.
 - Fulton County has paid its 40% portion of the vendor costs.
- Legislation for 95th General Assembly
 - The request to the Governor's Office to change the GIS Office fund source from Miscellaneous Agencies to Central Services was denied. Instead, it was suggested that a single line item be created for digital orthoimagery, to be fully funded from Central Services. We should have a response to this proposal to present at the December meeting.
 - State Plane Coordinate System Revision is in the discussion process.

♦ New Business

- GIS Data Load – Workforce*
 - This layer represents the Department of Workforce Services county-level labor market data maintained since the 1970s and updated monthly.

Add this labor market data layer to the GIS platform:

Motion to approve: Darin Mitchell

Second: Scott Lane

Motion was unanimously approved

- Lithium and Bromine Areas, via AR Department of Energy and Environment*

This data layer represents the locations in Arkansas that have lithium and bromine wells as provided by the AR Department of Energy and Environment, and the AR Oil and Gas Well Commission. This data is updated quarterly.

Add lithium and bromine well data layer to the GIS platform:

Motion to approve: Gerald Black

Second: Scott Alsbrook

Motion was unanimously approved

♦ **Guest Presentations** Shelby gave a brief biography of each guest.

- Canda Reese

Ms. Reese initiated a hand-count ballot local election for Baxter County and reviewed the process that Baxter County utilized during that election, including the problems that arose as a result of the hand count.

- Laura Wiles

Ms. Wiles discussed addressing problems with elections and how they are resolved. She also discussed precinct lines, public perception and confidence, as well as changes in law that were intended to help but may have complicated the process.

♦ **Other Matters to Come Before the Board:**

- Matt Charton was recognized for his 8-year term on the Board and 1.5 years as Board Chair.
- Scott Foster was recognized for his 8-year term on the Board.
- Mr. Johnson shared that the Governor's Office has made no recommendations regarding replacement members so both Matt and Scott will serve until those recommendations are made.
- The difficulties of adding a recreation dataset to the GIS platform were discussed, along with potential solutions to address these issues.

♦ **Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Scott Lane

Second: Matt Charton

Motion was unanimously approved

***Vote Required**



Matthew Charton, Board Chair

12/4/24

Date