



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

Gov. Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center
1400 Black Dog Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71601
and online via Teams
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MINUTES

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A quorum of members was present; the meeting proceeded.

GIS Board Members Present:

Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Chair
Mr. Darin Mitchell, Vice Chair
Mr. Scott Lane
Mr. Scott Foster
Ms. Randee Edwards

Ms. Hannah Towell
Mr. Gerald Black
Mr. Brian Fortson, *Proxy for Jay Harton, via Teams*
Dr. John Nowlin
Dr. Cody Decker, *via Teams*

GIS Board Members Absent:

Mr. Terry Cleaver
Mr. Doug Melton

GIS Staff Members Present:

Mr. Shelby Johnson
Mr. Jonathan Duran
Ms. Nita Weeks
Mr. Daniel Phillips
Mr. Garren Skartvedt

Mr. Casey Vannoy, *via Teams*
Ms. Maria Owen, *via Teams*
Ms. Lauren Bell *via Teams*
Mr. Jacob Loomis, *via Teams*
Mr. Jonathan Rhymes, *via Teams*
Mr. Steve Martin, *via Teams*

Guests Present:

Mr. Aaron Lowrey, Deputy AG *via Teams*
Ms. Michelle Fischer, USGS *via Teams*
Mr. James Hak, USGS *via Teams*

Ms. Tracy Moy, Game and Fish Commission
via Teams
Mr. Matt Hiland, Sanborn

Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve: Gerald Black

Second: John Nowlin

The motion was unanimously approved

► **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair

- Mr. Alsbrook acknowledged his first meeting as Board Chair and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in this role.
- He introduced Trent Powell, the manager of the Delta Nature Center. Mr. Powell showcased the Great Horned Owl, which is one of four owls at the center.

► **Agency Report, Shelby Johnson, State GIS Officer**

- Mr. Johnson reviewed the GIS website statistics.
- He discussed the coordination activities since the last Board meeting, and those upcoming in June:
 - County Judges Meeting June 4-6
 - County Clerks Association June 12-13
 - AR Municipal League Convention June 18-20
- NG911 Project – Work continues; Independence is the only county that remains off ESInet.
- Municipal Boundary and annexation statistics were reviewed
- Fulton County Tax Parcel Mapping is continuing, and completion is anticipated by the end of the calendar year.
- Division of Land Surveys work was summarized:
 - 79 restorations completed in-house in 2025
 - 122 restorations by contractors
 - USFS Corner Card agreement:
 - › 16000 cards scanned, and
 - › 8400 indexed and on GLO map
- Staffing update
 - Sydney Warren replaces Jordan Chung-Lee in the Surveys Division
 - The summer intern this year is Garren Skartvedt
- Jonathan Duran covered NSGIC news
 - NSDI Advocacy meetings in June
 - 2025 Annual Conference to be held in Nashville in September.
 - National Geospatial Collaborative, of which Jonathan is serving a 2-year term as a Board member.

► **Old Business**

- Status of Board member appointments
 - All three private sector representatives' terms on the Board expired in August 2024.
 - The Governor's Office has a list of candidates to choose from, but there has been no word on appointments yet.
 - Mr. Johnson thanked the Board members who remain active past their term's expiration.
- Status of LiDAR Project
 - As of April, flights over Western Arkansas have been completed and accepted.
- Report on the GIS Trust Fund investment
 - The Investment, which was initiated in May 2024, has generated just over \$25,000 in the past year.

The Board breaks for lunch around 11:30 and resumes at noon. Jonathan Duran continued presenting the Agency Report after lunch. Mr. Duran moved Deputy AG Aaron Lowrey's presentation to the next item on the agenda because of a scheduling conflict on Mr. Lowrey's calendar.

► **New Business**

- Review of legislation from the 95th General Assembly, presented by the Deputy Attorney General, Aaron Lowrey
 - The recent changes in the FOIA law are essentially codified case law
 - › Define the term "Meeting"
 - › Notification rules
 - › Remote meeting rules – a formal policy will be required if the Board intends to meet remotely after August 5, 2025.

- o Digital Orthoimagery update, presented by Jonathan Duran
 - Mr. Duran summarized responses to the Imagery Stakeholders Survey, which was a 17-question survey sent out to county assessors statewide. 71 of 75 responded to all or part of the survey.
 - The Imagery Task Force was composed of eleven public entities that met during four online meetings in November and December of 2024. Mr. Duran provided a summary of the findings from these meetings.
 - Mr. Duran presented an overview of the general advantages and disadvantages of custom imagery and Imagery as a Service (IaaS). A detailed discussion followed. It was decided that one or more special-called meetings would be needed before the next regular meeting.

► **Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Gerald Black

Second: Darin Mitchell

The motion was unanimously approved

***Voice Vote Required**



Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair

10-14-2025

Date