Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board
Special Called Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Teams Meeting-Online Only

MINUTES

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:30 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 Reid Edwards

Ms. Hannah Towell
Mr. Gerald Black
Mr. Brian Fortson, *Proxy for Jay Harton*
Dr. John Nowlin
Mr. Matt Charton

GIS Board Members Absent:

Mr. Terry Cleaver
Dr. Cody Decker

GIS Staff Members Present:

Mr. Shelby Johnson
Mr. Jonathan Duran
Ms. Nita Weeks

Guests Present:

Mr. Richard Wade, TX GIO
Mr. Joey Thomas, TX GIS Office
Ms. Lauren Kirk, TX GIS Office
Mr. Dennis Pedersen, TN GIS Coordinator
Mr. Paul Dudley, TN GIS Office

Mr. Justin Rollans, EFS Geotech
Mr. James Hartshorn, EFS Geotech
Mr. Logan Hancock, EFS Geotech
Mr. Alex Harper, PAGIS & Central AR Water
Mr. Jeremy May, TSS Communications Office

▶ **Welcome and Opening Remarks,** Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair
  o Scott Alsbrook began the meeting by welcoming the Tennessee and Texas GIS Office representatives and thanking them for their time and insight. He then asked for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the recent Texas floods.

▶ **Presentations by GIS Representatives from Tennessee and Texas**
  o Dennis Pedersen and Paul Dudley discussed the background of the Tennessee orthoimagery program, when and why their office adopted IaaS (Imagery as a Service), how it is currently used, and who has access to the data and imagery.
  o Richard Wade, Lauren Kirk, and Joey Thomas provided similar background information on the Texas orthoimagery program, explaining how it began in parallel to Tennessee's program, and then why they chose a different path later. They went on to discuss how

their state is currently utilizing IaaS data and imagery, who has access, and the response they have received from constituents and other users.

▶ **Board discussion and determinations**
  o The Board began a lengthy discussion by asking questions of the members of each state's team.
  o The Board has received input from IaaS product vendors and state-level consumers of IaaS services. The Board's objective now is to determine whether to retain traditional imagery collection methods or to adopt Imagery as a Service.

▶ **Adjournment***

> **Motion to adjourn at 12:17 pm:** Darin Mitchell
> **Second:** Matt Charton
> *The motion was unanimously approved*

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Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair   _____
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