



Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board Third Quarterly Board Meeting

AR GIS Users Forum Biennial Symposium, Plenary Session
Inn of the Ozarks
207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632
In-Person Only Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 2:30 PM – 3:51 PM

MINUTES

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair.

GIS Board Members Present:

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| Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Chair | Ms. Hannah Towell |
| Mr. Darin Mitchell, Vice Chair | Mr. Gerald Black |
| Mr. Scott Lane | Dr. John Nowlin |
| Mr. Scott Foster | |
| Ms. Randee Reid Edwards | |
| Mr. Matt Charton | |

GIS Board Members Absent:

Mr. Jay Harton

GIS Staff Members Present:

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| Mr. Shelby Johnson | Ms. Niki Bittle |
| Mr. Jonathan Duran | Ms. Maria Owen |
| Mr. Daniel Phillips | Mr. Jacob Loomis |
| Mr. Matt DeLong | Ms. Nita Weeks <i>via Teams</i> |
| Ms. Katy Hattenhauer | |

Guests Present:

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| Mr. Aaron Lowrey, Assistant Attorney General | Ms. Connie Doss, Carroll County Clerk |
| Hon. David Writer, Carroll County Judge | |

- ▶ **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Scott Alsbrook, Chair
 - After greeting the Board, Mr. Alsbrook remarked that while the Board had met during every Symposium, this was the first time it had convened as part of the Forum's Plenary Session. He welcomed all attendees, then introduced Mr. Inderpreet Singh "Sunny" Farmahan, Chair of the Arkansas GIS Users Forum.
 - Mr. Farmahan welcomed the GIS Board to the GIS Users Forum and spoke of his anticipation of getting a behind-the-scenes view of the work the Board does.
- ▶ **Roll call** was taken to establish a quorum. A quorum of members was present; the meeting proceeded.
 - Mr. Alsbrook introduced Carroll County Judge David Writer. Judge Writer welcomed everyone to Eureka Springs and thanked the GIS Board for holding its meeting there.
- ▶ **Approval of Minutes by Unanimous Consent ***

Mr. Alsbrook presented the following items for approval by a single motion. Any member could request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and/or a separate vote.

- Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2025
- Special Called Board Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2025
- Special Called Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025
- Special Called Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025

Motion to approve minutes: John Nowlin

Second: Hannah Towell

The motion was unanimously approved

- ▶ Mr. Alsbrook introduced the next guest speaker, Ms. Connie Doss, Carroll County Clerk
Ms. Doss spoke about mapping and elections from the perspective of the County Clerk's office. She discussed the challenges of converting from paper to electronic mapping and the over 8,000 map anomalies that required correction.
- ▶ **Agency Report** presented by Mr. Shelby Johnson, AGIO
 - Mr. Johnson discussed the necessity to update the GIS online platform. He explained that several factors dictate this update, including the need to refresh the storefront and simplify the underlying architecture. An ESRI product is being considered for implementation, with a potential timeframe of about a year.
 - Mr. Johnson then presented the Agency Report:
 - Website use statistics
 - Coordination activities of the GIS staff, both previous and upcoming.
 - Progress of the NG911 Project: 28 counties are now live on GeoMSAG; only one county is not on ESInet.
 - The Fulton County Parcel Project is almost complete and has been added to the state-wide database of tax parcels.
 - Land Survey Division Update
 - 16,000 United States Forest Service corner cards have been scanned; 13,400 corner cards have been indexed and added to the database.
 - Daniel Phillips, the State Surveyor, has proposed to the Commissioner of State Lands to collect and index legacy plats in counties around the state. The Land Survey Division has begun the collection and indexing of plats filed in Drew, Cross, Randolph, Clark, and Pope Counties.
 - The Land Survey Division is set to surpass last year's total of recorded plats. This increase is due to staff collecting records from county clerks throughout the state and utilizing AI for indexing.
 - NSGIC News
 - The 2025 Annual Conference was held in Nashville, September 15-19, and Jonathan Duran, Shelby Johnson, and Katy Hattenhauer attended. Jonathan Duran was reappointed NSGIC Board Treasurer and was also honored with a National Outstanding Service Award.
 - The 2026 NSGIC Midyear Meeting will be held February 22-26 in Arlington, VA. This meeting will overlap with the NENA 911 Goes to Washington meeting.
 - Mr. Johnson presented a summary of the fiscal year 2026 budget.
- ▶ **Old Business**, presented by Shelby Johnson, GIO
 - Status of Board Member appointments
 - Board members are limited to two consecutive terms; therefore, three members cannot be reappointed immediately, and two have elected not to seek reappointment. The Boards and Commissions Office of the Governor's administration was contacted, and they confirmed that multiple applications have been submitted and are currently under review.
 - Mr. Johnson reminded the Board that little can be done to influence the timeline of

appointments.

- LiDAR Project Update
 - Mr. Johnson announced that Jonathan Duran would be presenting an in-depth update of the LiDAR Project to the GIS Users Forum later in the week.
 - He then discussed the LiDAR data that is currently available and what will be coming online over the next year. He acknowledged that the current government shutdown will impact delivery.
 - Mr. Johnson emphasized the future necessity for 3D hydrography and requested the Board to keep this project in mind for the next two to three years.
- Update on Aerial Imagery
 - There is a budget line item reserved specifically for aerial imagery.
 - The GIS Office has been working with the Office of State Procurement to contract Imagery as a Service. Progress has been slower than anticipated due to other ongoing work. Feedback from the Board is welcome.

► **New Business**

- Election Geography Update
 - The GIS Office has conducted outreach to various counties to address ballot complexity associated with the number of races in the upcoming election cycle. The average number of townships per county has been reduced to 11 statewide.
 - Mr. Johnson was designated by Governor Sanders as liaison to the US Census Redistricting Data Program.
- ASDI data load request*

This cemetery data load request is from the Department of Health and pertains to a single-layer dataset that is consolidated and curated. It contains a significant amount of information that is not present in the existing dataset. This dataset will be housed and maintained by the Department of Health.

Motion to approve cemetery data load: Scott Lane

Second: Gerald Black

The motion was unanimously approved

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

The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2025, in Little Rock.

► **Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Matt Charton

Second: Hannah Towell

The motion was unanimously approved

***Vote Required**

Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair

Date