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Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting

Wednesday, 17 June 2015, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Maine Public Utilities Commission, Second Street, Ballard Room, Hallowell

Attending	Present	On the Phone
Mtg. commenced at 10:01 am		
Vinton Valentine	х	
Alina Taus	Absent	
Jake Metzler	Absent	
Vern Maxfield	Absent	
Bill Hanson		х
Maria Jacques	х	
Nate Kane		х
Brian Guerrette	х	
Patrick Cunningham	х	
Paul Sandlin	Absent	
Kenneth Murchison		х
Jon Giles	х	
Aaron Weston	х	
David Edson	Х	
Staff:		
Joseph Young	х	
Heather Bailey	х	
Guests:		
Mal Carey	х	
Dan Walters, USGS	х	
Betsy Fitzgerald		x

Roll Call of Members

- a. Approval of meeting minutes:
 - Added: There was a discussion about Joe joining Hope Rowan in her talk on QGIS at MEGUG Summer School.
 - ii. Motion to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2015 <u>Patrick Cunningham</u> Second <u>Jon Giles</u>

Voted 7 Yea 0 Nay 1 Abstained: Maria Jacques

- 2. Executive Director Report Joe Young
 - a. Membership Update
 - i. Betsy has not been approved and sworn in yet. Aaron has been appointed to the GIS Vendor Seat. Dave Edson has been appointed to the Public Seat. Alina, Maria and Nate's terms will expire in September. Maria and Nate plan to reapply. For next meeting, would like to have a summary of members whose term will expire in the next calendar year.
 - b. MeGIS Budget and GeoLibrary financial needs
 - i. Joe sent out a straw man budget for the GeoLibrary and a budget document for MeGIS. By the time last year's work was done, it was too late to get it into the agency's budget or contact a legislator to get funding. Need to discuss the financial needs earlier if the board wants to go that route. With Joe split between two roles, he has less time to devote to fundraising efforts. Discussion included forming a finance committee, approaching other potential funding sources concerned with health and safety, such as floods and natural disaster recovery, and trying to obtain funding through the State budget. Between now and the next meeting, we'll look into what the schedule of events are in the next year or two that would give us an opportunity to get ahead of the opportunities that come about to get legislators to perhaps put something into the budget to support some of the data acquisition or to look at how things are added to bond issues.
 - Floodplain management workshops start July 14th in Belfast, Augusta and Boothbay Harbor. Joe and Jon will look into it and see if that is a good place to begin talking to people about the health and safety challenges.

c. ESRI Workshop

 Workshop scheduled for June 23-24 has been cancelled. They are taking a step back to take a more broad approach at State agency level and will look to reschedule in September or October.

3. Strategic Plan Workgroup Reports

- a. Coordination & Communication Patrick Cunningham
 - i. Reported on workgroup meeting held June 9th and passed around a coaster.
 - ii. Discussion about county conference in September. We have attended several times with a booth, but were only successful in getting on their agenda once.
- b. Education & Training Cathleen McAnneny, PhD- Vinton Valentine
 - i. Lunch & Learn went well with about 30 attendees. There were representatives from the State and from some municipalities.

- ii. Reminder about MEGUG Summer School on 6/26/15
- iii. MGA and UMF are having teachers' development workshop in mid-July
- iv. On July 21-22, University of Massachusetts Experimental Center for Environmental LiDAR is hosting a LiDAR workshop July 21-22.
- c. Geospatial Data Dan Walters
 - i. NRCS application came back and said we're only going to receive \$300K from them, rather than the \$380K we thought we would. Joe met w/ Carrabassett Valley, both town and Sugarloaf representatives, and they are willing to donate some funding to help cover the Carrabassett Valley area. There is also some interest from Sunday River. Joe will send a draft letter of intent.
 - ii. Orthoimagery Draft Report Dan reviewed the draft report. Proposed to fly the state on a 6 year cycle, rather than 5 year, starting in 2016.
 - Motion to accept draft Orthoimagery Report <u>Maria Jacques</u> Second <u>David Edson</u>

Voted 10 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstained

- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Jon Giles
 - i. Membership Jon Giles, Brian Guerrette, Joe Young, Bill Hanson. Dan to check with his boss whether he can or cannot participate to share past experience.
 - b. Technical Committee No Report
- 5. Guest Comments
 - a. None
- 6. Recommendations for Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Broad area announcement? Prelim will be done, hope to be looking at final application by then.
 - b. Schedule of opportunities for funding for next 2 years
 - c. Marketing orthoimagery program
 - d. ESRI workshop update (should be happening in September or October)
 - e. Update on fall LiDAR acquisition (carryover from spring)
- 7. Motion to adjourn by Ken Murchison. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.