

**Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**  
**10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

| <b>Seat #</b>  | <b>Attending</b>                           | <b>Present/Online</b> | <b>Notes</b>                           |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1              | Nicholas Marquis                           | X                     |  |
| 2              | Brian Guerrette                            | X                     |  |
| 4              | Nate Kane                                  | X                     | <i>Awaiting re-appointment</i>         |
| 5              | Vinton Valentine                           | X                     |  |
| 6              | Gregory Copeland                           | X                     |  |
| 7              | Vern Maxfield                              | <b>Absent</b>         |  |
| 8              | Leticia vanVuuren                          | X                     |  |
| 9              | <i>Vacant, Statewide Ass'n of Counties</i> | -                     | <i>Nomination at Governor's Office</i> |
| 10             | Katie Bernhardt                            | X                     |  |
| 11             | Sarah Haggerty                             | X                     |  |
| 12             | <i>Vacant, Public Utilities</i>            | -                     |  |
| 13             | Aaron Weston                               | X                     |  |
| 14             | Patrick Cunningham                         | X                     |  |
| 15             | <i>Vacant, Public</i>                      | -                     |  |
| 16             | Maria Jacques                              | X                     | <i>Awaiting re-appointment</i>         |
| <b>Staff:</b>  |  |                       |  |
|                | Claire Kiedrowski, Executive Director      | X                     |  |
|                | Heather Meserve                            | X                     |  |
| <b>Guests:</b> |  |                       |  |
|                | Walt Anderson                              | X                     |  |
|                | Bob Bistras                                | X                     |  |
|                | Mal Carey                                  | X                     |  |
|                | Andy Fox                                   | X                     |  |
|                | Jon Giles                                  | X                     |  |
|                | Anthony Paul Guay                          | X                     |  |

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| Megan Hess       | X |  |
| Lola             | X |  |
| Emily Pettit     | X |  |
| Jon Rice         | X |  |
| Robert Rogers    | X |  |
| Becky Schaffner  | X |  |
| Tracy Scopel     | X |  |
| John Steed       | X |  |
| Dan Walters      | X |  |
| Sarah Weatherbee | X |  |
| Joe Young        | X |  |

1. Roll Call of Members – Leticia vanVuuren
2. Meeting minutes of January 18, 2023 – Leticia vanVuuren
  - a) Motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting made by Nate Kane, seconded by Greg Copeland.
    - i) Voted: 11 Yea 0 Nay 1 Abstained – Katie Bernhardt
3. “Messaging Update” – Andrew Fox, Senior Project Manager, [Timmons Group](#)
  - a) Goal is to develop materials to support the messaging of the plan to pursue sustainable funding.
  - b) Used list of important issues from the Governor’s website to help give examples of how this information can be used to help trying to solve those issues.
  - c) Sarah – Environmental Issues are another good talking point
    - i) PFAs, Renewable Energy, Solar, On-Shore Wind, Off-Shore Wind
  - d) Katie – do we have any concrete examples of how our stakeholders are using the GeoLibrary data?
    - i) Working to bolster metrics and give concrete numbers around usage.
  - e) Brian – we know what data sets are being used, but we can’t determine who is using them or how.
  - f) Maine Geospatial Institute, Maine GIS User Group, Maine Office of GIS and GeoLibrary Board got together to create some marketing and community outreach information to show why GIS is important, including a Storymap and Tri-fold brochure
  - g) Greg – Governor’s speech about budget last night – do we have any part of the infrastructure funding she talked about?
    - i) Brian – there are three line items in the Governor’s budget.
      - (1) Funds for State agencies to use for data acquisition; not directly related to the board.
      - (2) Provide funding for an Executive Director and Systems Analyst to support the board.
      - (3) Funding for the board to use for data acquisition.
  - h) Joe – emphasize that “the GIS data is the infrastructure under the infrastructure” in bullet two of messaging. The better the GIS data, the better the infrastructure will be. Also, libraries have checkout procedure, so it doesn’t have to impact the personal identity, but there should be a method for the library to keep track of who is using the data that the library is providing.
  - i) Clarence – determining who is using the data is a pick list item for the next quarter.

- j) Joe – It may be better to address testimony to the legislative aides in the State and Local Government, Environmental and Natural Resources and Appropriations committees now, rather than wait for a hearing to be scheduled, to raise some awareness ahead of the hearings.
4. Strategic Plan Implementation Update – Clarence Young
    - a) “Indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity” type contracts as we define vendors and work going forward. Once the work with Timmons has wrapped up, if we need additional consulting help, then we will need to go back out to RFP again.
  5. Executive Director’s Report – Claire Kiedrowski
    - a) Board Meeting Dates:
      - i) 3/15/2023
        - (1) Topobathy LiDAR by NOAA
        - (2) Finance Report
        - (3) Technical Report
      - ii) 4/19/2023
        - (1) Land cover update
          - (a) NOAA C-CAP
      - iii) 5/17/2023
        - (1) Land cover update
          - (a) UMaine Forest & Carbon Mapping
    - b) LiDAR
      - i) 2021 Estimated public availability is Summer 2023
      - ii) 2022 Estimated public availability is Fall 2023
      - iii) 2023 Contract paperwork is in progress
      - iv) LiDAR Metadata information shared on tidal coordination
    - c) Orthoimagery
      - i) 2022 delivery is in process, estimated final public availability is end of June 2023
    - d) Land Cover
      - i) 1-meter Statewide C-CAP – available Summer 2023
      - ii) 10-meter Statewide Forest Type Mapping – available Fall 2023
      - iii) 10-meter Statewide Carbon Mapping – available Fall 2023
      - iv) Presentations to the board in April and May 2023
    - e) Why GIS Matters website overview from Maine Geospatial Institute
    - f) Board Membership
      - i) Nate and Maria reappointments are still in progress
      - ii) Walter Andersen’s nomination
      - iii) Public Utilities is still vacant
      - iv) Katie Bernhardt is set to continue with the board.
      - v) Mal Carey’s application has been submitted for the public seat.
    - g) Next meeting is March 15, 2023
    - h) Questions & Comments:
      - i) Joe – when will you be releasing the marketing materials from the Timmons Group?
        - (1) Once it’s ready, I will send it. I will not wait for the next meeting. Small group to meeting on next steps following this meeting.
  6. Guest & Board Comments
    - a) Mal Carey – Timmons Group report – Maine’s important challenges – the governor’s personal interest in climate change initiatives. Not sure of best approach, but perhaps lean on her about getting the right

geospatial data queued up in the board's activities. What's going to be needed over the next four or five years? Haven't heard what they are going to need besides what the folks in Orono have done.

- i) Clarence – we've looked at what the governor's initiatives are trying to change. Not a very clear direction, but this is not tasked to Timmons.
  - ii) Claire – we looked at the climate council initiatives. We really looked at the broadband and infrastructure because they're shorter term.
  - b) Mal – concerned about whether the climate council will be looking at blue carbon and whether they will be looking at it on a regular basis.
    - i) Claire – there was a presentation at GeoWeek and I would like to have them give us a presentation as well.
  - c) Walter Andersen – Broadband – does the GeoLibrary board have any connection with the Maine Connectivity Authority?
    - i) Clarence – we support them with GIS access, and they are making use of the data sets that are available to them from the GeoLibrary.
7. Next meeting agenda items
- a) None.
8. Adjourn – motion made by Maria Jacques, second by Greg Copeland. Adjourned at 11:30 am.