

Iowa Geographic Information Council
Spring 2007 Quarterly Meeting
 Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 8:00 PM
 Clarion Hotel, Sioux City, IA



Type of Meeting: Quarterly Board Meeting
Chair: Herb Kuehne

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Herb Kuehne at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members: An X next to the name indicates that the Board Member was present.

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Private Enterprise	X Joe Eckmann X Gail Brown Lang Deng X Anne Packard	Jeremy White Chad Hertz X Michael LaRosa
Municipal Government	X Dave Croll X Herb Kuehne X Steve Cooper	Jake Sheets Jeff Combs
County Government	X Micah Cutler Lawrence Hartpence X Paula Lemke X Ron Koch	Ray Weiser Bob Heien
Regional Agency	X Brad Cutler X Ben McConville	John Thomas Mark Warren
State Agency	X Chris Ensminger X Jon Paoli Adam Kiel Eric Abrams	X Jim Giglierano Kate Bussanmas X Tom Samson
Federal Agency	X Gregg Hadish X Robert Lemen	Jim Phillips Kimberlee Barnes
University	Dr. Anya Butt Patrick Brown X Chris Seeger Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran	Matt Eastin X Robin McNeely
Community College	X Terry Brase X Scott Ermer	

Other members participating:

Kevin Butt (Ellsworth Community College), Phil Worrall (Pinnacle Mapping Technologies), Wolfgang Oesterreich (USDA/ARS/NSTL), and Roger Patocka (Emmet County).

Treasurer's Report

Terry Brase reported that the current IGIC balance was \$11,662. The conference is expected to clear over \$10,000. Once the conference is over and everything clears, the Finance Committee needs to create a 2-year budget. The Finance Committee currently consists of Terry, Herb Kuehne, and Chris Seeger. Additional

volunteers are always welcome. There are IRS forms that IGIC has neglected to file that need to be taken care of. Terry's work address is the official address for IGIC.

Conference Materials

There are lots of bags and notebooks left over from the conference. IGIC needs to figure out where to store these items and what they will be used for. Ron Koch suggested giving them to various GIS user groups. Micah Cutler suggested planning on using them at upcoming conferences, such as ICIT and MAGIC. The Education Committee will be attending various meetings where it would be beneficial to disperse IGIC materials.

Statewide Orthophotography

Bob Lemen with USGS helped secure \$200,000 in federal funds to acquire digital orthophotography in Iowa. IGIC is facilitating the funds to contract out the services. This USGS money was earmarked for state purposes. IGIC signed a contract with Sanborn, which will fly approximately 17 counties. IGIC will not receive any of the funds for administrative purposes. The contract states that work will be done for up to \$200,000. Herb Kuehne wondered if this raised any issues of concern. Chris Ensminger stated that the flexibility that IGIC brings to the table is invaluable. Chris Seeger said that we need to be approaching the legislators for possible future funding for statewide aerial photography while the legislature is not in session. Herb Kuehne asked that the Outreach Committee organize some meetings with legislators.

Executive Order

Jon Paoli is going to help us with renewing our Executive Order. Emergency Management Director Patty Judge and Governor Chet Culver were very impressed with GIS during a recent weather emergency. Jim Giglierano, Chris Ensminger, Terry Brase, and Gregg Hadish are going to assist Jon Paoli. This process might involve the leftover conference bags.

USGS CAP Grant

Brad Cutler and Jim Giglierano went to the NSGIC Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. IGIC was awarded a \$50,000 grant to develop a GIS business plan. The money is to follow NSDI guidelines and develop a business plan to fit within and contribute to these guidelines. It basically follows a cost and benefit analysis. The grant was written with the idea that IGIC would hire a person/company to develop a cost/benefit analysis for us. A steering committee needs to be appointed to direct this CAP grant process. The standing IGIC committees will need to meet soon to develop some tangible benefits of GIS. Herb Kuehne wondered if we should meet as sectors, since IGIC membership represents eight sectors. Jim Giglierano responded that both would be appropriated.

Jim Giglierano has the paperwork for the CAP grant and thought it should be reviewed by the Terry Brase, Anne Packard, and Herb Kuehne. The Steering Committee will consist of the Executive Committee in part because an RFP has to be created within the next two weeks. Whoever is hired should provide guidance on how to proceed. Brad Cutler thought it would be a good idea to have a leader made up of one person from each sector. Terry Brase reminded the group that IGIC is responsible for nearly \$50,000 of in-kind contribution. This will be in time and effort and needs to be documented closely.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be on July 19, 2007 at the Ames DOT Garage Facility on Highway 30. A new Vice-Chair will have to be elected at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Micah Cutler
IGIC Secretary