

GPL Notes for July 9, 2013

Time: 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: All Call-In iLinc

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Introductions/Attendees

Next GPL Meetings:

August 13, 2013 - No Meeting in August.

September 10, 2013 - TBD

October 8, 2013 – OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Salem, OR

Announcements:

NWGIS User Conference - Early Registration is now open. \$350 a person. The conf. committee is also now accepting abstracts: <http://sunriver2013.nwgis.org/>

The Esri User Conference is happening this week. Rachel has asked our Esri contacts to give GPL a presentation of highlights from the UC at the next GPL meeting (September).

Review of June Minutes

The group reviewed the action items from the June minutes. Most were reminders of things that need to happen over the next few months.

A: Rachel or Milt will send out a reminder to folks about the Map Element Standard which is currently out for review and comments. The deadline is August 9th for sending comments to Milt Hill.

A: Tanya Haddad will follow up with Milt on the meeting concerning beach access point data and definitions. This is in prep for an upcoming Coastal FIT meeting and a follow-on action item from June.

Agency Round-table

Emmor N. asked if anyone has worked on or modified the data layer for rural fire protection districts in eastern OR. This is something that ODF is working on and wanted to ensure this wasn't a duplication of effort by another agency. Rachel asked who the lead agency or authority was in creating this data. Emmor wasn't sure, so for now, ODF will continue its efforts to work on this data layer.

Rachel led the discussion with the group regarding efforts the agencies make to brainstorm about new technology and how new ideas are discovered, discussed, and implemented.

Cyrus – OWEB is currently working on an online platform to get input and encourage collaboration of staff members.

Randy S. – DSL has an IT steering committee which gets information from staff, discusses the information, and then makes recommendations to management. The committee tries to meet quarterly. Changes occur from bottom-up and top-down efforts.

John P. – Revenue has a small GIS unit which manages to maintain a lot of autonomy. They generally have a bottom-up approach to new ideas/technology.

Rachel led a discussion with the group regarding morale in the workplace and how to maintain efficiency, effective workers, and on-going teamwork.

Randy S. – chocolate on a regular basis.

Cyrus – must show the tangible things and how the employee is helping the cause... whether that be helping the agency, helping a project, helping citizens, etc....

Keith – performance feedback and sense of ownership are critical.

Dave – recognition of performance/role on project – not fake recognition

John – cross-training provides less boring jobs (keeping folks from becoming bored with their work and therefore less productive) recognition can be in the form of training and conferences which show investment by the agency in an individual.

Dave M. mentioned that there is still ~ \$1400 worth of training dollars available for Esri Virtual Campus classes.

OGIC Update

Rachel told GPL that OGIC would like to see a list of use cases by the State agencies describing how they use or potential uses of the tax lot data. They would like specifics on attributes that are needed for our business practices. Rachel asked if anyone had a list of this information already assembled. No one was aware of such list.

A: Everyone is asked to send Rachel a list of use cases for the tax lot data so that she can assemble the info for OGIC and the ORMAP technical committee.

Rachel announced that she heard at OGIC that all US House and Senate representatives now have ArcGIS Online accounts. Ed Arabas provided background information on this initiative.

Rachel also mentioned the STEM effort in Oregon which is being initiated by the Association of American Geographers (AAG) with a resolution that asks for support from the Governor to add geography and geospatial science to the list of STEM initiatives. This is the successor to “No Child Left Behind”. Cy provided more supporting info on this effort and is meeting with the Governor’s Education policy advisor to try and get the Governor’s support and signature.

DAS GEO Resignations/Transitions

Cy reported that both Erik Endrulat and Milt Hill are leaving GEO. Erik is moving to the east coast and his last day is July 12th. Milt is retiring from the State and his last day is in mid-September. The recruitment for Milt’s position is currently open. The recruitment for Erik’s position will be advertised ASAP.

FIT Proposal Funds

Cy led the discussion regarding the remaining FIT funds. OGIC expressed strong support for a new, stand-alone, or single project as a focus for the unallocated funds. This was contrary to the proposal we brought to them from GPL/FIT/PAC which was to use the funds to augment one or more successful proposals.

It is anticipated that we will have approximately \$100K in unallocated FIT funds, including the funds from the existing SaferOR proposal (~\$80K) and funds that will likely be unclaimed from the Cadastral proposal (~\$20K).

Two primary ideas were brought up at OGIC, in addition to a variety of miscellaneous ideas. The miscellaneous ideas would divide the money up into many smaller units. That concept seemed to be in conflict with the main idea at OGIC, which was to spend the remaining funds on a single, high value project that would present the biggest bang for the enterprise as a whole.

The two primary ideas from OGIC are:

- 1) A raster or imagery focused proposal. This would involve improving Imagery Explorer by:
 - a. Adding some local imagery
 - b. Providing storage for the 2012 NAIP
 - c. Making an additional cached level (zoom in closer) available for all imagery
 - d. \$10k as seed capital for a Lidar acquisition to extend the Lidar footprint and increase Lidar storage capacity
 - e. Fix some projection issues that currently exist with the Lidar products
- 2) A revised Safer OR proposal
 - a. Include collaboration with OEM and OSFM
 - b. Include QA/QC of the data produced by the students
 - c. Ensure that a key deliverable of the project will be a standardized FIT data theme
 - d. Address the different needs of the NSF match focus vs the FIT focus
 - e. Include collaboration with ODOT re: crowd sourced authoritative data

After much discussion, GPL decided it would be best to have both groups put together a new proposal that could then be reviewed and discussed by OGIC. Cy will determine the final deadlines, but it is expected to be a short timeline allowing these folks a few weeks to put together the needed supporting information. Several folks expressed that they preferred the #1 proposal items since they seemed to be a better fit for the FIT guidelines and would be a benefit to a larger set of agencies/larger population.