



*North Carolina*  
Geographic Information Coordinating Council  
• Federal Interagency Committee

MINUTES  
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE  
May 12, 2009

3916 Sunset Ridge Road,  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Jerad Bales, USGS - Chairman  
Doug Newcomb, USFWS – Vice Chairman  
Matt Duvall – NRCS – Secretary  
Steve Strader, USGS  
Silvia Terziotti – USGS  
Doug Marcy – NOAA  
Scott Lokken – NGS  
Linda Rimer – EPA  
Laura Pickens – USFWS  
Holly Hixson – USFS  
David Wyatt – Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Robert Newton – NOAA  
David Wiggins – Census  
Donnie Williams - EPA

Guest:

Janet Lowe – NC DOT

CGIA Staff Representative:

Tom Tribble – NC CGIA, Asheville, NC

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:00 PM and introductions were made around the room and with those over the phone.

- a) Presentation on the Digital Coast database application by Doug Marcy, NOAA CSC, Charleston, SC.

The focus of NOAA Coastal Services Center (CSC), Charleston, S.C. is coastal hazards, conservation planning and coastal and ocean planning. The Digital Coast is a website database application developed by NOAA CSC to 1) provide coastal data; 2) link people to training and tools to better use these data; 3) link organizations that address coastal issues; and 4) encourage local communities to get involved. A Digital Coast partnership network has been established and includes partners such as the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Nature Conservancy, the Coastal States Organization (CSO), and the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). These partners work together in identifying coastal priorities, leading to a strong collaboration of coastal professionals' intent on addressing coastal conservation needs such as adaptation to climate change. The digital coast can be accessed at <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/index.html>.

- b) Discussion about filling the vacant seats on the FIC Executive Committee

When the meeting began, the FIC Executive Committee (EC) was comprised of Jared Bales, USGS, chair; Doug Newcomb, USFWS, vice-chair; Steve Strader, USGS, Secretary; Laura Pickens, USFWS, at-large member; Holly Hixson, USFS, at-large member, and Matt Duvall, NRCS, at-large member, leaving two open positions to be filled. The FIC bylaws specify that the EC will be 8 members. David Wyatt, Eastern Band of Cherokee, was nominated as an at-large member and was accepted by voice vote to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> seat, leaving only one to fill. The FIC EC will seek a volunteer to fill the 8<sup>th</sup> seat. Tom Tribble agreed to prepare a revised EC membership list for the committee.

- c) Presentation on the NC StreetMap database application by Janet Lowe, NC DOT

Janet gave the group an overview of the Working Group for Roads and Transportation activities, including the viewer and data access capabilities for NCStreetMap. Users are required to be registered to use the site.

The current focus of the WGRT is the existing transportation standard with the plan to modify it to a full schema that is consistent with the FGDC standard. Once the schema is in place, WGRT plans to apply for a FGDC grant to develop a translation application that we improve the existing NC StreetMap tool, making it easier for local government road data sets to be integrated into the statewide coverage.

Tom Tribble suggested that WGRT broaden its search for potential grant opportunities as there is no guarantee that FGDC categories for 2010 will align with the needs of WGRT. He asked if FWA might not be a potential funding source.

- d) Round robin reports from attendees

NRCS: Soils surveys including GIS data have been SSURGO certified for Montgomery, Graham, and Transylvania counties. All SSURGO certified soils layers including these new ones have been delivered to the NC One Map database manager and should be posted on the NC One Map data distribution site soon. All are, as always, available from the Soils Data Mart.

NRCS is still trying to stay engaged in WBD / NHD conversation and hoping for a Stream Mapping Committee meeting sometime soon.

Eastern Band of Cherokee: David Wyatt

Continuing to build on its enterprise system, the Eastern Band hopes to develop a single set of geo-coded, linear-referenced roads that will support all their applications – E911, planning, etc. David asked if help might be available from DOT. Janet Lowe, NC DOT, got his phone number and promised to call him. A web site is also under development. That will initially focus on permitting.

GICC: Tom Tribble

Tom thanked Steve Strader for his efforts, subject to confirmation, in securing \$200K to support the ortho cost share program.

Following the April 21 Executive Committee meeting, Steve Strader sent out a link to a survey on the use of NC OneMap and its data download site. Tom thanked the FIC members who have responded and encouraged those who have not to do so. There are only 7 questions. The link to the NC OneMap usage survey on Survey Monkey is [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=D3Gto7aNfC\\_2bicpwQVAYN9w\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=D3Gto7aNfC_2bicpwQVAYN9w_3d_3d).

The NC GIS Conference was successful. Attendance was 850 despite the bad economy and travel restrictions faced by many local governments and state agencies. Tom thanked Silvia Terziotti for representing the federal sector on the Program Committee. He noted that among the conference speakers were representatives from USGS, USFWS, NRCS, FGDC, NOAA Coastal Services Center, NOAA National Ocean Service and US Bureau of the Census.

e) No new business was brought before the FIC

The next meeting of the FIC Executive Committee will be July 21, 2009, 1 PM to 3 PM and the next scheduled meeting of the FIC will be August 12, 2009, 9 AM to 11 AM prior to the GICC meeting scheduled that same day in the afternoon. A telecon line will be in place for both meetings and a WEBEX will be set up as needed.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:00 P.M.