



NIGIC Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2008

IN THE MATTER OF STATEWIDE DATA REQUEST

Guest Speaker, Jim Sparks – Indiana Geographic Information Officer

- Referring to the letter dated **September 19, 2008**, submitted by the NIGIC Members, the following was covered:
 - Concern with the confidentiality statement signed for the LUCA project:
 - Mr. Sparks suggested speaking with Tim Trainer (US Census – Jeffersonville, Indiana Office) to find if the data sharing project crosses the lines of the LUCA statement.
 - Telephone companies releasing data to Counties:
 - Not many counties have received data from the telephone providers.
 - Allen County has received data from Verizon. One issue that has been found is that the data includes name and phone numbers of the customers.
 - Existing confidentiality agreements with other entities
 - Mr. Sparks has offered to review any agreements that may be existing and also show them to the Attorney General for clarification on the agreements for us.

Mr. Sparks stresses the fact that the data is public record.

- *UNLIMITED USE of DATA:*
 - Mr. Sparks stated that they cannot restrict access to the data. He cannot find any Indiana code that covers this. The only area he found was:
 - If a public agency was provided data by a public utility and had been requested not to share the data.
- OR**
- If you can create a strong case that sharing the data can create a threat
- *FREE USE of DATA:*
 - Mr. Sparks stated that there can be a cost attached to the data for “maintenance purposes” plus the “cost” for the data itself defined by the county.
 - Mr. Sparks has no specifics that cover this
 - Mr. Sparks stated that “non-profits” do not have to adhere to the normal charges
 - Mr. Sparks stated that it is at the counties discretion to set up a fee listing

- Mr. Sparks suggested to not charge due to data being of public record. He states that this is only his opinion.
 - Mr. Sparks states that his fee scheduling basically comes back to city/counties.
- Concern of free downloading of data from state site:
 - Group proposal of “trading data” still stands. County provides data to state and state provides future data to County’s. (i.e. Ortho photos, 2’ contour data, lidar data)
 - Mr. Sparks stated he would “like” to see this, but cannot promise anything.
 - Mr. Sparks references the letter from Deputy Attorney General to Kerry R. Jones dated July 22, 2005; re: Alleged violation of Access to Public Records Act by the
 - City of Berne Stormwater Utility Board.
 - Mr. Sparks references this letter showing that the Deputy Attorney General has already touched on the area of “violation of data”.
 - Mr. Sparks was not willing to talk about making the data “not downloadable”.
 - Mr. Sparks feels that the having the data available to download, makes the data more usable
 - Groups concern is that the Commissioners and Council’s have to be convinced of “giving away” of data. Current timing with budget restraints is a negative.
 - County reps need more “positives” to then go back to the decision makers to get an agreement to share county/city data.
 - Group feels that this is an opportunity for Mr. Sparks to return and re-vamp the request and then resubmit to counties. Hopefully, the decision makers will see benefits in sharing data.
- Data standardization
 - Mr. Sparks suggested using the Data Standards Committee of IGIC or also the IGIC Cadastral Committee to help setup standards for the data.
 - Group feels it important that county lines, road centerlines and even parcel align with bordering counties.
 - Mr. Sparks agrees and knows that there will be issues.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Officers were elected as follows:
 - *Dave Estes, President*
 - *Mike Snelling, Vice President*
 - *Chasity Sandy, Secretary*

IN THE MATTER OF NEW MEMBERS INVITATION TO JANUARY MEETING

- Group feels that January would be a good time to invite new members to the meetings. Contacts will be made as follows:
 - Individual contact will be made by GIS Directors/Coordinators of each county to each person(s) that they feel should be invited. After acceptance of invitation, information will be forwarded to President, Vice President and Secretary for future contacting.

IN THE MATTER OF IGIC NEWS

- IndianaMap Road Shows:
 - Next road show being held in Warsaw, on November 13th. Please invite anyone that you feel could benefit from this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Holder, Kosciusko County GIS Director.
 - There will be a speaker on Web Feature Services (WFS)

IN THE MATTER OF GISP DISCUSSION

- Reminder that the “Grandfathering Provision” cutoff is January 1st, 2009. The website for the GISP Certification is www.gisci.org.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Mike Snelling has someone who is interested in working on any GIS projects FOR FREE. Please contact Mike if you are interested.
- Bill Holder is checking into recording the Charter for the NIGIC group.
- Motion made to destroy ballots; motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

- ***DATE:*** ***January 29th, 2009***
- ***TIME:*** ***9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.***
- ***LOCATION:*** ***Albion, Noble County***