

VGIN Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
1:00 PM, CESC

Members Present:	Senator John Watkins Samuel A. Nixon, Jr. Delegate Richard Anderson Stanford Hovey John Jenkins Connie Brennan	W. Page Cockrell Jerry Warren for Charles Donato Trent Park for Jeffrey Anderson Rick Pevarski James Wilson Chris Knights
Members Absent:	Senator Mark Obenshain Delegate Beverly Sherwood Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter Delegate David Englin	Murali Rao for VDOT Commissioner Bill Price for DCR Director
Staff Present:	Dan Widner, Coordinator Terry Mayo, Board Assistant N. Jerry Simonoff, ITIES Director	Steve Marzolf, ISP Director John Scrivani, Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Jr. (filling in for Senator Watkins who would be arriving late) called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM. Mr. Nixon welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Mr. Nixon turned the meeting over to Mr. Dan Widner, VGIN Coordinator. Mr. Widner introduced Delegate Richard Anderson to the Advisory Board as a new member.

Senator Watkins arrived soon after the meeting began and thanked Mr. Nixon for filling in as Chair until he arrived. Senator Watkins asked for corrections or additions to the January 6, 2010 draft minutes, and there were none. Senator Watkins then called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Supervisor John Jenkins made a motion for approval of the minutes as written, and Stanford Hovey 2nd the motion for approval. All approved the January 6, 2010 minutes; **12-0-0**

2. VIRGINIA'S ELEVATION FRAMEWORK LAYER: UPCOMING LIDAR PROJECTS AND THE ELEVATION WORKGROUP (FIAT)

Mr. John Scrivani addressed the VGIN Advisory Board and brought the Board up-to-date on the elevation framework data layer in Virginia. He gave a background on framework layers and spatial data infrastructure; elevation data; and information on the Virginia LiDar (Light Detection and Ranging) project. Mr. Scrivani led a discussion on the Framework Initiative Action Team (FIAT). Advisory Board members Trent Park and W. Page Cockrell asked questions. Mr. Samuel Nixon

(filling in for Senator Watkins who had not yet arrived) asked the Advisory Board members if they had any more questions, and there were none. Dan Widner addressed the Board and said he is pleased with the progress of LiDar. Mr. Widner said that in 2007 a needs assessment was completed by VGIN for LiDAR. However, the funding was lacking funding and therefore did not progress. Mr. Widner noted that with the federal funding and other partners, over a million dollars worth of funding is available. Stanford Hovey asked a question about what is going to be offered to the counties. Mr. Scrivani said that the data will be available for the counties to use.

3. GIS STRATEGIC PLANNING FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Dan Widner addressed the Advisory Board and updated them on the Strategic Plan. He talked about the process and the structure VGIN is planning to utilize. Mr. Widner said he has some suggestions on prioritization and some ideas about Board involvement with the Strategic Plan. Mr. Widner asked the Board if it is okay to report to them quarterly on the progress of the Strategic Plan with the progress on the milestones, and produce an annual report to the Board. The proposed structure is to have workgroups based upon the Strategic Initiatives, called "Framework Initiative Actions Teams or FIATS which would ideally include about 4-8 members. However, the ability to accommodate more members is dictated by the level of interest. The workgroups would utilize technology where possible by holding meetings via telecom, WebEx, etc. The lifecycle of a FIAT is to publish call for participation; establish membership and charter; develop prioritized work plan, work the plan, and then close out the workgroup when completed. Progress would be reported to the VGIN Advisory Board through the VGIN Coordinator. Standards are to be developed by each FIAT. Mr. Widner said the general approach is to start at a high level with simple statewide data standards that provide a method for localities, and state agencies to share information and/or data, along with a mechanism for clearinghouse inputs and outputs connectivity. The objective is to move fairly quickly and show results. Mr. Widner discussed the FIAT schedule, which is proposed as a rolling schedule. He said that the elevation FIAT will be done first followed by GIS education and advocacy and outreach; a clearinghouse work group will be established; administrative boundaries FIATs will get organized the 3rd quarter, and 2010 concludes with the annual strategic plan progress report to the VGIN Advisory Board. 2011 will see the initiative of the Cadastral/Parcel FIAT commence. Considerations for prioritization include; assume limited resources, establish milestones/deliverables; and tie resources to milestones. The priorities identified by Mr. Widner are: geospatial standards, geospatial clearinghouse, and provide additional framework layers.. Mr. Widner asked the Board if there are other areas that they think VGIN should be considering. Senator Watkins asked for questions or comments. Rick Pevarski commented on the Parcel Data. He said they would like to get with VGIN and work with them since his company is already doing that. Senator Watkins asked for other questions. Mr. Rick Pevarski commented that he thought VGIN has done a wonderful job with the Strategic Plan and that he is referring to it in his own strategic plan development. James Wilson echoed the sentiment. Senator Watkins said he is interested in trying to get the Advisory Board

more involved especially in the advocacy piece. Senator Watkins said that there are a lot of people who do not know what is out there. He challenged each of the Advisory Board members to come up with some suggestions on how to get the information out in the public arena.

Mr. Stanford Hovey said he put an article in the "Middlesex Journal." Senator Watkins asked Mr. Hovey if he would share the article with Mr. Widner, and maybe a generic article can be done to be used and to stimulate interest. Ms. Constance Brennan said that it is important to get the Board of Supervisor's involved first. She said she would be happy to work on this. Senator Watkins stated that everyone needs to crystallize the thoughts and put them together and give the information to Mr. Widner at the next VGIN Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Marzolf addressed the Advisory Board and shared his ideas on publishing materials for VGIN. Mr. Marzolf asked the Advisory Board about the question of educational initiatives. What type of educational initiatives is the Advisory Board interested in, and where would they like for them to focus their efforts. Senator Watkins said he would like for Stanford Hovey and James Wilson to get together and come up with ideas to bring to the next VGIN Advisory Board meeting.

4. 2010 GEOSPATIAL LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

Mr. Widner addressed the Advisory Board and refreshed the Board on the Geospatial Education. Bill. Mr. Widner said that the bill passed the Senate but in the House was directed to the Secretaries of Health & Public Safety and Technology to study the issues. The Department of Health will be taking the lead on this and VGIN will be working with them. Senator Watkins then said that he had a bill addressing the prepaid phone issue. The bill is in the House, and by September it should be resolved. Senator Watkins said that as of March 31 the precinct boundaries were frozen by the voting precincts. Senator Watkins is proposing providing this information as a data layer by using the census data. Senator Watkins asked for questions/comments from the Advisory Board. Mr. Marzolf addressed the board about the budget matter that Senator Watkins fixed. Mr. Marzolf thanked Senator Watkins for clearing up the issue.

5. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON APRIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Widner addressed the Board and noted the Coordinator's Report was provided in the Board's packet. Mr. Widner talked about the FGDC CAP Grant in which VGIN was not awarded. He also talked about VGIN's involvement in the Virginia.gov website redesign. Mr. Widner said that VGIN is hosting two web mapping applications for other entities. These entities are Department of Conservation's Virginia Trails application for DCR's Trails Program and The Virginia Rural Health Data Portal application. Mr. Widner stated that Pictometry received federal funding to provide their oblique imager product for public safety purposes covering the entire 5th US Congressional District. The data is going to be available to all localities in the 5th District as well as state agencies and not to

universities. Mr. Widner said that VGIN provided VBMP digital terrain model data to improve the 3-D capabilities of the product. VGIN will also be coordinating state agency access to the Pictometry data. Mr. Widner said that image acquisition is to be completed this spring by Pictometry. Mr. Christopher Knights asked if there is a formal agreement between Pictometry and VGIN. Mr. Widner said that VGIN signed a “boilerplate” agreement with Pictometry for this particular effort. VGIN gave Pictometry the VBMP elevation data, which will improve the Pictometry product. Mr. Knights asked if VGIN would be willing to provide a presentation on this at some future Advisory Board meeting. Senator Watkins echoed the sentiment.

Mr. Widner informed the Advisory Board of the new appointments to the VGIN Advisory Board which are: Delegates Richard L. Anderson and L. Scott Lingamfelter.

6. **NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION**

Senator Watkins asked for any new business or old business. There were none. Senator Watkins asked the public on the Teleconference if they had any comments. There were none. Senator Watkins made a comment that he is proud that the Governor had appointed Delegate Sam Nixon to the CIO of VITA.

Senator John Watkins adjourned the VGIN Advisory Board meeting at 2:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Terry D. Mayo

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