

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

Members Present: Samuel A. Nixon, Jr.
Bill Price for DCR Director David Johnson
Charles Donato
Connie Brennan

W. Page Cockrell
James Wilson
Chris Knights
Murali Rao for VDOT Commissioner

Members Absent: Senator John Watkins
Senator Mark Obenshain
Delegate Beverly Sherwood
Delegate L. Scott Lingamfelter

Supervisor John Jenkins
Stanford Hovey
Rick Pevarski
Delegate Richard Anderson

Staff Present: Dan Widner, Coordinator
Terry Mayo, Board Assistant

Steve Marzolf, ISP Director
John Owens, Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Jr called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM, and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Dan Widner to preside over the meeting. Mr. Widner reminded the Board that the meeting is also being held via teleconferencing. Mr. Widner also informed the Board that because there is not a quorum of the Board (Delegate Richard Anderson had not yet arrived), the Board would not be able to vote on the approval of the April 7, 2010 Minutes.

2. APPLICATION DEMONSTRATIONS FROM DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER

Mr. Widner thanked Charlie Donato from Dominion for providing the presentation today. Mr. Widner commented that Dominion is doing a lot of good work in GIS and thought that it would be good to share this with the Board. Mr. Donato has asked Dominion staff to show the VGIN Advisory Board what they are doing, especially with work concerning the localities. Mr. Joe Curtin and Mr. Chuck Harris provided a live presentation that followed the PowerPoint posted on the VGIN website. Mr. Widner introduced Mr. Joe Curtin, who is the business systems specialist with Dominion. Mr. Curtin addressed the Board and said that he is the liaison between the business and technical crew. Mr. Curtin said over the last year and a half, Dominion has introduced the web-ex "Street light outage application," and he will start off with a brief presentation on the "Dominion Outage View" and then proceed with the "Street Light Outage Application". Mr. Curtin said that these applications can be found by going to www.dom.com website. Mr. Curtin

demonstrated the Outage Viewer by zooming in to a live outage located in Alexandria and showed the information that is available to both Dominion and municipalities who use the viewer. The Street Light Outage Viewer was also demonstrated, showing how Dominion uses GIS to apply resources to resolving reported street light outages. After the presentation, Mr. Widner asked for questions. Mr. Rao asked what base map data was utilized in the application. Mr. Curtin stated NAVTEQ data. Mr. Widner reminded the Board that VGIN is collaborating with NAVTEQ to provide road centerline updates. Mr. Widner thanked Mr. Curtin and Mr. Harris for their presentation.

3. GIS STRATEGIC PLAN EFFORTS

Mr. Widner gave the Board an update on the GIS Strategic Plan, and said that Dr. Wilson will be addressing the Board on the GIS Education workgroup in support of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Wilson addressed the Board and provided a status. Initial discussions with Mr. Hovey and John McGee have been to establish a workgroup charter. Next steps include soliciting for volunteers to participate and a preliminary follow up meeting planned for September. Mr. Widner asked for questions, and there were none. Mr. Widner reminded the Board that they asked Dr. Wilson and Stan Hovey to spear-head this effort.

Elevation Framework Initiative Action Team: Mr. Dan Widner gave the Board an update of the elevation FIAT. Four subgroups are being formed which includes: an (1) inventory group; (2) standards (for LiDAR); (3) best practices (recommend best practices for procurement, post-processing, development of secondary products, and the use of elevation data, and the (4) education/communication group. The latter sub-group will coordinate their efforts with the GIS Education workgroup. Mr. Widner gave the Board an update on the LiDar Projects. Mr. Widner informed the Board that FEMA has expressed some interest in adding additional jurisdictions but nothing is definite at this time.

GIS Clearinghouse: Mr. Widner informed the Board that efforts on a GIS Clearinghouse workgroup are ready to initiate. Mr. Widner said he has a draft charter ready for this workgroup, and that he will be making a call for volunteers to serve in this workgroup.

Mr. Widner gave a brief overview of the planned 2011 flight. Mr. Widner informed the Board that several workshops have been set-up to talk about the flights. The workshops will be held at:

- **Abingdon, Tuesday July 27 1-3pm**, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Room 233, One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA 24210
- **Roanoke, Wednesday July 28 9-11am**, Roanoke Higher Education Center, 108 N. Jefferson St., Roanoke, VA 24016
- **Staunton, Thursday July 29 9-11am**, 18 Government Center Lane, Verona, VA 24482
- **Winchester, Thursday July 29 1:30-3:30pm**, Timbrook Public Safety Center, Community Room – 3rd Floor, 231 East Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA 22601
- **Richmond, Wednesday August 4, 9-11am**, VITA CESC Multipurpose Room # 1222, 11751 Meadowville Lane Chester, VA 23836

**4. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON JULY COORDINATOR'S REPORT –
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Mr. Widner highlighted the Coordinators Report. Mr. Widner said that the Road Centerline project is moving along well. Virginia received a grant in Broadband mapping, and has been working closely with the SOTECH's office. The grant is \$800,000 – 900,000 for this project.

Mr. Widner informed that Board that VITA is supporting the Virginia.gov website now. The new Virginia.gov website has been released as of June 1, 2010. The GEP serves up the mapping window via web services for the base map and approximately 15 state agency data layers.

Mr. Widner said that Senate Bill 549 – Network for Geospatial Health Research was passed was a different draft of the bill than the bill that was originally presented. VITA/VGIN is working with the Virginia Department of Health to provide a response to the General Assembly and Governor's office by December 1.

Mr. Widner informed the Board that VGIN is now producing a bimonthly "VGIN News Brief". This newsletter will be alternated with a Public Safety Communications News Brief.

5. NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Mr. Widner asked for questions from the Board members on the Coordinators Report, and there were none.

Mr. Widner asked for questions from participants on the teleconference. There were none. Mr. Widner also asked the audience if they had questions, and there were none.

Mr. Widner informed the Board that the GIS Conference will be held on September 20 at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen as a one day conference. It will include panel discussions and "lightening" talks.

Mr. Widner ended the meeting at 2:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terry D. Mayo

Date