



March 4, 2009

HIGICC Meeting Minutes

11:30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

USGS Water Resources Conference Room 677 Ala Moana Blvd Suite 415

Attendees:

Ron Salz
Alexa Jacroux Biggs
Salim Mohammed
Henry Wolter
Adrian Fitzgerald
Joan Delos Santos
Royce Jones

Listening in:

Carol Kennedy
Sandy Margriter (left early)
Adam Stein (left early)

1. Minutes Approval:

- Jan 7, 2009 minutes approved for upload to website with addition that Carol Kennedy was indeed present!

2. Treasurers Report:

- Joan reported a balanced of \$47,421.11.
- Grant deadlines are coming up soon; Ron reported that last months' meeting with grantee helped tremendously to attach deliverables with the 3 grants
- CAP grant update: 70% of the money has been spent and we have a deadline of May 30, 09 for the rest.
- Annual filing of taxes (990's) done; IRS has received; Quarterly filing of grant reporting done (PS-272's). Joan handed copy of financials on CD to Henry Wolter for safekeeping.

3. PacGEO/GeoPac

- Adam Stein explained PRIMO's interest in supporting a joint HCPO/PacGeo meeting and he will continue to explore opportunities with both HCPO and HIGICC to determine exactly how.
- The tie-in with the Homeland Security Summit exists but in the end it would be a timing issue.
- As of yesterday, Ron reported that the dates that HCPO (State Office of Planning)/APA/PacGeo set for the joint conference are Sept 23-25, 2009.
- This will result in difficulty for Federal attendees because travel is difficult near the change in federal Fiscal years (October 1).
- It was decided that APA will front some costs (amount is \$950 to cover the cost of the continuing education credits that APA-Hawaii will be managing for all workshops and sessions at the conference), in return for a three way split of "profit." If there is a loss, HCPO and HIGICC will split the losses (1/2 of the loss each). If there are excess revenues, they will be split 3 ways due to the Office of Planning's (OP) "sweat equity" in maintaining mailing lists, etc.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

- "HIGICC will partner with HCPO and will proceed on planning a joint conference to be held in September this year."
- Alexa noted that we need to change PacGEO's name. Lance Goode, who presented on An Introduction to Open Source Geospatial Technologies with Pacific Geospatial from Anahola, HI gave us a friendly reminder that his company made use of PacGeo first.

4. Federal Updates

a. NOAA/Adam Stein

- Adam is impressed with the strategic plan
- NOAA didn't get any stimulus funding but is looking forward to working with others who did get funding through the stimulus bill
- NOAA is getting topo/bathy data footprints on Hawaiian Archipelago from midway atoll to the Big Island, and is exploring all opportunities to put it out there for the public, including Ramona, portals, discovery tools: looking for someone who can not only host it but maintain it

b. USGS/Henry Wolter

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- USGS is sponsoring State of Hawaii NHD Stewardships – is in the final memorandum stage; sponsorship includes paid trip to workshop with the exception of food.
- Henry was part of a LIDAR data gathering discussion which involved faculty from Geography and SOEST and folks from NREM and a few others
- - Nothing was resolved at this meeting as the participants were interested in certain areas, while USGS was interested in covering the gaps given budget constraints; faculty also were not prepared to discuss specs.

5. State Update/Joan Delos Santos

- OP has been asked to submit a proposal to State DOT to assist in DOT's implementation of GIS, using stimulus funds, to help them track their Highway Modernization Initiative. The State is interested in implementing an interface that includes a GIS viewer.
- A State GIS Special Fund was passed by the legislature two years ago, but it has not yet been approved by the Governor, so OP is requesting reconsideration.
- Senate Bill 830, which creates an IT Special Fund for collaborative IT funding is being heard at the State legislature. It is not known how this may impact the State GIS Special Fund.
- Senate bill 1318 is also being heard. This bill repeals Chapters 205A (related to CZM) and 225M (related to State Planning), and transfers those functions to DBEDT.. The bill has passed two committees in the Senate, and is expected to cross over to the State House.

Carol Kennedy

- Maui Electric is purchasing ½ meter and 40 cm pan chromatic IKONOS imagery; right now focusing on central isthmus and south Maui and is planning on making more purchases next year. This purchase is through the Hawaii IKONOS Consortium so the imagery will be available to all consortium members
- Side Note from Sandy Margriter
She was able to work out a deal with digital globe orthorectifying imagery herself, saving NPS \$18,000; what would have cost \$20,000 only cost \$2,000. She is writing up procedures for Orthorectifying imagery using Erdas Imagine (LPS) and can make the document available to anyone interested.

6. Strategic Plan/Business Plan Updates

- Ron reported that were 12 comments in the last 2 weeks
- We will have a Business Plan meeting at 1.45 today – with Steve of AppGeo

- Main points from feedback of the Strategic Plan
 - a. Complete plan
 - b. Firm up outreach strategy/grant writing help; mechanism for funding
 - c. Solidify Leadership and data development standards

- Ron commented that while Point C is worthy, we should really focus on solidifying the council and its structure so that it can focus on items such as data development standards

- 7. Other Updates/Royce Jones/ESRI
 - ESRI is putting the finishing touches on a state-wide K-12 license. Along with the university license, there is ESRI product coverage for K-16 or higher.

- 8. Outreach Activities/Alexa
 - Lunches went well – we need to figure out a couple of items:
 - a. Close registration early
 - b. Figure out what we can do about HIGICC folks signing up non-HIGICC folks that are not part of the database; see how they can end up in the database.
 Future Lunch topics:
 - ArcGIS-CAD integration (Chad)
 - National Map 2.0 (Henry, possibly May)
 - Airborne LIDAR (Matt Coleman)
 - c. Alexa will work with Henry checking out Medical school as a future venue;
 - d. We can work on a Manoa campus lunch in the summer when parking is not a problem.

- 9. Wild Apricot Update
 - Arthur did some preliminary cut and pasting of html from the old site to WA. More about this in the next meeting.
 - We need to look at re-designing the website.

- 10. Newsletter
 - We discussed the need for a newsletter, perhaps once a year

Some topics are:

New Lidar Data
 Strategic Plan
 Luncheons (past and future)
 GeoPAC
 Data Updates
 Elections

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