

Mid Shore GIS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2005

Introductions

The GIS Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on March 16, 2005. The meeting was held at the Mid Shore Regional Council office with the following people in attendance: John Dillman, Betsey Krempasky, MIKE Pennington, Lauren McDermott, Michael Scott, Jason Wheatley, Jim McCormick, Shane Johnston, Mark Cohoon, Ray Clarke, Sarah Criswell, Megan Del Gaudio, Bryan Ebling, Karen Houtman, Martin Sokolich, Kevin Morse and Terry Deighan.

Update on GIS Coop – Dr. Michael Scott

Dr. Scott provided the board with the ESGGC Final Report of 2004 he then gave the board a summary of the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative's accomplishments (a copy is attached as part of these minutes).

Participants in Data Distribution MOA and current activity – Kevin Morse, Dr. Scott

Mr. Morse stated that Dorchester and Caroline counties have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement regarding distribution of spatial data with the Mid Shore Regional Council. Talbot County can not agree to the sole source distribution clause but will share the data with the coop and allow for distribution. Dr. Scott and Mark Cohoon will work out the terms. Dr. Scott stated that they have already had requests for regional data from private companies and the coop will begin fulfillment within a few weeks.

Potential participation of Upper Shore counties – Dr. Scott, Megan Del Gaudio, John Dillman

Megan Del Gaudio of Queen Anne's County and John Dillman of the Upper Shore Regional Council were both in attendance and expressed they are interested in participating in eastern shore GIS cooperative. Mr. Dillman requested that Dr. Scott and Mr. Morse give a presentation at his next board meeting. Ms. Del Gaudio added that she submitted a budget request for funding to join the coop. When they receive their updated photos they will need data management and fulfillment assistance.

Logistics, cost, services

Dr. Scott stated that they have started charging for services and there may price adjustments made as they quantify actual costs.

Funding for FY06 – Dr. Scott and Kevin Morse

Mr. Morse and Mr. Pennington stated they have included \$15K each in their budgets for the Coop for FY06. Mr. Scott suggested that the counties each contribute \$5K in order to have one full time person to serve each member county.

MSRC to host GIS Workshop in May – Kevin Morse

Mr. Morse announced the Mid Shore Regional Council would like to hold a workshop in May not unlike the meeting hosted by Dr. Scott and Salisbury University last Fall. This

would enable the Tri County Council and Mid Shore Regional Council Committees to meet again to listen to speakers from outside our regions on successes of regional/cooperative efforts in their areas and further educate our elected officials on the value and need for GIS services.

Roundtable discussion – member questions, challenges, requests

There was a general discussion amongst the GIS members that they support the GIS coop concept and that it will be even more important as the counties are inundated with new developments and infrastructure needs. Dr. Scott also stated he was very excited as they would be able to provide micro simulation and mobile mapping that would enable counties to project needs and necessities as their counties grow. He will present an example and cost estimate for the Mid-Shore Council at their September 14th quarterly meeting.

Other matters

The next meeting of the GIS Committee will be held in July.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.