



MAST Meeting Minutes 14 Feb 2020

Meeting Commenced

Attendees:

Jim Steil
Courtney Kirkham
Jason Knight
Johnathan Simon
Steve Champlin
Barbara Yassin
Neal Smith
Craig A. Johnson
Kay Little
Karen Clark
Randall McMillen
Steve Walker
Grant Hobgood
Lisa McCraw
Walter Belokon
Joshua Stevens

Handouts:

- Provided by Jim Steil, MARIS
- MAST Board Meeting Minutes from 10 Jan 2020
- [Senate Bill No. 2216](#)

Board Updates:

- **MAST Board Meeting Minutes from 10 Jan 2020**
 - MAST members expressed support for awarding Walter the Lifetime Achievement Award
 - MAST members expressed support of MAST moving to become a non-profit



- **Discussion of Legislative Bills**

- [House Bill 566](#)
(<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/pdf/HB/0500-0599/HB0566IN.pdf>)
 - Would amend state boundaries to be closer to the shore than they currently are.
- [Senate Bill 2282](#)
(<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/pdf/SB/2200-2299/SB2282IN.pdf>)
 - UAV regulations
 - Increasing Exclusions
- [House Bill 495](#)
(<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/pdf/HB/0400-0499/HB0495IN.pdf>)
 - Create the Mississippi Emergency Telephone Service Charges Committee
 - Investigating charges to the State of Mississippi for emergency telephone service
 - Lots of involvement by energy utilities
- [Senate Bill 2330](#)
(<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/pdf/SB/2300-2399/SB2330IN.pdf>)
 - Additional funding for Emergency Communications Districts
- [Senate Bill 2216](#)
(<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2020/pdf/SB/2200-2299/SB2216IN.pdf>)
 - State agencies will have to “manage and maintain information, data and datasets” as open data.
 - If passed, agencies must have a plan in place by June 2021 and start implementing that plan by June 2022.
 - Scott Delano of the Mississippi Senate asked for MAST’s thoughts on the bill
 - Some agencies expressed concerns about hosting the data, especially in more rural areas
 - There were questions in regards to how frequently the data would need to be updated
 - How would perpetually-ongoing projects be handled? (i.e. MSDEQ, MDOT)



- Recommended that they be updated annually
- Would the data be hosted just from implementation onward, or will it be retroactive as well?
- MAST suggests the formation of an interagency committee, should the bill pass, to foster cooperation between agencies in developing implementation plans.

Open Forum

- [Geoforum \(https://www.maris.state.ms.us/GEOFORUM/\)](https://www.maris.state.ms.us/GEOFORUM/)
 - MARIS has created a forum for the geospatial community in the state of Mississippi
 - Various boards for focused discussions
 - Free to register and participate
- NENA
 - Drafted a GIS Stewardship document
 - Has template available
- National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)
 - Will have their Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA (September 21 - 25, 2020)
- MGC
 - The Mississippi Geospatial Conference will be held October 15th and 16 at the University of Southern Mississippi's Long Beach, MS Campus
- MSDEQ
 - Will have a database of all the levies in the state, including FEMA and Corp of Engineers levies
 - Will be doing a statewide survey of all parcel data
- DMR
 - Working on new coastline map using LiDAR
 - Remapping of coastal floodzones
 - NOAA has 2018 topograph map of the Mississippi coast
- PDD
 - Currently looking for a new GIS Analyst
 - New building is under construction
 - Almost all of the viewers in their portal have updated to https
 - Their Annual Conference will be April 28th, 2020 - May 1st. It will be held at the Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi, MS.
- ArcGIS Pro



- As ArcGIS Pro becomes a more prominent tool, there is an increased demand for accessible training materials on how to use the software

Meeting Adjourned