

Government Boundaries Technical Working Group

September 8, 2010

Agenda:

1) Welcome / Introductions:

Attendance:

Dan Narsavage	Ada County Assessors
Donna Phillips	City of Hayden
Jack Clark	Ada County Assessor's Office
Frank Roberts	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Gail Ewart	Idaho Geospatial office
Walt Bulawa	Idaho Tax Commission
Joe Johns	Kootenai County
Craig Rindlisbacher	Madison County
Scott VanHoff	USGS

2) IGO / IACA Update –

- a. IGO - Gail reported that Wilma Robertson is no longer with IGO. Dept of Administration's director retired recently, and the interim director is Teresa Luna. The gis.idaho.gov website is now hosted on a new server. The URL has an additional path: <http://gis.idaho.gov/portal>. Users who have the site saved are encouraged to update their bookmark.
- b. IACA - Governor Otter made positive and encouraging remarks to the attendees of Idaho Association of County Assessors meeting. He urged support of The Idaho Map (TIM) and participation in the Cadastral efforts. He promoted the benefits of information infrastructure development, including economic and government efficiency gains. A lively Q&A session followed with the Governor and Gail Ewart, Geospatial Information Officer, responding.
- c. GIS week is planned for the week of October 18 at the Capitol Building, Garden Level, in Boise. Remote attendance options are planned to be available. Monday pm and Friday am are set aside primarily for education/training sessions. Watch for further details on geotech listserv.

3) Issues and priorities –

- a. Government Body Types - Survey results (accompanying .pdf) compiled from the participation of 66 respondents. Discussion of the survey results made it clear the information will be useful for reference purposes but the list is not necessarily representative of the boundary types in Idaho.

- b. Elections – Discussion regarding elections and someone involved from the Secretary of State (SoS) office to be involved in this group. Tim Hurst, SoS Office, was involved with the Elections Subcommittee of Idaho Association of Counties discussing election consolidation solutions. The SoS Office is aware of supporting election consolidation with spatial data. They are open to the idea of GIS, but it is unlikely they will change their approach. There is probably a solution that does not require a complete retrofit. We need to be supportive and helpful in introducing any changes. For our side, spatial data needs improvements in order to be part of an effective solution. For instance, we need to address vertical integration issues. Can the Secretary of State support a link between the voter and the address, to get to the parcel map as a possible control? Craig would like to see that dialog started with Gail, the Madison County Clerk, Craig, and the Secretary of State's Office, with the potential of Betsy representing SoS on the TWG and Tim Hurst engaging in broader policy discussions.
- c. Other

4) Vertical Integration project

- a. Power Point presentation created by Wilma...Joe will send it out. Discussed the survey for vertical integration and it is really well put together. Joe asked Gail what her time frame was in regards to Vertical Integration...Gail said that she did not have a specific timeline for return of responses. It can be worked on as we can.

5) General Discussion

- a. Reference Documentation – establishing a standard – a little too early to begin writing a standard. We need to define the TWG organization and elements a little better and do some research on existing standards.
- b. Other - nothing
- c. Homework – Joe will have somebody from the Elections Division describe how Kootenai County supports elections, and procedures for identifying the voters and registering a voter, and how it all works.

Craig and the Madison County Clerk – Marilyn Rasmussen - will initiate contact with someone in the Secretary of State Office's to set up a meeting, including Gail.

Joe will work on the list of government boundary types pertinent in Idaho and make sure the list is complete before moving forward with the rest of the group.

Next Meeting – Tentatively October 20, 2010, 3:30PM-5:00PM MST – GIS Week!