



SAVANNAH AREA GEORGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS BOARD MEETING

Meeting Summary Minutes
Virtual Meeting on GoToMeeting
May 10, 2022
9:05 A.M.

	Representing	Present
G. Holmes Bell	Hussey, Gay, Bell	Absent
James J. Collins, III	Resident at Large	X
Jay Melder	City of Savannah	Absent
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Brad Trower	St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital System	Absent
Russ Clark	Georgia Tech – Savannah	X
Voting Member Alternative		
Tim Moody	City of Savannah	Absent
Suzanne Cooler	Chatham County	Absent
Others Present		
Jason Edenfield	Savannah/Hilton Head Airport	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X
Pamela Everett, Esq.	MPC	X
Lara Hall	MPC	X
Mary E. Mitchell	MPC	X

Welcome

Ms. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

1) Action Items

Approval of Minutes

Action on the Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021, February 15, 2022, and May 10, 2022, will be held at the August 30, 2022, meeting as a quorum was not present.



2) Report Items

A. Budget Report

Ms. Hall stated that the budget report for the period ending March 31, 2022, is shown in the “red” due to paying the contractors and purchasing operating supplies.

Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

B. SAGIS Server Upgrade

Ms. Hall reported that SAGIS purchased a new server complex, funded by Chatham County and the City of Savannah, to replace our existing three servers, and added capacity with a fourth server.

- The physical equipment is installed with the system architecture built with Esri Enterprise 10.9.
- Finalizing the full transition of all map services to the new system.

Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

C. Imagery/LiDAR Acquisition

Ms. Hall explained that SAGIS signed contracts for LiDAR acquisition in 2019 and Pictometry in 2020.

LiDAR 2019

- All flights completed in April 2019; however, product delivery has been severely delayed for multiple reasons including COVID.
- Chatham County is in Block 11, with initial delivery for QA/QC dated December 7, 2020.
- Latest update on 10/27 states: *Corrections completed on final hydro conflation finishing up. Expect final DEMs running out for review over the weekend. Expect redelivery to USGS in the next two weeks.*

Pictometry 2020 and Future Imagery Projects

- Pictometry completed in 2020; aerial imagery last flown in 2018.
- Chatham County no longer has access to funds for imagery through SPLOST.
- Funding sources needed for Pctomery contract in 2022/23.



Ms. Hall entertained questions from the Board.

Ms. Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director, said she prefers certified versions verses noncertified. What is the cost for three years certified versions verses two years noncertified versions? She was interested in hearing from the Board members.

Mr. Russ Clark said some cases could be certified. Some data was hightide and some data was lowtide.

Ms. Hall showed the estimated pricing for 2023 capture.

D. Public Safety GIS

Ms. Hall explained that in June 2018, Chatham County signed the 911 Advisory Board Resolution. The E911 Executive Advisory Board consists of the Chatham County Manager, all City managers for municipalities within the county, Director of CEMA, Chatham County Sheriff, Chief Medical Officer for Chatham Emergency Services, and the Chatham County Board of Education Superintendent. SAGIS has participated as a co-lead for the GIS & Mapping Subcommittee to provide recommendations to the board.

- Chatham County Project Management Office hired a GIS Analyst to work with the SAGIS team on the Public Safety Improvement Project.
- Team is working with Central Square Technologies to improve GIS data quality for the CAD/RMS implementation.
- Participating in the Georgia Geospatial Data Standards Working Group to develop the State Best Practices and Standard Documents.
- Ongoing participation on the GIS Subcommittee, Recommendations Committee and E911 Executive Advisory Board process.
- Maintain master address database, authority for addressing in Savannah and unincorporated Chatham, along with support for the other jurisdictions.

E. Redistricting



Ms. Hall explained that voting districts were redrawn to equalize population counts following the census at all levels of government. The MPC is charged with coordinating and providing technical assistance for redistricting of the Chatham County Commission Districts, City of Savannah Aldermanic Districts, and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School Board of Education Districts.

- The MPC worked with the County Commission and School Board from August 2021 through February 2022.
- Following technical review from the Reapportionment Office, a state legislator is required to sponsor the district boundaries for official adoption. The legislator upon involvement, rejected the boundaries proposed and submitted their own. These were adopted and go into effect January 1, 2023.
- Published final pdf and [online map](#) for new County district boundaries.
- Staff started preparing draft options for the City of Savannah last fall. Each Council member was invited to meet with MPC staff to review options for redistricting. A draft map was prepared and agreed upon by Council.
- The City of Savannah redistricting is now up to the Mayor and Council on how they would like to proceed. Deadline is September for Council to adopt boundaries to go into effect next year.

F.i. Additional SAGIS Activities (February to April 2022)

Ms. Hall reported that below are the activities SAGIS has been working on since the last Board meeting in February 2022.

- Provided support for Service Delivery Strategy by attending all meetings and drafting required maps, published online maps for review as needed.
- Completed transition of City stormwater data to new server and replication for read only database.
- Updated Chatham County polling places and the Find My Polling Place web app.
- Started review process for next parking studies for the City of Savannah.



- Updated the 2020 Census Data Viewer and Dashboard focused on Chatham County data.
- Completed updates for the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Update Project.
- Parcel digest review for Board of Assessors.
- [MPC-SAGIS COVID-19 Regional Dashboard](#) continues to be updated as the information needs associated with the pandemic change.

F.ii Additional SAGIS Activities (May 2022 to July 2022)

Ms. Hall stated below are the additional activities SAGIS will be working on through July 2022.

- Update schema for zoning data.
- Finalize parcel digest for 2022, including processing for publication on SAGIS.org
- Provide final map edits required for Service Delivery Strategy.
- Provide municipal boundary updates to the Census Bureau for 2022.
- Complete the transition of the CEMA Common Operating Picture to latest software technology and server.
- Two additional parking studies for City of Savannah.
- Ongoing projects and support
 - Ongoing support and publishing of map services for various projects.
 - Provide addressing services for Savannah and Chatham County.
 - Database administration for all GIS databases used by County and City staff.
 - Review and edit maps for zoning, annexations and municipal boundary changes.



- Continued support of Cityworks and Energov for City of Savannah, Chatham County, and Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport.
- Additional 3rd party application support, including Cartograph, RockSolid 311, and QPublic.
- Data and website updates quarterly for www.sagis.org.
- MPC website editing, and maintenance as needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lara Hall
SAGIS Director

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