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Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 10, 2022

Meeting is called to order at 3:00 PM by CDO (Chief Data Officer) Scott Gaul.

The Following Members were present:

Scott Gaul, Thad Dymkowski, Seth Klaskin, Bree Berner, Michelle Riordan-Nold, Frank Gentile.

Scott Gaul asks if any appointing authorities were turned over in the 2022 election, he asks to let him know .

Scott Gaul asks to schedule public hearing on state data plan .

Scott Gaul gives Refresher on Timeline for State Data Plan and says that a Public Hearing must be scheduled within 30 days recommending 28th-30th of November, stating that Scheduling will be done offline.

Scott Gaul says that the last public hearing was difficult as it was done in a virtual setting, stating that many individuals who signed up did not appear. But anticipates that a virtual public hearing will be done again in order to widen the degrees of participation.

Scott Gaul asks for feedback or questions on the State Data plan timeline

Scott Gaul goes through an overview of the current draft 2023-2024 state data plan as of November 10th, 2022, and the history of it, compared to previous plans. He then also asks for feedback and suggestions from members of the board.

Thad Dymkowski asks if it is possible for time to be set aside for the board to get together and brainstorm ideas.

Frank Gentile asks if the plan will have detailed procedures for how to address and execute the goals of the State Data Plan

Scot Gaul asks the board, what level of detail and planning the board would like to see in terms of seeking the goals of the State Data Plan.

Seth Klaskin says that the board should shoot for a streamlined plan but says that if there are any specific areas of emphasis, the board can request more detail on the topic.

Thad Dymkowski expresses his concerns regarding that the state data plan will become a digital file, and hopes the document will be used for its intended purpose

Seth Klaskin raises the issue of the Covid-19 Pandemic regarding the shift in lifestyle noticing that we are Ahead of many states regarding data collection and says that the improved data collection assisted the state in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. But also says more data would have been useful.

Seth Klaskin raises the idea of using outside agencies to assist in data analysis and collection from other government agencies and speed up the process of digitization of data.

Frank Gentile echoes what Seth Klaskin said and asks if we have funding available in order to fund Outside agencies

Scott Gaul says, there is no direct budget, but it is in available resources.

Michelle Riordan-Nold echoes Seth's Covid-19 comments about how the Pandemic revealed many holes in Data that is accessible but necessary to the public

Thad Dymkowski says that Michelle's concerns should be covered in the "Improve access to data" goals of the state data plan.

Scott Gaul Justifies Michelle's concerns saying that the current draft of the state data plan should cover any concerns she has

Michelle Riordan-Nold says DSS made a great deal of real time data available and would hate to see hit go away and asks if the board could recognize it.

Scott Gaul says it is useful to learn the areas in which people would like to know specifics and covers the results of the open data portal survey.

Thad Dymkowski says he is interested in setting concrete goals for how many agencies come on board with substantial data libraries over the next 1–2-year period.

Scott Gaul asks for any additional comments or suggestions on the current draft and asks the board if they wish to establish a subcommittee or continue discussion in a public hearing or additional meeting.

Thad Dymkowski makes a motion that a sub committee be formed to address the discussion of the current draft as of November 10th 2022.

Seth Klaskin seconds the motion

Scott Gaul Asks if there is any discussion on the motion.

Scott Gaul recognizes the previous subcommittees that were formed for board members to talk publicly amongst themselves if they were interested, while members who did not wish to participate were not obligated.

Seth Klaskin asks that the sub committee meet after public comment so that it can be recognized in the subcommittee.

Scott Gaul agrees with Seth Klaskin's comments stating it is a good opportunity for public participation.

Seth Klaskin says that if deliberating happens at the public comment meeting, the board may take over, and not allow for nearly as much public comments.

Scott Gaul asks if there are any additional comments currently.

Scott Gaul says that he will convene the meeting

Scott Gaul calls for the Vote on the formation of the subcommittee. Table the motion for subcommittee member

Voice Vote: The Aye's take it, there are no Votes for against or abstention

Planning subcommittee of the board members is formed.

Scott Gaul Says there are two other items on the agenda and contemplates running expedited versions of these items. Two updates on the open data front. Review Surveys of users of the open data portal and where changes and improvements can be made. Review current plans for the GIS clearing house state portal.

Frank Gentile states that both are equally critical and asks that both be done.

Scott Gaul States that the open data portal survey is first on the agenda so that be done first, and asks that Pauline Zaldonis go over the survey

Pauline Zaldonis Reviews the Survey results of the CT Open Data Portal.

Thad Dymkowski says that it might make sense to include an RFP and develop a user group

Pauline Zaldonis says that one plan for early next year is a training offered through Tyler Tech to provide training for individuals in the user group.

Scott Gaul says that a second survey is currently in the field for community users. And the first survey was for agency staff that posts data on the portal.

Michelle Riordan-Nold states that the message about the community survey was given in the newsletter

Alfred Herrera Reviews plans and current draft for the GIS clearing house Geospatial Data Portal.

Alfredo Herrera asks for any questions on the Plan or Draft for the Geospatial Data Portal

Thad Dymkowski says the Portal looks great

Frank Gentile asks when the portal will be ready.

Alfredo Herrera says the site is going public Friday November 18th and will be announced at GIS day at Connecticut GIS network event at Fairfield University., and reviews the future plans following the public release of the site

Scott Gaul asks if there are any further questions or comments for the members and recognizes they have exceeded the allotted time. And says individuals of the board will be reached out too in order to schedule the subcommittee meeting.

Scott Gaul motions to Adjourn. Seth Klaskin Seconds the Motion. Meeting is adjourned