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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**Date:** March 4, 2026, 9:00 a.m.  
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Headquarters;  
260 D Epting Lane, West Columbia SC/Teams

**Subject:** Minutes of the Geographic Information Council (GIC) Quarterly Meeting

**Attendees:** Allyn Anderson (*RFA*), Paul Athey (*RFA*), Jason Bagwell (*RFA*), Mike Borowski (*ORS*), Casey Carpenter (*SCARNG*), Seth Church (*DPH*), Avery Cordle (*SCDE*), Jim Davis (*SCDNR*), Adam DeMars (*RFA*), Joshua Dorris (*SCSEC*), Victor Frontroth (*SCFC*), Danielle Hall (*SCEMD*), Michael Herzberger (*ORS*), Christy Jacobs (*RFA*), Jim Kennedy, Brad Malone (*Santee-Cooper*), Rachel McCaster (*SCEMD*), Veronica Moore (*SCDES*), Amanda Moskaitis (*SLED*), Rachel Passer (*RFA*), Melissa Potter (*DOT*), Chris Rabon (*RFA*), Bryan Ridgeway (*SLED*), Will Roberts (*S.C. Legislature*), Kris Robbins (*SCFC*), Eddie Taylor (*Santee-Cooper*), Savannah Terry (*SCEMD*), Kelsey Thachik (*DNR*), Matt Wellslager (*RFA*), Andrew White (*Office of Resilience*),

- I. Christy Jacobs welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Christy Jacobs presented the December 3, 2025, meeting minutes, which previously had been shared with the GIC members, and asked if there were any edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Mrs. Jacobs declared the meeting minutes approved as written ([See minutes](#)).
- III. Local Liaison Introduction
  - A. Christy Jacobs introduced Justin Schools, Horry County Chief Information Office. Mr. Schools was recommended by the South Carolina Association of Counties to serve as the liaison to local governments.
- IV. Aerial Imagery Acquisition Update
  - A. Adam DeMars informed members that 80 percent of the aerial imagery has been captured. Mr. DeMars stated that NV5 would attend a meeting on March 16 and the QA/QC process would begin following that meeting.

- V. Statewide Initiatives Update
- A. Christy Jacobs announced that all infrastructure was complete and that the data services were nearly complete. She stated that a Survey123 form would be distributed to provide access to the secure data group.
- VI. GIC Budget Updates
- The GIC purchased the Esri Premium Data Store which provides 6 TB of storage without incurring credit costs and offers increased processing speeds.
- VII. Department of Administration Updates
- A. Christy Jacobs reported that the Department of Administration was requesting approval for the creation of a statewide data office, including a Chief Data Officer and supporting staff.
- B. Christy Jacobs reported that the AI Center of Excellence was interested in meeting with agencies to discuss current and potential uses of artificial intelligence, AI tools available within agency software, and ongoing AI-related projects. She stated that the Center also planned to develop governance standards for the use of AI.
- VIII. Association of Counties Legislative Action Day Updates
- Christy Jacobs emphasized the importance of open data in South Carolina. She noted that counties would benefit from additional education regarding publicly shared data to support continued progress and collaboration.
- IX. SCDNR Presentation
- Jim Davis of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources presented on promoting geospatial technology literacy and explained how GIS training is conducted within the organization.
- X. GIC Member Comments and Discussion
- Members discussed various GIS topics from their respective agencies which generated further discussion amongst the members.

These minutes were approved on 6-24-2026

*Christine Jacobs*