**The Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems**

Agenda

April 14, 2025

10:30 am

I. Introductions

II.                Approval of Draft Minutes

III.              SB2835 / Mississippi Emergency Communications Agency (MECA)

* 2 nominees to the Governor
* August 1st initial meeting
* Very high visibility
* GIS Council may wish to pursue group membership to save costs.

IV. Re-formation of the PAC & TUG (Policy Advisory Committee & Technical Users Group)

* Required by statute
* GIS community participation required to coordinate
* This is a massive undertaking with no funding
* Use 911 and Geospatial Maturity Assessment (GMA) to initiate participation

V. Focused Intra-Council Coordination

* Attend each other’s events as the GIS Council
* Low-to-no cost
* Most members have an annual conference of some type
* Outreach

VI. Should the GIS Council PREEMPTIVELY REQUEST review of the GIS Council?

* Cons:
  + Unpredictable
  + “Don’t ask if you don’t know the answer”
  + We know THE answer, just not THEIR answer
* Pros
  + Interest and the process already exist
  + MDEM funding is likely gone -extremely unlikely to return
  + MECA requires a functional GIS Council
  + Highlight the existing dysfunction while providing alternatives
  + Potential consolidation of two unfunded efforts
  + Senator DeLano has demonstrated complex, unifying legislation can be crafted

VIII.        New Business?

IX.           Next Meeting Dates?