

**The Mississippi Coordinating Council for Remote Sensing and Geographical Information
Systems (GIS Council) Draft Minutes**
August 27th, 2026

Council Members Present: Preston White (MEMA), Jim Steil (IHL-MARIS), Kristyn Gunter (SMPDD), Rebecca Powell (MDA), Scott Trapolino (MML- City of Olive Branch), Steve Gray (MS Association of Supervisors), David Dockery (MDEQ), Sean Hodges (MFC), Bill Cheney (SOS), Kelle Barfield (Supervisor District 5 Warren County), Evan Wright (MDOT)

Council Members Absent: Robert Miles (Mayor), Blake Pickering (Assessor, Lincoln County), Mike Love (MS Association of Surveyors), Wayne Williams (MS Board of Registered Professional Geologists), Steve Patterson (ITS)

Other Participants: Haley Feather (NSGIC), Jordan Cobb (AG Liaison), Jonathan Simon (CMPDD), Steve Champlin (MDEQ)

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - Jim Steil at 10:02 AM
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion, Preston White – Second, Becky Powell – Unanimous Approval
3. **One Page Report – Becky Powell**
 - a. Becky introduced the initial draft of the one-pager
 - i. Council members have until Friday, September 4, at noon to submit thoughts and comments on the one-pager to both Jim and Becky.
 - b. The plan is to have it finalized within the month for directors of each agency to approve.
4. **GIS Coordination of Other States**
 - i. The Council is in agreement to look into all neighboring states and SEC states. Specifically, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama, etc. as examples of statewide GIS coordination.
5. **Member Announcements**
 - a. Scott Trapolino gave a Detailed the current state of the survey and that his team will be reaching out to fellow board members for more information.
 - b. Sean Hodges is continuing to work on website updates requesting those who had changes to please re-send him their changes.
 - c. Hailey Feather
 - i. Geospatial Conference Oct. 15-16 USM Gulf Park Campus
<https://mastgis.org/conference-registration/>
 - ii. NSGIC Conference Nov. 2- 6 – States gather to discuss GIS coordination. Members are encouraged to attend and learn how other states function in a highly collaborative environment.
6. **Next meeting date** – 10:00 September 24, 2026, location TBD
7. **Adjournment** - Motion, Bill Cheney – Second, Preston White – Unanimous Approval